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Zach Hebert, manager of Hoopeton's new Tractor Supply store, waits on customers during the store's opening Saturday.

Young manager is old hand at opening, managing businesses

A young man welcoming guests to Hoopeton's Tractor Supply Co. store Saturday is an old hand at opening new stores.

In the last few years, Zach Hebert, 21, said he opened stores in Kankakee and New Lenox before coming to the Hoopeton location, where he is the store manager.

A Watseka resident, Hebert began his retail career at 15 with Big R in his hometown. He stayed through the store's change to R.P. Home and Harvest before moving to TSC.

The new store's first day was going well, Hebert said a couple hours after the 8 a.m. opening. Things were hopping for a while as 30 people came in all at once, he said.

The company chose to put a store in Hoopeton based on sales, Hebert said, as well as customer information, which show that residents of Hoopeton and surrounding towns were patronizing the Danville and Kankakee stores. The Attica, Ind., store was also a destination for TSC shoppers. "We're always looking to expand," he-
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From the Blotter

Kevin L. Lambert, 36, of Hoopeston, was cited for burning of trash and refuse at 4:13 a.m. Thursday in the 400 block of South Second Ave. He was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Jordan Davis-Ervin, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police said he fled after officers activated emergency lighting to stop him for a traffic violation. The incident happened at 10:41 p.m. June 19 in the 700 block of North Market.

Police identified Davis-Ervin as the driver and filed preliminary charges of aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude, no valid driver's license, operating a vehicle while registration is suspended, speeding 90 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone, disobeying a stop sign and driving without lights when required. Notices to appear in Vermilion County Court were mailed to him.

David H. Cannon, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police on patrol saw a golf car fail to stop at a stop sign at 3:56 p.m. Thursday at West Penn and Second Ave. He was located and issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court for violation of golf cart and UTVs.

A set of keys was found Thursday in front of the

Little Lorraine. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Victor C. Morales-Sullivan, 21, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 7:10 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he posted bond and was released with a new court date.

Haley M. Edwards, 26, of Hoopeston, was charged with operating an uninsured vehicle after a traffic stop at 3:18 a.m. Friday at South Market and East Orange. A notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court was mailed to her.

Shauna K. Whitlow, 34, of Hoopeston, was charged with theft of services after she allegedly reconnected her water after Hoopeston Water Department employees had shut the water off. According to reports, employees returned to her home and found an illegal connection. A notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court was mailed to her after the officer was unable to make contact with her over several days.

Brian P. Root, 51, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 2:22 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he posted bond and was released with a new Vermilion County Court date.

Alice J. Lockhart, 73, of Wellington, was stopped by police at 7:55 p.m. Saturday at North Dixie Hwy. and West Main. According to reports, she was going 64 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. She was ticketed for speeding and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 77, low 62. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 79, low 55.

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Briefly

Food cupboard updates

● Grant Township Food Cupboard's food truck delivery date is changed to July 18 (not the 5th) for this delivery only. Volunteers will be needed at 6:30 a.m.

● The Food Cupboard is in need of pork & beans and peas. Any donations of foods or hygiene items are appreciated. Donations to the Food Cupboard are down and the number of people needing food has increased.

● The Food Cupboard Board of Directors is seeking new and younger members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Roark, President. Meetings are held quarterly.

P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its 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.

Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and

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added.

Tractor Supply offers a wide variety of farm supplies, pet and animal feed and supplies, clothing, tools, fencing, and much more and more merchandise is expected to arrive next week. The store also has an indoor dog-washing station, complete with shampoo, conditioner, blow dryer and brushes.

The store is expected to have a staff of 16 to 18 employees, Hebert said.

Tractor Supply is open from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays.

A Grand Opening Weekend will be held Thursday, June 29 through Sunday, July 2. During the weekend, 50 gift cards, with values of \$5 to \$100, will be given to the first 50 customers each day. The first 800 customers will receive a TSC hat. Special savings will also be offered on select items.

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for Vermilion County.

Tractor Supply Co. is located at Hoopeston Plaza in the former Pamida/Shopko building, 1020 W. Chestnut.

conversation. All are welcome!

At the library

Operation Discovery: Kids ages 4-12 are invited for hands-on activities with Kellie Blanden of WILL, Illinois Public Media on Thursdays. 1-2 p.m. for ages 4-8 and 2-3 p.m. for ages 9-12.

Summer Reading BINGO, through August 15. Pick up a free bingo card at the front desk. When you bingo, bring the card and pick a prize from the \$5 basket. Limit 1 bingo per person. Fill the entire card by August 15 and pick a prize from the \$10 basket. Those winners will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Boxcar Books & Vinyl.

City Chat with Mayor Jeff Wise, 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring 2nd Shift Line Mechanics, \$21/hour. Apply at www.full-fill.com. Applications available onsite. EOE

City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for seasonal employment with the Water/Sewer Department. Job duties will include, but are not limited to, changing out meters and flushing hydrants. The department will train. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a HS diploma or equivalent. Applications can be found at cityofhoopeston.com/employment or at City Hall, 301 W Main St. For more information please call 217-283-5833

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Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Silgan Containers is hiring an Electrician - Industrial/Maintenance Technician. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13392

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.

NOTICES

The July meeting of the Grant Township Board, scheduled for July 11 at 4 p.m., was changed to July 13 at 4 p.m.

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