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## Children's event has new name, sponsor, same fun activities

Hoopeston's traditional kickoff to the holiday season has a new name and a new a new sponsor, but will offer the fun activities area youngsters have loved for years.

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce created the Christmas event in 2013, calling it The Magic of Christmas. In 2014, it was renamed The Magical Express.

With Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce becoming part of the county Chamber earlier this year, Project Success took the reins of the event and rechristened it as A Holiday in Hoopeston.

Project Success is an afterschool enrichment program, which operates in many county districts, including Hoopeston Area.

Jessie Atchie, who served as chair of Magical Express



File photo

Santa visits with a young guest at Hoopeston's Magical Express.

for the Hoopeston Chamber, and Abby Eberly, Project Success site manager, are coordinating the event this year.

A Holiday in Hoopeston 2023 will be held from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Santa will make his annual appearance and visit with area children.

Activities will include pictures with Santa, stories with Mrs. Claus, cookie decorating, arts and crafts, reindeer

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**Rossville Family Restaurant**  
will be open  
**Thanksgiving Day 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner  
starting at 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.  
Regular menu also available  
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## Briefly

### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

**Euchre group meets at 12:30 p.m.** Wednesdays. For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

### At the library

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts, are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Kids' STEAM Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday

### 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.

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**Believe in Yourself**

Has someone ever told you, "I believe in you! I know you can do it?" How nice it sounds and it gives you hope and joy. Does that person really believe in you or not? I usually don't ask, I just keep my fingers crossed that he or she truly believes in me, especially when I've asked for advice or help with a situation.

I don't often think about believing in me. I'm more concerned about the other folks in my life, until a very dear friend in Moses Lake called to tell me "Thanks!" for making her feel important, giving her the courage to use the many gifts she had to share. We all have gifts that maybe we have not opened!

"What kind of gifts?" To start, the gift of helping others. Boy, do we need that gift! So many folks are looking for assistance in life. It could be your chance to give a helping hand! But first, you have to find your wings and be sure of who you are. It's strange and funny at the same time, that when you find what you can do and even have to go about doing it, you begin to believe in yourself! Yes, it certainly takes courage, patience, pain and laughter!

Believing in yourself is really knowing and liking yourself! I don't mean for you to have a "big head," thinking how great you are! Yes, you are all those things and more! How very important you really are. Each of you is looking for the genuine person you want to be. Is that person in the room with me? Or is she outside looking for someone to believe in?

When I think about believing in myself, I think of my Mother, who believed in me more than anyone in my life! Especially when we had no house, no car, no job and no direction to go, she always believed it would get better! She was right, it did get better. One day when I was very down, she put her arms around me and looked right at me. She said these words that have carried me here, "Bertha Marie, there isn't anything that you can't do if you only believe in yourself." She was right on, and those three words carry me on the journey called life! You, too, should learn to believe in yourself! It really works!

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**Obituaries**

**HARDWICK** - Sheila Jean (Irvin) Nelson Hardwick, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at home. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon memorial service Fri-

day at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

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games, special guests, door prizes and vendors.

Area businesses have entered the annual Best Tree contest, decorating trees that will be displayed in the civic center. The business whose tree is deemed Best of Show will receive a prize.

Volunteers are still needed for A Holiday in Hoopeston, to help at a craft/game table, be an elf, snowman, etc., work the cookie station or donate money to the cause. To volunteer, call Sadie Hofer, (217) 495-1664.

**Weather**

Sunny today. High 65. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 40. Tomorrow, cloudy, chance of rain late. High 65, low 42.

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

**Hoopeston Area Women's Club**  
**TACO NIGHT & BAKE SALE**  
**Wednesday, November 22**  
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