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## Hoopeston man pleads guilty, sentenced to 10 years in IDOC

A Hoopeston man was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to two felony charges.

Skyler Burke, 34, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Charles Hall to 10 years for intimidation, a class 3 felony extended term, and three years for domestic battery, a class 4 felony, according to a press statement from Jacqueline Lacy, Vermilion County State's Attorney. Based on his guilty plea to domestic battery, Burke will be required to serve four years of mandatory supervised release (parole) after he is released from prison.

Judge Hall heard evidence that on December 23, Burke became irate with the mother of his children, possibly over diverging romantic interests, Lacy's

statement said. The argument turned physical and Burke made threats of violence against the victim, threatening to escalate to even more, possibly deadly violence, if the police were contacted.

Hoopeston Police Department was contacted, arrived and saw Burke holding the victim against her will, then hit her. The victim broke free from Burke and got away. While he was being detained and arrested, Burke threatened revenge against the woman.

Lacy expressed her appreciation of the victim's courage in the case, including her family, and their prompt reporting of Burke's crimes. She also thanked Hoopeston Police Department for their efforts to ensure that "this domestic abuser will properly spend a significant period behind bars."

## Vermilion County Fair to provide 'Out of This World Fun'

The 2023 Vermilion County Fair kicks off Tuesday, offering old favorites and new activities that will provide "Out of This World Fun."

The gate fee of \$7 includes free parking and access to all carnival rides Tuesday through Saturday; grandstand events Thursday (VCS 50 RC races) and Friday (Barnyard Tractor Pull); bounces houses, petting zoo, Bob Bohm Entertainment, face painting, Mary Alice Ag Activity Zone and a chance to win a bike.

Tuesday is royalty night, with the Junior Miss and Queen Pageant, which will be begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids.

Junior Miss contestants are Jett Pierce, Bella Ciancio, Palyn Provost, Allison Cunningham, Ruby Freeland, Karli McGee and Tinley Zaayer.

Vying for the title of Miss Vermilion County Fair will be Tobi West, Amelia Kirchoff, Jessalyn Gonzalez, Haley Meeker, Anna Bacon, Katelyn Callahan, Bryn Wyant, Isabella Wills, Harley Makemson and Shelby McGee.

Residents can vote for their favorite candidates in both categories online at [www.pageantplanet.com](http://www.pageantplanet.com).

The carnival opens at 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday.

Following a long hiatus, the Open Goat Show returns Thursday. Weigh-ins will be 9-11 a.m. with the show at 6 p.m. Also at 6 p.m. will be Germantown Raceway's VCS 50 races, 1/10 scale dirt car racing.

Friday activities begin with the Open Poultry Show at 10 a.m. From 4-6 p.m., the swine weigh-in will be held. The Barnyard Tractor Pull will begin at 5 and at 6 p.m., the 7th annual Terry Messmore Youth Horse Show kicks off. At 6:30 p.m., the Pee Wee Swine Show begins.

Saturday, the final day of the fair, is filled with activities, beginning at 10 a.m. with the Open Swine Show. Registration for the baby contest will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m., with the contest beginning at noon.

Registration for a new event, the beard contest, will be held from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., with judging at 2 p.m. A mullet contest will also be held at that time.

The Open Beef Show will begin at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. the crowd favorite demo derby will begin. Admission for the derby is \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids.

**Cheeseburgers for Paradise**  
 From 5 p.m.- close every Tuesday, we're donating \$5 of each dine-in cheeseburger to a local church.  
 This week's church is  
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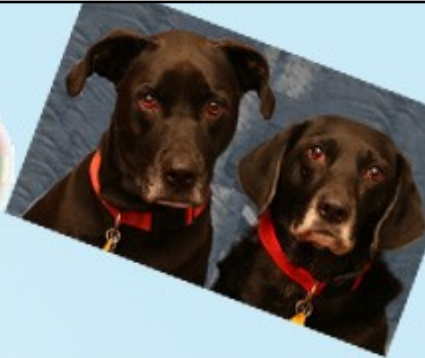
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<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rib eye sandwich and Prime rib sandwich
<b>Thursday:</b>	Swiss steak and Popcorn shrimp
<b>Friday:</b>	Cod, Rib eye steak, and Rib dinners
<b>Saturday:</b>	Prime Rib, Rib eye steak, and Rib dinners

**Breakfast 5:30-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri 5:30-11 Sat. Breakfast Buffet Sat. 7-10 a.m.**



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# Summer Snaps

## Photo Contest

June 20-September 20

1 photo selected each week to compete for a \$25 monthly prize. One photographer will win a

# \$100 Grand Prize!

Open to amateur photographers only. Limit 1 photo/week/person. Decision of the judges is final. By submitting photos, photographer gives Just the Facts all rights to photos. Entries must be less than 2 MB in size.

Email photos to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) and include "photo contest" in subject line, names of subjects in photo (if applicable), location and photographer's real (not screen/alias) name.

## Obituaries

**HEDGECOCK** - Bruce Alan Hedgecok, 65, of Hoopeston, died at 6:10 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2023, at home. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Monday at Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the church, 402 E. Honeywell Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**PEARSON** - William "Bill" Pearson, 90, of Rossville, died at 12:20 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at home. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Danville Junction Chapter (Rossville Railroad Museum) P.O. Box 1013, Danville IL 61834; Monticello Railroad Museum,

P.O. Box 401, Monticello IL 61856 or donor's choice. Sunset Funeral Home, Danville, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

## Briefly

### Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include ongoing service agreement with The Grant Helpers, revised shipping container and food truck ordinances, services proposal with Gary Burgett of Smith/Burgett Architects, Motor Fuel Tax resolution.

### Food cupboard needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to unload an Eastern Illinois Foodbank truck delivery at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Grant Township Building at 525 South Market St.

## From the Blotter

**Jessica L. Matthews**, 31, of Milford, turned herself in to Hoopeston Police at 3:09 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was processed and released with a new Vermilion County court date.

**Police were called** at 8:24 p.m. Thursday for a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of North Seventh St. Damen A. Hagen 23, of Hoopeston, was located and arrested on preliminary charges of unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, unlawful use of a weapon and no Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) card.

He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 5:17 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Washington. Police said Heidi Crouch, 60, of Hoopeston, backed a 2020 Chrysler van from her driveway and struck a 2021 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by Michael Gilbert, 53, of Hoopeston.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:15 p.m. Friday for mutual aid for a brush fire in Iroquois County near the railroad tracks. The fire was extinguished.

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 81. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 56. Tomorrow, sunny. High 84, low 58.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes is looking for a breakfast cook and waitress. Hours 5:15-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri. Apply in person at 719 W. Elm.

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is accepting applications for a part time bartender. Daytime, evening and weekends. Must have basset and food handlers or obtain within 120 days after employment. Applications can be picked up at Hubbard Trail or send resume to [hubbardtrail.1925@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardtrail.1925@gmail.com)

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers