

HOURS HAVE CHANGED THIS WEEK!
 Shop Tues-Wed. & Thurs. 12-5
 The shop will be CLOSED Dec. 22-25
SAVE! **AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE** **STARTS DEC. 26 AT NOON** **SAVE!**
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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!

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Hoopeston Jaycees to resurrect Citizen of the Year Award

Hoopeston Jaycees are proud to announce that they will be resurrecting the Citizen of the Year award, previously awarded by the Hoopeston Chronicle.
 Nominations for the 2023 Citizen of the Year are now being accepted. Criteria for candidates are:
 •Be a resident of the Hoopeston area (generally the Hoopeston Area school district boundaries).
 •Be over the age of 42.
 •Embody the Jaycee motto of "service to humanity is the

best work of life!"
 Anyone who would like to nominate a candidate who meets the criteria may go to www.hoopestonjaycees.org and click on the banner at the top to submit a nomination. Nominations will be accepted through December 29.
 The award will be presented at the 2024 Miss Hoopeston/Community Awards Ceremony on Sunday, January 7, 2024, at the Lorraine Theater.
 Previous Citizen of the Year winners have been Dolores Crabtree, Robin Lawson, Bob and Emily Brown, Jim and Betty Richards, Sherry Klemme, Tricia Freeland, and most recently, in 2022, the late Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

Hoopeston couple to take part in Iroquois Christmas cantata

A Hoopeston couple is performing in the 46th annual Iroquois County Christmas Cantata this year.
 Phil and Kathy Vines are among those performing "Joyful Sounds of the Season" at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 at First Christian Church/Living Hope Church, 546 N. Sixth, Watseka.
 Admission is free but seats must be reserved by calling (815) 683-6381 with the party's name, number of seats, time of the presentation and a call-back number.
 While seating is free, a donation basket will be located near the entry. Prairie States Christian Camp will be the recipient of donations.

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 for the kids until they run out!
 Questions? Call the office at 217-283-6301.

Rossville Family Restaurant
 serving Christmas Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 24th 10:30 a.m. 2 p.m.
 Choice of Ham or Turkey Dinner
 Dine In or Take out
 Reservations not required but recommend
 Regular menu also available
 Call for information 217-748-6201



Mary's Clothesline
 305 E. Main St., Hoopeston
 Open 1-7 Wed., 1-5 Thurs. & Fri., 9-1 Sat.
 BIG name brands, SMALL town prices!

Christmas Eve Services 

All listed services will be held
 Sunday, December 24

East Lynn Community Fellowship
 Regular Service 9:30 a.m.
 Evening Service 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Hoopeston
 Evening Service 6 p.m.

First Christian Church, Hoopeston
 Services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

First Church of God, Hoopeston
 Sunday School 8:45-9:45 a.m.
 Free coffee, light brunch & fellowship 9-10 a.m.
 Worship & Children's Christmas Program 10 a.m.

Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church
 Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

Hoopeston United Methodist Church
 Services at 10:30 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Rossville Church of Christ
 Candlelight, Communion and Carols Worship service 6 p.m.

Wellington Methodist Church
 Services are combined at Hoopeston United Methodist



The big guy

While mostly focusing on lighted Christmas displays, it wouldn't be right to exclude this extremely tall Santa on Thompson Ave. The jolly old elf is nearly as tall as the house it stands near, although it is dwarfed by an even taller pine tree.

Briefly

Meetings

Rossville Village Board, special meeting, 5 p.m. Wednesday, village office. The board is expected to discuss and approve an ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act.

Where's Santa?

Time is running out to sign up for the Where's Santa contest sponsored by local businesses. The drawing will be held December 21. Participating businesses include Rossville Family Restaurant and Hometown Homespun in Rossville and, in Hoopeston, Treasured Roots, The Raining Moon Salon, Boxcar Books & Vinyl, Anna's Irish Teas & Gifts, Collection Affection Variety Store, Pink Poodle Unique Boutique and Stay Awhile.

Sports

Wrestling

Cornjerker Wrestling placed sixth of 14 teams at Saturday's Unity Invitational in Tolono. Six wrestlers placed, including Angel Zamora, Ayden Larkin and Charlie Flores, who all received seconds; Aiden Bell, third; Tucker Deck, fourth and Talan Nelson, fifth.

The team is scheduled to be on the road to take on Kankakee High School at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Weather

Sunny today. High 43. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of rain late. High 45, low 37.

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

Rossville Family Restaurant
 will close at 3 pm Sunday, Dec. 24th
 and be closed Christmas Day.
 We will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 26
 with regular business hours.
 Sending wishes of a very
 Merry Christmas to all!

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From the Blotter

Ashley N. Cadle, 36, of Hoopeston, was cited for speeding at 3:41 p.m. Monday at North Market and East Young. She was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Ronald P. Cappellano III, 39, of Wellington, was charged after a traffic stop at 11:31 p.m. Monday at Rtes. 1 and 9. He was cited for operating vehicle with expired registration plates or sticker and was released on a citation.

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.

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2nd Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at 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.

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 1st 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.

NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston is seeking bids for the sale of a 2003 Ford E-450. Minimum bid is \$500. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with "2003 Ford Bid" clearly written on the outside of the envelope. DO NOT put your name on the outside of the envelope. Bids should include the contact information of the bidder. Bid specs are available at the City Hall Administration office or online at www.cityofhoopeston.com. Bids are due by 10:00 am on Friday, December 29, 2023 at the City Hall Administration office, 301 W Main St. Bid openings will be at 10:00 am Friday, December 29, 2023 at the City of Hoopeston Municipal Building, 301 W Main St. Dated this 13th & 20th day of December 2023 Gail Lane, City Clerk