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**Briefly**

**Meetings**  
**Rossville Village Board**, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include declare TIF inner core tax revenue as surplus funds; estimated tax levy, new village attorney. Full agenda at [www.villageoffrussville.org](http://www.villageoffrussville.org).  
 The village finance/purchasing committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. to review minutes of previous meeting and current bills.  
**Hoopeston City Council**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include executive session to discuss downtown demolition bids, followed by action on the bids, amended street sign ordinance, engine braking noise ordinance and fire damage at 812 N. Market. Agenda

and Zoom link: [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).  
**Hoopeston Area School Board**, 6 p.m. Thursday, high school library. The board will immediately go into executive session. The public portion of the meeting will follow. Agenda will be available at [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us).  
**Alley cleanup**  
 Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin October 16, weather permitting. This is for yard waste only. Piles that contain concrete, bricks, lumber or landscape materials will not be picked up. Those who don't have alleys may leave their piles curbside but not in the gutter. The route will begin on the southwest side of town.  
**At the library**  
 Return your decorated pumpkins Monday-Wednesday. Winners will be posted at noon Thursday and displayed in the library. October 27 is the last day to pick up decorated pumpkins or they will be disposed of.  
**Little @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Preschool story, craft and playtime for youngsters from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**From the Blotter**

**Nathaniel Sims**, 23, of Desoto, Wis., was ticketed after a traffic stop at 1:13 a.m. Thursday at South Sixth Ave. and West Washington. He was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and speeding and released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.  
**Kayla D. Witherspoon**, 26, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 5:12 p.m. Thursday at South Market and East Maple. She was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration for no insurance and operating a motor vehicle with no insurance. Notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court were sent to her by mail.  
**Rosalba Miguel Nolasco**, 48, of Rossville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:49 p.m. Thursday at South  
**See BLOTTER on other side**

HOOPESTON JAYCEES  
 Downtown Hoopeston  
**SPOOKTACULAR**  
 Tuesday, October 23 5:30-7 p.m.  
**Costume Contest at 7 p.m.**  
**at Main & Market**

**Cheeseburgers for Paradise**  
 From 5 p.m. - close Tuesdays & Wednesdays, we're donating \$5 of each dine-in cheeseburger to a local church or school. Tuesday's recipient is **BHRA Study Hall needs**  
*Kids Meals not included, Limited to 1 cheeseburger/person*  
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 715 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-6201

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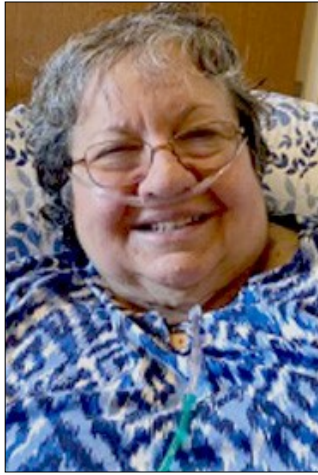
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## Obituaries

**MARTIN** - Linda J. Martin, 70, of Hoopeston, passed away October 8, 2023. She was born January 19, 1953, in DeKalb, to Richard (Dick) and Evelyn (Hofer) Martin. They preceded her in death.

Linda is survived by two sons, Sean (Bianca) Danner of Madison, Wis. and Scot Danner of Catlin. She was the proud grandmother of Madison, Ella, Felix, and Gemma Danner. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life and one of her greatest sources of pride was seeing her sons become loving fathers. She treasured the long-awaited role of grandma and had kept her favorite books, toys, and activities from teaching and parenting to share with them.



LINDA MARTIN

She was the oldest of four siblings. She enjoyed leading the way and looking out for her younger siblings early in life, and she relished in her big sis role later in life. She is survived by sisters Carol (Shari Grote) Martin of Minneapolis, MN and Donna (Sarah Reckmeyer) Martin of Ottawa, IL, and a brother, David (Brenda Villa) Martin of Cincinnati, OH.

Linda is also survived by several other important people who she "adopted" as family: Norene Harrison, her long-time "Little Sister" of Big Brothers Big Sisters; Christy Mielke, friend of Carol's who became another sister; Marie Hespel, exchange student daughter from Belgium; and José Cabrera and Egyptian Banks, both "Little Brothers" of David.

Linda grew up on the Iroquois side of the county line road and attended Wellington Schools through 9th grade. Her family moved to Maple View Farm north of Hoopeston, and she graduated from Hoopeston High School in 1971. One of her fondest memories of high school was the camaraderie she shared with fellow members of the Hoopeston High School Marching Band.

Linda earned a Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University then began her teaching career in Danville. For

the majority of her career, she was the Early Childhood Special Education teacher at Maple School in Hoopeston, during which she earned a Master's degree from Eastern Illinois University. She was a champion for young children who needed extra support as they entered school.

Throughout her career, Linda was active in the Hoopeston Education Association and Hoopeston Music Boosters. She was a teacher in the Hoopeston summer school for children of migrant workers. She was also a member of education organizations Phi Delta Kappa and Delta Kappa Gamma. Upon her graduation from Eastern Illinois University, she earned a special award as an outstanding teacher of early childhood education. Linda was a Comjerk through and through.

A lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Hoopeston, Linda served as an Elder, Clerk of Session, and Deacon. She also sang in the church choir and rang in the handbell choir. This church has been her spiritual home and community.

Linda loved sharing a meal with friends, especially on Friday nights with the "teachers group." Although she experienced many health challenges, she rarely missed the opportunity to attend a concert, meet her friends, chase hot air balloons, or take a drive to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Linda had a resilient spirit. If it's true that a person shows us who they really are in crisis, in her last year, she revealed just how big her heart was and modeled how to keep on going even when the going gets tough. Her passing leaves a big hole in the lives of her family and friends. In Linda's memory, please take a moment to help someone who needs an extra boost.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston. A Celebration of Life will be on Friday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Hoopeston, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, with Pastor Judi Geistlinger officiating. A luncheon will be held at the church following the service. Cremation rites have been entrusted to Anderson Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Youth Group (Hoopeston), Hoopeston Area Music Boosters, or the Early Childhood Program at Maple Grade School

(Hoopeston).

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Linda's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

## Classifieds

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Hoopeston VFW is looking for a weekend bartender. Sat., 5 p.m. 1:30 a.m. and Sun., 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Cook and kitchen help also needed Weds.-Fris., 3-8 p.m. Apply in person at 428 W. Orange.

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.

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## Lunch Menus

### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, broccoli, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Taco, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Max Sticks, marinara sauce, salad, celery sticks, pineapple, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, Veggy Juice, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken patty, veggies, corn, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, Max Stick, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Chicken patty or hot ham & cheese, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles or calzone, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or BBQ rib/bun, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

## Blotter continued from other side

Market and East Maple.

He was charged with operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration for no insurance and was released from the scene on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

## Weather

Isolated showers today. High 55. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 40. Tomorrow, sunny. High 59, low 40.

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

## Death Notices

**COX** - George W. "Bill" Cox, 66, of Rossville, died at 7:10 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.