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**Proceeds from county events provide grants for two local groups**

Two Hoopeston groups are among 19 agencies receiving grants fueled by a couple of Vermilion County's most popular activities.

Proceeds from Balloons Over Vermilion and the Festival of Trees are funding a total of \$175,000 in awards to the groups, which include the Lorraine Theatre and Hoopeston United Methodist Church's "Feed My Lambs" program. Each received awards of \$7,500.

In 2022, Balloons Over Vermilion NFP, celebrated its sixth year of presenting summer's hottest festival, as well as presenting for the second year Vermilion County's holiday kickoff event, the Festival of Trees.

Balloons Over Vermilion guests were treated to continuous live entertainment, myriad activities in Kids Zone, stilt walkers, fire spinners and, of course, a huge assortment of festival food. While the evening flight conditions did not allow for launches, crowds were enchanted by pilot "twinkles," in which the balloon burners were fired both simultaneously and randomly, creating a wonderful evening show.

The 25th anniversary of the Festival of Trees event was celebrated with a record number of new sponsors and more than 150 beautifully-decorated trees and wreaths. More than 13,500 attendees embraced the holiday spirit, told Santa what they wanted for Christmas, created a holiday memento in the Children's

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*Photo provided*  
Alex Houmes, president, and Jim Richards, vice president of The Lorraine Foundation, with their check from proceeds of Balloons Over Vermilion and Festival of Trees.

**Briefly**

**Milford group to party at roller rink**

CrossRoads Youth Center of Milford will hold a Spring Break Kick-Off Friday to introduce the group's new director. New Director Bernadette Lowery will be at the event, to be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday at Skater's Paradise in Hoopeston.

Parents and kids are responsible for their own transportation. A wide variety of snacks are available for purchase from their concessions stand.

**90th birthday celebration**

Dorothy Walder will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house Sunday, March 26. The celebration will be from 2-4 p.m. at the Cissna Park Fire Station, 206 N 2nd Ave. She requests no gifts; your presence will bless her the most!

**P.E.P. Party**

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its  
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**SOUPS OF THE DAY**

**Sundays: Baked Potato & French Onion**

**Mondays: Chicken Dumpling & Tomato Florentine**

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

**Wednesdays: Baked Potato & French Onion**

**Thursdays: Broccoli Cheese & Buffalo Chicken**

**Fridays: Baked Potato & Chicken / Sausage Gumbo**

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



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**Sunday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so.

There is no cost. All are welcome to come.

### Easter presentation

Rossville Church of Christ will hold "Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience," at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the church, 514 E. Attica. Leia Brown, of Jews for Jesus, will present the program, which will have food and traditions of the Passover Jesus celebrated the night before He died.

For more information, call the church at (217) 748-6546.

### Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Monday, April 17, weather permitting. Cleanup is for yard waste and tree limbs only. Piles that contain plastic, concrete or other materials will not be picked up.

For those who have no alley, yard debris may be placed at curbside. Residents are asked not to place the yard waste in the gutter.

**Hoopeston Area Women's Club**

**CARNIVAL**

**Sunday March 26, 2023 1 to 3 p.m.**

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Craft area, munched on cookies and enjoyed numerous special events.

These events are made possible each year through the hard work of a team of dedicated steering committee members, the generous support of hundreds of sponsors and hundreds of volunteers.

"Every year our community steps up and turns out for these wonderful family events and we sincerely appreciate them, said event co-chair Pat O'Shaughnessy. "Everyone who buys a ticket, enjoys a snow cone or a beer, strolls through the trees, visits the festival raffle house, or brings their family out to witness the splendor of a balloon launch, all play a part in its success. The support these events receive from everyone involved only grows stronger each year."

Other recipients and their grants were:

- Balloon Federation of America, \$1,500 for summer camp scholarships.
- Danville Public School Foundation, \$2,500, a Student Ambassador Class grant.
- Danville Family YMCA, \$5,000 for the Strong Kids Campaign
- Children's Dyslexia Center of East Central Illinois, \$5,000 to provide books and tables for students.
- Kickapoo Mountain Bike Club, \$5,000 to expand the trail system for beginner and experienced cyclists.
- Crosspoint Human Services, \$7,500 to expand youth mental health services.
- Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School Building Trades Department, \$7,500 to provide support for

## Court Dispositions

### February 8

**Carrie A. Demarest**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for unlawful acts constituting disorder, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing March 8.

**Pierson D. Lazarov**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for bicycle lighting requirements, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing March 8.

## Weather

Showers today. High 59. Tonight, showers likely. Low 37. Tomorrow, showers likely, showers/breezy late. High 46, low 38.

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building trades classes.

- First Baptist Christian School, \$7,500 for locker room upgrades.
- CASA of Vermilion and Edgar counties, \$7,500 for advocate outreach programs.
- Women's Care Clinic, \$8,000 for transportation solutions for expectant parents.
- Peer Court, \$7,500 to provide second chance options for youth offenders.
- From Your Heart to Their Soles, \$7,500 to support a countywide footwear effort through the Regional Superintendent of Schools' office.
- Boys and Girls Club of Danville, \$9,000 for Power Hour tutoring/mentoring.
- Laura Lee Fellowship House, \$9,000 for the Ubuntu mentoring program in Danville schools.
- Danville AMBUCs, \$9,000 for the group's summer camp.

● Vermilion County Trail Alliance, \$15,000 to underwrite an extensive trail system adjacent to Harrison Park.

● OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, \$46,000 for patient room renovations.

Event co-chair Jim Anderson said, "Both events owe a huge thank you to Julius W. Hegeler. He was perhaps the biggest kid of all at heart. He loved both events and was extremely generous with his resources in supporting them for years."

## Obituaries

**HOLT** - Chase Thomas Holt, 28, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston, died March 18, 2023. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Condolences may be shared at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

## Classifieds

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Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring Machine Operators, \$18/hr. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com). Applications available onsite. EOE

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### NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston Water Department is accepting sealed bids for a 2003 Chevrolet 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck. The truck can be viewed in the alley by the water treatment plant, 420 W Penn St., near the water tower. Bid specs are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Sealed bids are due at City Hall on Friday, March 31, 2023 by 10:00 AM and will be opened at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 31, 2023 at City Hall. You may contact City Hall at 217-283-5833 with any questions. The City of Hoopeston reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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