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## LITTLE LORRAINE



## MOVIE PREMIERE

# THE WOODMEN

Written & Directed by  
Watska, IL local  
Joshua Brucker.

[www.TheWoodmenFilm.com](http://www.TheWoodmenFilm.com)

**Oct. 27th & 28th 7:00pm**

[TheLorraineTheatre.com](http://TheLorraineTheatre.com)  
214 E. Main St Hoopeston, IL



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## Nominations accepted for HAHS Class of '24 Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being sought for the Hoopeston Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

The mission of the Sports Hall of Fame is to recognize athletes, teams, coaches, administrators, boosters, or fans who have made significant contributions to Hoopeston Area High School athletics, either through their service, performance, dedication, commitment, or accomplishments during their high school careers.

Nominees may also have distinguished themselves in athletics after graduating from Hoopeston Area High School.

See FAME on other side

Rossville  
**Fall Festival**  
October 7 & 8  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**30 Vendors!**  
BBQ • Tacos • Popcorn • Hotdogs  
• Christmas decorations  
• Tied blankets  
• Carmels  
• Crafts • Cups  
• T shirts  
& more!



### Checking out

Julie McCrory checks out a customer Saturday, one of her last acts at Hoopeston Postmaster, as she checks out from her job and into retirement. McCrory started as a postal clerk in the 1990s and was named postmaster on June 18, 2018. As part of her duties that first year, she held a customer appreciation day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the post office being at its current location. Twenty years in when she was tapped to oversee the Hoopeston, East Lynn and Wellington post offices, McCrory said she planned to say 10 or 12 more years, but said Saturday that changes in the postal service changed her mind. Instead, in a little while, McCrory will celebrate her new free time with a cruise in the Caribbean.



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**9 PIN NO TAP**

**Tournament Fundraiser**

**October 7, 2023**  
 7:00 PM ● Fast Lanes

Sign ups Start at 6:30 pm  
 Pick Your Own Partner  
 \$25 Per Person

For more information, please email Michl Kearney at [kearneml@hoopeston.k12.il.us](mailto:kearneml@hoopeston.k12.il.us)

**50/50 Raffle** **Silent Auction**

## Obituaries

**HERBST** - Donald J. "Don" Herbst, 58, of Fowler, Ind., passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023. He was born August 6, 1965, in Benton County, Ind., to Warren and Nora "Cookie" (Wagner) Herbst. He was a 1984 graduate of Benton County High School. Following graduation, he enlisted and served in the U.S. Army. A former Hoopeston resident, he was a member of the Hoopeston Auxiliary Police for more than 10 years.



**DON HERBST**

Don married Rhonda Boundy on July 23, 2010 in Benton County. She survives. He is also survived by his father, Warren Herbst, one son, Justin Herbst; three daughters, Natasha (Cole) Elson, Kristyn Garabedian and Brittany (Joey) Lamson; five stepdaughters, Alicia Martin, Mill (Chris) Horner, Sarah Kelnhofer, Heather Anderson and Katelyn Krol; one stepson, David Krol; 14 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his biological mother, Karen Morton; two brothers, Shane (Linda) Morton and

Shaun (Denise) Foutch; two sisters, Anne Oberlander and Tasha Allen, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nora, brother, Dennis Herbst, and grandson, Kyle Martin.

A celebration of Don's life will be held from noon-5 p.m. Saturday at Hoopeston VFW, 428 W. Orange St.

**GOCKEN** - Cheryl A. (Wixon) Gocken, 69, of Milford, died Friday, September 29, 2023, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. She will be cremated. Memorials are suggested to the Old Courthouse Museum, 103 W. Cherry St., Watseka IL 60970. Knapp Funeral Home is

## Briefly

### Vote for the HA Chorus

Hoopeston Area High School Chorus is one of 13 schools trying to win the opportunity to perform "I Want to Know What Love Is" with Foreigner during a farewell performance October 22 at State Farm Center.

To vote, go to Help the HAHS chorus win by following the link, [www.news-gazette.com/whms/foreigner-high-school-choir-contest/html](http://www.news-gazette.com/whms/foreigner-high-school-choir-contest/html), where voters will be asked to sign into Facebook to vote. People may vote once a day until October 7.

Other schools competing are Armstrong, Centennial, Danville, Georgetown-Ridge Farm, Heritage, Mahomet-Seymour, Monticello, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, St. Thomas More, Unity, Urbana and Westville.

### 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.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 86. Tonight, showers. Low 64. Tomorrow, showers, chance of thunderstorms late. High 72, low 51.

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

handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Fame continued from other side

Nominating forms for the Class of 2024 are on the high school website at [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us) or by calling Principal John Klaber at the Hoopeston Area High School office at (217)283-6661. Forms are due by November 1, 2023.

The Class of 2024 induction ceremony is currently scheduled for February 2, 2024, during halftime of the boy's high school basketball game.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main or [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com). For questions call (217) 283-5833.

East Lynn Fertilizer is looking for a full-time custom applicator. Competitive Pay. Health Insurance & Retirement Plans. Apply in person at 41284 S Main St. East Lynn, IL.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at [silgancontainers.mua.hr/department.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13827](http://silgancontainers.mua.hr/department.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13827)

Silgan Containers is hiring an Electrician - Industrial/Maintenance Technician. Please apply online at: [silgancontainers.mua.hr/department.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13392](http://silgancontainers.mua.hr/department.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/13392)

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 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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.