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## Cheeseburgers for Paradise

From 5 p.m. - close Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays,  
we're donating \$5 of each dine-in cheeseburger to a  
local church or school. Tuesday's recipient is

**B-H 4th Grade - L. Benjamin**

Kids Meals not included, Limited to 1 cheeseburger/person

**Rossville Family Restaurant**

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# Just the Facts

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## From the Blotter

**Alec Mockbee**, 27, of Alvin, was stopped for a traffic violation at 1:58 a.m. Saturday in the 900 block of West Orange. Found to be wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant, he was arrested on the warrant, processed at the police station and transported to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

A 35-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 6:28 p.m. Saturday that someone broke into his home in the 700 block of East Lincoln and removed several items. The burglary is under investigation.

**Mark Caddell**, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:43 p.m. Saturday for a fight in progress in the 400 block of East Seminary.

After speaking with all parties, police arrested Caddell on preliminary charges of aggravated battery, aggravated battery to law enforcement officer, battery, resisting/obstruction a police officer and threatening a public official (police officer).

Caddell was taken to Carle Hoopeston ER for evaluation and later taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Erin Welker**, 21, of Bismarck, was cited after a traffic stop at 3:01 a.m. Sunday in the 100 block of West Thompson. Alleged to be going 50 in a 35 mph zone, she was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

## Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 1:30 a.m. Sunday for a possible gas leak in the 700 block of East Young. No injuries were reported.

At 4:44 a.m. Sunday, fire personnel were asked to stabilize a vehicle in a ditch, found by Hoopeston police, west of Hoopeston on Rt. 9. Firemen cleared the scene after county deputies arrived.

**Firemen were called** at 7:20 p.m. Sunday to the 900 block of West Elm for a report of a trash pile on fire.

## Annual scholarship to reward volunteerism in young people

Mike Bane, of Undercover Santa, has created a new scholarship that he hopes will encourage volunteerism among young people.

For several years, Bane has used proceeds from Undercover Santa to provide an award named in honor of the late Jerry Schieler. Although the award has been presented in the past, but this year, Bane decided to make it an annual event.

The first winner under the new guideline is Hoopeston Area senior Ethan Harding.

Harding, a senior, has served as Frosty the Snowman for eight years during the former Magical Express and this year's A Holiday in Hoopeston.

As Frosty, Harden has greeted youngsters at the event and helped Santa, as needed, during the events.

Bane decided to name the award after Mr. Schieler because of his humble nature and willingness to volunteer his time to the community.

Bane hopes that the award will encourage volunteerism.

The award will go to someone who supports the Hoopeston community by volunteering to help in many different ways, someone who is relatively unnoticed and is continuing his or her education - whether right after graduation or later on - and has not



Ethan Harding, left, is presented with the Jerry Schieler Scholarship, presented by Undercover Santa.

received a lot of scholarships but could use the help for school.

Harding is the son of Steve and Kathy Harding of Hoopeston.



## Briefly

### At the library

**Little @ the Library**, 10:45 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other portable handcrafts are inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Steam Lab for Kids**, 3:30 Friday. Enter the realm of youthful magicians at the Sled and Slope STEM Challenge!

**The Ho-Ho-Holiday Book Sale** is going on now in the upstairs north youth room. Everything is for sale by donation.

**Family Scavenger Hunt**, 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28. Up to five people of all ages (one must be an adult 18+). Each team gets 90 minutes to find 20 Christmas-themed items and bring the item or a cell phone photo back to the library.

Each item has a point value. The team with the most points wins.

There will be treats for all and some fun ways to earn extra points. Pre-registration is suggested but not required. To sign up, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room.

**Euchre group meets** Wednesday starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

### Christmas train open house

The Moore family of rural Rossville will hold Christmas Train Open House from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. December 26-31 at 36078 N 880 E Rd, Rossville.

Appointments are also welcome. Email [mmstation42@gmail.com](mailto:mmstation42@gmail.com) or call 217-497-5026 to schedule an appointment.

## Obituaries

**BROST** - Phyllis Irene Brost, 77, passed away December 5, 2023 in Franklin, Ind.. Born January 22, 1946 in Clinton, Ind., to Ira "Keith" and Virginia Prickett, Phyllis celebrated a loving union with Gerald "Gerry" V. Brost in 1964. A graduate of Purdue University's Krannert School of Business, she made her career in Lafayette, Ind., notably enriching the Community Health Center with her dedicated service. Phyllis also brought her warmth and leadership to the Lafayette Junior Women's Club, readily forging many friendships and helping the community.

A loving, devoted, and gracious mother, Phyllis's memory is treasured by her children, Todd Brost (wife Mary), Michelle Dial (husband Chris), and Derek Brost (wife Julianna); her six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, who continue her legacy of loving kindness and resilience. She instilled in them values of compassion, strength, and the importance of family, which they carry proudly, share with others, and will pass down through the



PHYLLIS BROST

generations.

A master seamstress, Phyllis frequented (too) many area fabric stores and her creations ranged from beautiful dresses to children's costumes. She and Gerry traveled the country, especially cherishing visits with friends and family in any sun-soaked locales during the Indiana winters.

Her family extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Otterbein Franklin SeniorLife Community for years of loving care.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Singleton and St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, 7602 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., on December 18, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. Casual attire is preferable. Condolences may be shared at [www.stpierrefamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stpierrefamilyfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages charitable donations to the Greater Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana).

**GIBSON** - Raymond P. Gibson, 85, of Milford, formerly of Onarga, died Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. A teacher in area schools, Mr. Gibson was a former football coach at Hoopeston High School. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. funeral Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Onarga. Burial will follow in Onarga Cemetery with military rites by Watseka American Legion Post 23. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Sports

### Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area varsity and JV squads tamed the Salt Fork Storm, 40-36 and 42-29, respectively, in basketball action Saturday.

Senior Owen Root and junior Trenton Montez each had 11 points for the night, followed by Kendrick Sigerill with nine, Wyatt Eisenmann with five and Mason Rush with four, including one for three.

Root had five rebounds, followed by Dylan Judy at four.

The team is 7-3 overall and 1-0 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

In the JV game, Bryden Walder led with 10 points, followed by Cole Miller with nine and Dylan Judy, eight.

The Cornjerkers will host Westville Tuesday and take part in the Watseka Holiday Tourney starting Thursday.

### Wrestling

It was a good weekend for Cornjerker Wrestling. The varsity Cornjerkers competed in the Reaper Classic at Plano, bringing only eight wrestlers and placing eighth out of 20 as a team.

Congratulations to Talan Nelson and Angel Zamora for getting first place Ayden Larkin and Charlie Flores placed fourth, while Aiden Bell placed fifth.

At the Steve Nontell JV Invitational at Beech Grove, Ind., nine JV wrestlers competed with Earl Kelnhofer and Rafael Resendez placing. Kelnhofer took second and Resendez finished in fifth.

## Court Dispositions

### November 8

**Eric S. Stevens**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to noisy animals prohibited, fined court costs only of \$80, paid in full, case closed.

**James K. McClure**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for theft, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

## Weather

Sunny today. High 42. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 22. Tomorrow, decreasing clouds. High 39, low 23.

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

Reaper Classic results:  
106- 4th Charlie Flores  
126- 1st Talan Nelson  
132- 5th Aiden Bell  
165- 4th Ayden Larkin  
175- 1st Angel Zamora  
Beech Grove results:  
113- 5th Rafael Resendez  
175- 2nd Earl Kelnhofer

The team will travel to Champaign Tuesday to take on Rantoul/Champaign Central, then will host North Vermillion Thursday. Saturday, the team will be at the Unity Invitational at Tolono.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Public Library needs dependable part-time custodian, approx. 10-15 hrs./week, daily Mon.-Fri. Early mornings or after 6 p.m. Tasks include cleaning public and staff restrooms, mopping and/or vacuuming public and staff areas, emptying trash, cleaning glass doors/windows and other duties as needed. Must have reliable transportation, be able to work independently, lift up to 40 lbs. and manage stairs. References required. Applications available at the library, 110 N. Fourth St.

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

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.

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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.

### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Hoopeston Awards has school jackets. 2 large and 1 XL men's jacket are on hand. Call 217-495-1037