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Briefly

Christmas services

Just the Facts will print a list of Christmas services at area churches. If you would like your church included, please email information to publish@justthefacts.net by Monday, December 18.

Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include safety awards for employees, 2024 meeting dates, presentation by Invenegy on a potential windfarm project and ordinance to issue sewer system revenue bonds. Full agenda at villageoffrossville.org.

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include ERH contract, animal control agreement - HART, burned buildings, subdivide Vermilion Iron property and baseball fields. Full agenda and Zoom link at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Hoopeston Area School Board, 6 p.m. Tuesday, high school library. A truth in taxation hearing at 6 p.m. The board will then go into executive session. The public portion will follow. Agenda items include FFA national convention summary, auditor's report, adoption of the tax levy and district audit, resolution of support for the Musketeer Wind project and approval of a trademark license agreement with Iroquois Federal. The complete agenda is at www.hoopeston.k12.il.us.

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 or call 217-497-5026 to schedule an appointment.

P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those

who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so.

There is no cost. All are welcome to come.

At the library

Littles @ the Library, 10:45 a.m. Tuesdays. Preschool 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 p.m. Thursday. This week, it's art and embossed yarn ornaments.

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 90minutes to find 20 Christmas-themed items and bring the item or a cell phone photo back to the library.

From the Blotter

Christine A. Tubbs-Barreto, 23, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after a collision at 1:28 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Tubbs-Barreto, in a 2001 Jeep, collided with a 2018 Ford driven by Alexa R. Conover, 18, also of Hoopeston at South Third St. and East Orange. Arrow EMS was requested for one party involved in the accident. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

Tubbs-Barreto was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

A **30-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8:30 a.m. Thursday that USPS delivered a package to her home in the 300 block of East Maple but that the package was gone when she arrived home. The theft is under investigation.

Ethan J. Larkin, 20, of Hoopeston, was stopped for a traffic violation at 6:48 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block
See BLOTTER on other side

Hoopeston First Church of God
invites you to join us for a free
Community Christmas Lunch
11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23
1004 E Orange St.
We will serve 500 lunches. Eat in or carry out!
We will also have Stocking Gifts
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Monday: Spaghetti, 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.

Merry Christmas to you from all of us!
We will close at 1 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day!

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken, corn, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun, Tator Tots, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Max Sticks, marinara sauce, salad,

Obituaries

BOWMAN-FINK - Karen Maxine (Mains) Bowman-Fink, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 7:04 a.m. Monday, December 11, 2023, at home. She will be cremated and no service held. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Cook's Choice

TUESDAY: Cook's Choice

WEDNESDAY: Cook's Choice

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Cook's Choice

TUESDAY: Cook's Choice

WEDNESDAY: Cook's Choice

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: No school

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of West Thompson.

He was charged with operating an uninsured vehicle and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Quantez R. Finch, 31, of Champaign, was ticketed with operating a vehicle with suspended registration after a traffic stop at 7:19 p.m. Thursday at South First Ave. and West Main. He was released from the scene on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Jeff H. Chandler, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:38 p.m. Thursday in the 500 block of East Young, Wanted on a Vermilion County major traffic warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Eric L. King, 47, of Danville, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 1:25 a.m. Friday at South Sixth Ave. and West Main. He was cited for operating vehicle with ex-

pired registration plates or sticker and was released from the scene on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Dillon W. Pratt, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:22 p.m. Friday at North Market and East Thompson. He was charged with driving while license suspended, operating an uninured vehicle and operation of vehicle without registration and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Weather

Chance of snow, blustery today. High 31. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 18. Tomorrow, sunny. High 32, low 25.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at silgancontainers.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic_R174.

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.

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Night lights

Through the holiday season, Just the Facts will feature lighted Christmas displays around Hoopeston, starting with the biggest residential display, Thomas's Light Show on Penn St., across from McFerren Park. Chad and Robin Thomas started the show in 2013. They have expanded it each year - including to the neighboring house - and have programmed music to coordinate with the light show. Each night, 11 to 13 songs play as the lights change colors and shapes. Usually, six of the songs are on nightly, including the Linus and Lucy opening, Amazing Grace, Military Tribute, Miracle on 34th with Chad explaining the show, and Charlie Brown's "The Meaning of Christmas. The display is on 5-10:30 p.m. nightly and The Candy Shak is open weekends from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.