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# Eastern Illinois Foodbank to mark 40 years of service in May

Eastern Illinois Foodbank, the primary food source to feeding programs in eastern Illinois, commemorates 40 vears of alleviating hunger this May.

The foodbank delivers items for the Grant Township Food Cupboard monthly and schedules food giveaways in



Photo submitted

**Donuts for Reading** 

Julie Stump, President of Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society, presented Emily Brown a donation for her new program: Donuts for Reading She shared how it works, which schools are using it, and ideas for expanding it next year.

communities throughout its service area.

Eastern Illinois Foodbank was formed as part of a major regional effort to develop an emergency food network in central Illinois. In 1980, a group of 20 local citizens met in Springfield to form a food distribution network that eventually became three independent foodbanks: Central Illinois Foodbank in Springfield, Peoria Area Foodbank, and Eastern Illinois Foodbank. In May 1983, Eastern Illinois Foodbank was incorporated, and the following month the foodbank opened its doors in downtown Champaign.

When former foodbank board chair Vern Fein was asked to join the meeting in 1980, he originally declined, but had a change of heart when he came across a magazine in his office. "I read that the Detroit Foodbank had recovered 9,000 pounds of frozen butter beans that were spilled on a railroad track due to a collision, and quickly distributed them to those in need. I changed my mind at once and plunged into helping start the foodbank."

Today, Eastern Illinois Foodbank is the largest hunger relief organization in eastern Illinois, serving more than

See FOODBANK on other side

### From the Blotter

Kieara T. Calloway, 34, of Hoopeston was ticketed after a traffic stop at 8:03 p.m. Saturday at East Penn and South Market. She was charged with operating a vehicle with suspended registration and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Milford Police arrested Jeremy L. Bruens, 43, of Milford on May 4. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/possession of methamphetamine under 5 grams, he was also charged with resisting/ obstructing a peace officer, according to police reports.

Bruens was taken to the Iroquois County Jail where he remained in lieu of bond.

Cory D. Durflinger, 40, of East Lynn, was arrested by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police on May 4. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/

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### **Letters to the Editor**

### Local man recommends therapy

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I replied, "I just got home from therapy." "Oh?" he asked. "Where do you go."

"HART, the animal shelter" I replied.

The above is not in jest. Working to help these orphaned dogs and cats is, in reality, very therapeutic.

Bill Goodwine Hoopeston

#### Letters to the Editor policy

Just the Facts welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed by the writer and must include a daytime phone number for verification. Letters must be in good taste and of general interest to readers. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Letters may be mailed to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942, or emailed to publish@justthefacts.net.

# Briefly

#### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Preschool story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Builders Club** Like Legos? 3:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages.

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

#### **HMA** activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

#### **Bowlers** needed

Fast Lanes is forming a Wednesday night summer



# Riding high

Members of the Silver Brothers baseball team get an aerial view riding in the back of the company dump truck in Saturday's Hoopeston Baseball Parade.

league that will start May 31. For information or to sign up, stop by Fast Lanes, 719 W. Elm, lor call (217) 283-6505

#### **Blotter** continued from other side

aggravated fleeing/eluding, he was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he remained in lieu of bond.

**Alfred R. Layton**, 51, of Rankin, was arrested by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police on May 4. According to police reports, he was charged with driving while license revoked, was taken to the Iroquois County Jail and released on bond.

**Iroquois County Sheriff's Police** reported no tickets or injuries in a single-vehicle accident on May 3 at the intersection of Rt. 49 and County Rd. 500 N.

According to the report, Kermit Hasselbirng, 80, of Cissna Park, was southbound on Rt. 49, made a left turn on County rd. 500 N and struck the stop sign in the median. The impact broke the stop sign post and resulted in more than \$1,500 damage to the vehicle.

### Foodbank continued from other side

one million neighbors each year through a network of 170 partner agencies throughout an 18-county service area. The Foodbank recently completed a capital campaign that allows them to expand into a warehouse adjoined to the original facility, enabling them to increase efficiency, accommodate more nutritious and fresh product, and will mark this milestone with a celebration in September during Hunger Action Month. The event will recognize individuals and organizations in the community who have had an impact on Eastern Illinois Foodbank's mission of alleviating hunger.

"What the foodbank has accomplished is a reflection of our community. Without their support, we wouldn't have been able to fulfill our mission for the past 40 years," said President & CEO Kelly Daly. "Though so much has changed over the years, the one constant has been the dedication of our volunteers, donors, board, staff, and community partners. That is what ensures we are able to meet the growing needs of eastern Illinois and will continue to be a vital resource for years to come."

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 72. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 48. Tomorrow, sunny. High 76, low 53.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

# Cheeseburgers for Paradise

From 5 p.m.- close every Tuesday, we're donating \$5 of each dine-in cheeseburger to a local church.

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