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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
**801 E. THOMPSON AVE.**  
**HOOPESTON, ILLINOIS**  
**SATURDAY, OCT. 28, 2023 11 AM**  
 SALE LOCATION: SALE LOCATION: Due to RR crossing repairs one should really follow my directions. RT 1 to Penn St. (North side of McFerren Park) 11 Blocks to Market Street, turn left N. 7 blocks to E. Thompson Turn Right 6 Blocks to sale Site.  
 DISHES SETS—COLLECTIBLES—PLAYER PIANO  
 SHOW CASES—FURNITURE  
 SALE WILL BE HELD IN A BUILDING  
 COMPLETE LISTING & PICTURES [billkruse.net](http://billkruse.net)  
**OWNER: FARRELL ANTIQUES**  
 AUCTIONEER NOTE: Looks like a small sale by words, good sized sale by site. Be sure to look at the photos.

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 Lourdine Florek, Owner  
**Just the Facts**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023**  
 Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication!  
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**Briefly**

**At the library**  
**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for youngsters from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.  
**Coffee, Crafts & Conversation**, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Open to all crafters!  
**STEAM Lab for Kids**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Science, technology, engineering, art and math activities for kids.  
**Halloween in the Halls**  
 Maple Grade School is holding Halloween in the Halls at the school from 5-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23. Come trick-or-treat at Maple, then head to the Spooktacular downtown!

**Koffee & Konversation**  
 Hoopeston Methodist Church holds Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!  
**WMD meeting**  
 Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 24 at the Hoopeston Masonic Lodge. All area women are welcome to attend.  
**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!

**From the Blotter**  
 Andrew A. Austin, 44, of Watseka, was arrested after he was stopped at 5:04 a.m. Friday for having an expired registration.  
 He was charged with operating vehicle with expired registration plates or sticker and was released from the scene on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Normal Uni ends HA season**  
 Normal Uni High ended the Hoopeston Cornjerkers' soccer season with a 5-0 win Friday. The teams met in the maiden round of IHSA 1A sectionals at St. Anne.  
 And while Hoopeston Area didn't advance, their defense held the score to less than half of what it might have been. GA for the game was three against senior Owen Root and two against sophomore Brayden Walder. However, Root had five saves in the outing and Walder had seven. The team ends their season at 19-6 overall and 9-3 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.  
 What next year's season will bring is an unknown for now, as resignations from coach Kevin Root and assistant coach Michl Kearney were accepted at Thursday's Hoopeston Area board meeting.

**HPL announces pumpkin decorating contest winners**  
 Winners in the 2023 Hoopeston Public Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest have been announced. They are:  
**Ages 8-under**  
 1 Ella Hickman  
 2: Alora Berlin  
 3: Emma Jones  
**Ages 9-13**  
 1: Jace Cooper  
 2: Dominic Libbra  
 3: James Lithgow  
**Ages 14-Adult**  
 1: Koda Brotherton  
 2: Amber Stow  
 3: Lilie Elliott  
**Family/Group**  
 1: Chloe Alkire Family  
 2: Learn & Lead Academy 4/5 year-old-class  
 3: Mrs. Mims' Maple School 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
**Best of Show:** Christie Pancake  
 Again this year, approximately 75 decorated pumpkins were entered in the competition. Pumpkins will be on display in the lower level meeting room at the library through Oct. 26. The pumpkins are grown and donated for the contest each year by Mel and Terri Hambleton.

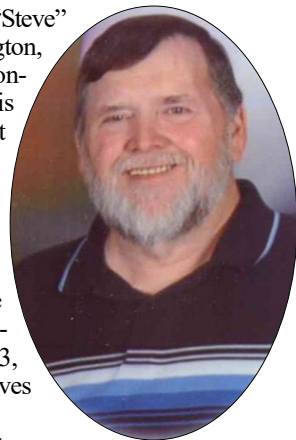
**JAYCEES**  
 HOOPESTON  
 Downtown Hoopeston  
**SPOOKTACULAR**  
 Monday, October 23 5:30-7 p.m.  
**Costume Contest at 6:30 p.m.**  
**at Main & Market**

**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 **Bismarck First Christ Church**  
*Kids Meals not included, Limited to 1 cheeseburger/person*  
**Rossville Family Restaurant**  
 715 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-6201

**The PIT STOP at FAST LANES**  
**Lunch & Dinner Specials**  
**Monday:** Meatloaf, Taco Salad and grilled or breaded Tenderloins  
**Tuesday:** Chicken Pot Pie, Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles  
**Wednesday:** Rib eye sandwich and Prime rib sandwich  
**Thursday:** Swiss steak or Popcorn shrimp  
**Friday:** Cod, Rib eye steak, and Rib dinners  
**Saturday:** Prime Rib, Rib Eye steak, and Rib dinners  
**Breakfast Buffet**  
 7-10 a.m. Saturday 7 a.m. -12 p.m. Sunday  
 Breakfast served 5:30-10 a.m. Mon.-Fri.  
 5:30-11 Sat. & Sun.  
 Open Sat. 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Sun. 5:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Nothing is more fun than a bowling party!**  
 Call (217) 283-6505 for details!

## Obituaries

**BRUENS** - Stephen Earl "Steve" Bruens, Sr., 72, of Wellington, passed away at 6:03 a.m. Monday, October 16, 2023, at his home. He was born August 26, 1951, in Danville, the son of Willard Henry and Maurine Earlene Agnes (Longfellow) Bruens. He married Rena Dale and together they had two sons. He later married Teresa L. Huddleson on February 15, 2003, in Las Vegas, NV. She survives in Wellington.



**STEVE BRUENS, SR.**

He is also survived by his two sons, Stephen E. (Samantha) Bruens, Jr., of Wellington, and William "Billy" (Ashley) Bruens of Wellington; one stepdaughter, Chrissy (Todd) Draper of Oakwood; one stepson, Jason (Stacey) Todd of Danville; three sisters, Deborah (Kevin) Tyler, Sandy (John) Bray, and Janie (Allan) Baker all of

Hoopeston; one sister-in-law, Debra Huddleson of Oakwood; one brother-in-law, Rob (Carol) Huddleson of Catlin; eight grandchildren, Rylee (fiancée, Alyssa), Karlee, Emmalee, Leevi, Natalee (fiancé, Luc), Bentley, Conlee, and Dailee Bruens; six step-grandchildren; one step-greatgrandchild; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Dave Gaddis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece, Tara Tyler.

Steve was a hard worker, working at several places throughout his life including Joan of Arc, FMC as a mechanic, Gaddis Uptown Service, Lockhart Sales, and LS Diesel. He had also worked at Barney's Garage, Leemon Enterprises, and helped his son, Steve, at Bruens Carpentry. Throughout his life, Steve also helped his grandpa Longfellow on the farm. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hoopeston. He was a long-time member of the Wellington Greer Fire Department, starting his service March 20, 1993. Steve served several years as assistant chief and was still actively serving. In his younger years, he loved competing in demo derbies. Steve also enjoyed trapping with his dad, fishing, playing

slow pitch softball, horseshoes, and was an avid bowler, bowling 41 consecutive years in the ABC bowling tournament.

A visitation will be held 4 - 7 p.m. Monday, October 23, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at the funeral home with Pastor John Franklin officiating. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Steve to the American Cancer Society for research, American Diabetes Association, or the Wellington-Greer Fire Department.

Steve's family would like to give a special thank you to the medical staff at Carle Hospital in both Hoopeston and Champaign, and Iroquois Memorial Hospice for their excellent and compassionate care.

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

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**DENTON** - Christopher James Denton, 50, of Rossville, died at 10:3 a.m. Friday, October 13, 2023, at The Waters of Covington, Covington, Ind. He was cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, October 23, at the Rossville Fire Station, 617 N. Chicago St., Rossville. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team (HART), 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Lunch Menus

### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Hotdog/bun, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, Veggy Juice, mixed fruit, milk

FRIDAY: No school

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken, green beans, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, hash brown, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

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

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: No school

### Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken or hot ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Biscuit & gravy or Hot Pocket, sausage links, hash brown, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

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

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger or hotdog, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: No school

## Court Dispositions

### September 13

**Rachel N. Jones**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to two cases of general nuisance. She complied in both cases and was fined costs only of \$80 in each case; status hearing in both cases November 8.

**Elias Meraz-Molina**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined costs only of \$80; fine paid in full, case closed.

**Amanda J. Plonka**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; status hearing October 11.

**William R. Thomas**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance in two cases, found guilty by default in

both, fined \$180 in each; status hearing October 11 status hearing October 11.

**Johny B. Holt**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

## Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 67. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of showers breezy late. High 77, low 60.

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

## Classifieds

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

2 bedroom apartment for rent. Hoopeston. Ground floor. Not handicap accessible. \$750 a month. Includes all utilities. Security deposit and soft background check required. 217-377-1201 for appointment to view.

### HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2<sup>nd</sup> Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com) Applications available onsite. EOE

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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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

Contents of sheds #24 Jonathan Merrill; #52 Natasha Longest; #117 Jason Moore; and #129 Anita Garcia; at Budget Mini Storage Rt. 9 and 6th Ave. Hoopeston, IL will be disposed of on October 29, 2023, per section 95-4 of Illinois Self Storage Facility Act.

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