

# SOUPS OF THE DAY

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**Mondays: Chicken Dumpling & Tomato Florentine**

**Tuesdays: Broccoli Cheese & Chicken / Wild Rice**

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**Thursdays: Broccoli Cheese & Buffalo Chicken**

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### DACC Adult Literacy, Hoopeston HLC seek local reading tutors

Whether for information or pleasure, reading is a skill used daily by many people. Not everyone can experience the joy of reading a good book or of looking up a bit of knowledge because their reading skills are minimal or they don't know how to read.

A 2020 study done by Southern Illinois University showed at least 10 percent of adults in the DACC district who are 17 or older do not have a high school diploma and read below a ninth grade level.

Danville Area Community College (DACC) has a program to help improve that statistic and is looking for people in the Hoopeston area who are willing to be tutors.

"A lack of education plays into the higher poverty level and we are trying to break that cycle by offering

free tutoring to those that are eligible and want to achieve their educational goals or just read or do math better," said Paulina Padjen, literacy coordinator for DACC's Adult Education Department on the Danville campus.

The Reader's Route has helped area residents learn to read since 1985, said Padjen, who is working with Hoopeston Higher Learning Center Director Karla Coon to find and train tutors in northern Vermilion County.

Tutor candidates must be 18 or older and have a high school diploma or GED and pass a background check. No special skills are necessary to be a tutor. "We train and provide all the material to help support the student and the tutor," Padjen said.

Twelve hours of tutor training is provided before tutors are matched with a student, including eight hours of training and four hours of short reflection assignments tutors complete throughout their training and observation hours that must be completed before they are matched with a learner, Padjen said.

The program asks that tutors commit to being available at least two days each week for one or two hours per day.

Almost anyone can be a tutor, "But what makes a great tutor is someone who has patience, empathy, enthusiasm, a desire to learn and is able to motivate and encourage our students," Padjen said. People sometimes think tutors must be a reading specialist or teacher, but that isn't the case, she added. "We provide all the necessary training for free and with that training, they are able to recognize basic skills of what a learner needs to improve their reading, writing, math and English-speaking skills."

Coon said, "From my experience, the most important qualities of a good tutor are being a life-long lover of learning, dependable, and a sincere desire to help someone overcome obstacles so they can work toward their educational goals.

Students set the pace on what they want to learn. Online programs, such as Burlington English and New Readers Press, help assist students. For tutees with low

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## Briefly

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Builders Club**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages! Free building, challenges, buddy builds and more.

**Sign up today** for "Brain Health - It's a No-Brainer," presented by the Library and U of I Extension Educator Chelsey Byers. Sessions Mondays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. To register online, visit [go.illinois.edu/Brain-Health-Hoopeston](http://go.illinois.edu/Brain-Health-Hoopeston). To sign up in person, call 217-283-6711 or stop by Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

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### Grief Share group

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will host Grief

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literacy, phonics, sight words and math counters are used. "Just about any material the learner needs to improve their literacy skills, we make sure they have it help them achieve their goals, Padjen said, adding she would like to see two to four volunteers in the Hoopeston area who are willing to volunteer during the day and in the evening for tutoring.

It is never too late to learn to read, Coon said. "Whether a person is just beginning, or wants to improve their reading skill, the best age is always right now!," she said. "It is never too soon or too late!"

Coon has seen firsthand the importance of tutoring in a person's life. "I recall a time when we had an adult CNA (certified nurse assistant) student who was struggling with reading comprehension and study skills," she said. "A retired elementary school teacher agreed to work with her, but felt unqualified to tutor an adult CNA student. The student and the tutor were both nervous and uncertain. After their first meeting, they both left smiling and feeling very uplifted and encouraged because the tutor had told the student that she would help each other and learn together. They enjoyed meeting each week, and the student finished the class with an A."

The next volunteer tutor training will be held from 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, March 27-30 at DACC.

If enough people are interested in tutoring, Padjen has offered to hold an open house for those interested in becoming tutors, and also hold training at the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center.

Anyone interested in becoming a tutor or who would like more information, may call (217) 443-8899.

Share meetings beginning at 3 p.m. March 19. There is no cost to participate in the 13 week sessions.

Pre-registration is requested to ensure enough workbooks for people participating. To pre-register, call 217-283-6738 Mon-Thurs., 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call Pastor Kathy Murphy at 217-369-7813.

### Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

## Obituaries

**MILLER** - Jerry Wayne Miller Sr., 77, of Hoopeston, died at 2:03 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team (HART), 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**MANN** - Richard Austin Mann, 70, of Terre Haute, Ind., died at 12:14 p.m. Saturday, February 25, 2023, in Terre Haute. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**McCARTHY** - Elnora Faye McCarthy, 89, of Westville, died at 7:17 a.m. Sunday, February 26, 2023, at Gardenview Manor, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 46. Tonight, chance of rain, breezy. Low 36. Tomorrow, rain, breezy, mostly cloudy, blustery late. High 42, low 29.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## From the Blotter

Tabitha Stephens, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police checked out with her at 9:22 p.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of West Main. Found to be wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was taken to the police station, where she was released on a recognizance bond with a new court date.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston Parks Department is accepting applications for dependable seasonal employees. Candidates must have a valid Driver's License and the ability to operate a lawn mower and other lawn equipment. You may apply for the position at [cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://cityofhoopeston.com/employment/) or at the City Hall Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Questions, please call 217-283-5833.

Needed CDL drivers and general labor for spring help at United Prairie-Hoopeston. Please call Jordan Reese/Manager 217/918-2876 or office 217/888-1064

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The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at [www.vermillionhousing.com](http://www.vermillionhousing.com).

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