

2024 Hoopeston FFA Alumni
SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION
 Saturday, January 27
 Silent Auction 4-6 p.m. Live Auction 6 p.m.
The Legion
 502 E. Penn, Hoopeston
 Food served 4:30 p.m. until gone (free will donation)
 Auctioneers: *Larry Baughn, Jon Mowrey, Craig Lee*

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Lunch & Dinner Specials

Monday:	Spaghetti, Taco Salad and grilled and 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 and Rib eye steak dinners



BAILEY



COBB



DREA



MERRILL

Four women vie to represent city as Miss Hoopeston 2024

Four young women were set to compete for the title of 2024 Miss Hoopeston during Sunday's Community Awards Ceremony. Alexa Bailey, Jalyne Cobb, Lealoni Drea and Alexis Merrill are competing to be Miss Hoopeston. The winner will act as hostess of the 2024 National Sweetheart Pageant and National Sweetcorn Festival and will represent Hoopeston in other area events.

Bailey is a 2023 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School. She is currently attending Greenville University with plans to become a criminal pathologist. When asked why she would like to be Miss Hoopeston, she said "Being Miss Hoopeston to me would be the best opportunity for me to grow as a person, especially socially. It is also a chance for me to connect even more with my community. I simply just love seeing everyone in the community come together for events and in times of need."

Cobb is a 2022 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School. She is currently attending Illinois State University and aspires to become a successful business owner. When asked why she would like to be Miss Hoopeston,

she said "I would love to be Miss Hoopeston for the experience and being able to give back to my community in different ways. I would also love to be Miss Hoopeston so I can be more involved in my community!"

Drea is a 2023 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School. She plans to attend Danville Area Community College in the spring with hopes to become a medical laboratory scientist. When asked why she would like to be Miss Hoopeston, she said "Moving to Hoopeston made me realize the importance of a tight-knit community to find yourself without running into someone else's big plans. I want to build connections and become more involved in this community, something that was unachievable in Chicago."

Merrill is a 2022 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School. She is currently attending Tricoci University and hopes to one day own salons nationwide. When asked why she would like to be Miss Hoopeston, she said "I want to be that role model for all the little girls and boys who struggle to see their beauty. Regardless if you're big, See **WOMEN** on other side


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Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: BBQ/bun, green beans, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak,, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Max Sticks, marinara sauce, salad, baby

From the Blotter

Robert Plant, 58, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:16 p.m. Thursday for a disturbance at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell, reported by a 27-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Plant was charged with two counts of battery, criminal damage over \$500 and criminal damage to state supported property. After being processed at the police station, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

An investigation into a report made November 18, 2023, resulted in the arrest of a Catlin man last week.

Michael S. Burmeister, 54, of Catlin, was arrested at 8:21 a.m. January 5 on Faust St. in Catlin. He was charged with forgery and theft after a Hoopeston woman reported someone was writing checks to a local business.

Catlin police arrested Burmeister on Hoopeston charges and took him to the Public Safety Building in Danville to be arraigned.

A 74-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 9:24 a.m. Friday that a 200 lb. lawn decoration was removed from his property sometime in the preceding 48 hours. The theft occurred in the 500 block of North Market.

Obituaries

SHERIDAN - Thomas Kent "Tom" Sheridan, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 6:56 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2024, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 507 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Private family service, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384, will be held. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston American Legion Color Guard, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston, IL 60942 or the Illiana Skeet and Trap Club, 399 Gun Club Road, Cayuga, IN 47928. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

carrots, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza Rolls, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy Juice, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, veggies, green beans, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash browns, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

WEDNESDAY: Tacos, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli, Max Stick, veggies, pears, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or hot ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets or calzone, hash browns, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or BBQ rib/bun, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Ravioli or cheeseburger, Max Stick, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:07 a.m. Friday to a structure fire in the 300 block of North Sixth Ave. Hoopeston Police and Arrow Ambulance responded and Rossville and Wellington fire departments were later called for mutual aid.

Firemen were recalled to the scene at 8:12 a.m. after flames were seen coming from windows on the south side of the residence. Firemen cleared the scene at 9:27 a.m.

Women continued from other side

small, tall, short -- no one should feel less than just because they "don't meet the standards"

The Miss Hoopeston selection process includes:

- A private interview with a panel of five judges - worth 55% of total score
- A 1-minute public speech – worth 35% of total score
- On-stage question and evening gown – worth 10% of total score.

This year's judges panel includes Cassie Jordan, Alexis Hardcastle, Kate Moore, Natalie Epley and Steve Eyrich.

Briefly

Who you gonna call?

With winter weather predicted to make an appearance this week, Just the Facts will publish a list of people willing to shovel/snow blow sidewalks and driveways in Hoopeston and neighboring towns. To be included, email your name, phone number, whether you shovel or use a snow blower, and towns in which you will do the work to publish@justthefacts.net.

Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

At the library

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

Sports

Girls basketball

The Lady Cornjerkers are 2 and 2 after the last four matches.

On December 19, the girls hosted Clifton Central, defeating the Comets 39-22. Brylie Cox led Cornjeker scoring with 15. Maddie Barnes had eight points and Clair Dixon six.

The girls hosted Paxon/Buckley-Loda on December 21, with Cox leading the charge with 17 points. Dixon was only one behind with 16 and Mady Klaber had 12.

In post-Christmas action, the ladies traveled to Monticello, where the home team won, 40-34. Clair Dixon led for Hoopeston Area with 21 points.

The girls dropped a second game on January 4, losing to Milford, 37-34. Dixon led with 12, followed by Barnes with eight and Cox with seven.

The girls are scheduled to travel to Danville to take on Schlarman Monday and return to Danville at the end of the week for the start of the Vermilion County Tournament at Danville Area Community College.

Weather

Cloudy today. High 37. Tonight, snow likely, breezy. Low 33. Tomorrow, rain/breezy, snow/breezy late. High 40, low 28.

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

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, Make Magic Snow with Sarah.

For more information on library programs, 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.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Hoopeston First Church of Good, 1004 E. Orange. It applies biblical principles to any hurt, habit or hang-up you're struggling with. All are welcome. Dinner and/or snacks at 6, lessons begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by small group discussion. Transportation available on request. Call (217) 283-6301.

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.

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2nd Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at www.full-fill.com Applications available onsite. EOE

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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.

HOUSES FOR RENT

717 W. Orange, Hoopeston. 2 BR/1 ba efficiency unit. \$675/mo. + security deposit. No pets. Good references required. Available Feb. 1. (217) 304-3477 for appointment. Owner is licensed Real Estate Agent.

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