

*Celebrating*  
**30 YEARS**  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PASTA DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023  
4:30 TO 7:30 P.M.

Pasta, Salad, Bread, Drink, Dessert  
Adults \$10.00  
Children 3-8 \$5.00

Dine in & Carry-Out: 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
Delivery in town: by Reservation

Tickets Available - Contact a church members

*Sharing Food and Fellowship!*

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**Briefly**

**At the Library**  
Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**STEAM Lab for Kids**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Science, technology, engineering, art and math activities for kids.

**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 some-one 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.

**Community fund grant apps open**  
The United Community Fund of Grant Township is accepting applications for funding from local 501c3 organizations for fiscal year 2024.  
For more information or to obtain an application, contact Tricia Freeland at Hoopeston Public Library, (217) 283-6711.  
Application deadline is November 15, 2023.



**Just imagine**  
The size of the spiders needed to spin these webs on a house on South Second Ave. at Rt. 9. The display was just one of many throughout Hoopeston celebrating Halloween.

**Make it a Good Morning!**  
Masonic Lodge 709 AF & AM  
**FALL BREAKFAST**  
6-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4  
Eggs made to order, biscuits & gravy, grilled sausage, toast, coffee, orange juice, and milk  
**\$8 per person - Under 5 free**  
Carry outs welcome 208 W. Orange, Hoopeston

**LITHGOW AUTOMOTIVE**  
1121 S. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston  
217-283-5171

 **Carquest Auto Parts Store**  
**Automotive Service Center**  
**Automotive Machine Shop**

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**Special of the MONTH**  
THROUGH MARCH

Purchase the **Finish Sander** and get a **20V MAX XR Tool Battery and Charger Kit (341129)** FREE A \$229.99 Retail Value

**169<sup>99</sup>**

20V MAX XR Brushless, Cordless Random Orbit Sander (Tool Only)

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**Olympic Hardware**  
516 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston  
(217) 283-5186 Open Sundays 

**Holiday Preview**  
Thurs., Nov. 2 4—7 PM  
Fri., Nov. 3 12—6 PM  
Sat., Nov. 4 9 AM—2 PM

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming Holidays

 **The Blossom Basket**  
16 E. Lyle St, Milford  
Ph. 815-471-5289  
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Sue Crawford, Owner



## Obituaries

**HODGE** - David Alexander Hodge, "Alex," 43, passed away on October 20, 2023, in Chandler, AZ, after battling cancer since May, with his parents and beloved friends by his side. He was born December 7, 1979, in Danville to David and Diane Hodge and grew up in Hoopeston, as a die-hard Cornjerker. It was here he began his love for sports video production, under long time media instructor, Dan Reed.



**ALEX HODGE**

Immensely respected by his colleagues and admired by many who he taught his craft to over the years, in 2019 Hodge was named the 2018-19 Pac 12 Video Coordinator of the Year by the Collegiate Sports Video Association. Hodge was selected to receive the honor by his Pac 12 peers and would go on to be a finalist for the prestigious Bob Marley National Video Coordinator of

the Year Award, presented annually to the vice coordinator who displays innovation, determination, perseverance, and technical skill as portrayed by the late Bob Marley, video coordinator from Texas A & M.

Hodge's remarkable career spanned 25 years, with more than 11 of those years coming from Arizona State University after being appointed to his position in 2012 by former head football coach Todd Graham. In his time with the Sun Devils, Hodge was responsible for managing the football video department, which consisted of providing daily video and technical support to the football coaches and staff, overseeing the acquisition of practice and game video for player evaluation and various other projects that would evolve over the years.

Hodge was reunited with longtime colleague and current ASU football video coordinator Dan Wayne. Together they established ASU's football video department into one of the most well-respected units in the country. The two were responsible for the design of the state-of-the-art video lab, which includes a 60-station XOS digital network.

Hodge began his video career at Hoopeston Area High School and then moved up to Illinois State University, where he graduated with a BS in Communications in 2003. He moved to Wisconsin and worked as Assistant

Video Coordinator for Barry Alvarez, a role he would hold for three years before being named video coordinator at Rice University in 2006. It was at Rice University where Hodge encountered Todd Graham, who was head coach of the Rice Owls. Hodge went on to join Graham at the University of Tulsa in 2007 where he helped the sports department's transition into the era of digital video exchange. Hodge would continue to follow Graham to Pittsburgh and ASU, where he would serve the remainder of his career.

Alex is survived by his parents, David and Diane Hodge of Hoopeston; two brothers, Andrew Hodge (Melissa) of Jonesboro, AR and Adam Hodge (Shea Britton) of Fort Collins, CO; nephew, Jacob Hodge; niece, Amelia Hodge; and grandparents, Dwight and Jane Hoffman of Hoopeston.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Ted and Louise Hodge.

A visitation will be held 3 – 6 p.m. Sunday November 5, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 6, 2023, at Second Church of Christ, 3350 E. Voorhees St., Danville with Pastor Greg Taylor officiating. A private burial will be held.

The family requests memorial donations in place of flowers and donations may be made to a memorial fund established in Alex's name. Checks may be made payable to the Alex Hodge Memorial Fund C/O First Farmers Bank, 905 S. Dixie Highway, Hoopeston, IL 60942. The money will be split among various causes that meant a lot to him including, Cornjerker Sports Boosters, Arizona State video department and his brother's program, Colorado State video department.

The family also requests that guests wear their favorite

### Sports

Hoopeston Area boys open their bowling season Saturday at Pheasant Lanes in Bloomington and return home on Monday, November 6 to host Danville at 4 p.m. at Fast Lanes. Come support the boys!

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 51. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, partly sunny, cloudy/breezy late. High 5, low 43.

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

## Court Dispositions

### October 11

**Jeff H. Chandler**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for tampering with containers or contents, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Amanda J. Plonka**, Hoopeston, appeared at trial for general nuisance, new trial set for November 8.

**Douglas W. Livingston**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to battery at initial appearance; trial November 8.

**Jeremy J. Furrow**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restrictions for burning trash, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing November 8.

**Taylor M. Brooks**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to battery at initial appearance; trial November 8.

**Amanda J. Plonka**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance, new status hearing November 8.

**Smoked BBQ**

at

**Rossville Family Restaurant**

**Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Smoked Pulled Pork, Ribs,  
Brisket & Burnt Ends*

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sports attire to the visitation and funeral.

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

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Kitchen help needed at Fast Lanes. Some weekends. Apply in person at 719 W. Elm. No phone calls.

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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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.

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