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**HASA announces final dates for 2024 softball signups**

Registration for the 2024 Hoopeston Area Softball Association season is underway.

Registration will be held at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main on:

- Wednesday, March 13, 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 16, 1-3 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17, 1-3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23, 1-3 p.m.
- Sunday, March 24, 1-3 p.m.

Leagues are based on ages, with one for pre-kindergarten/kindergarten; first grade through third/fourth, with fourth graders having the option to move up; fifth-seventh grade and eighth through high

school.

There may be slight changes based on registration numbers in each group.

Fees are \$60 for pre-kindergarten-kindergarten and \$80 for all other leagues.

For more information, contact association officials on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HASAsoftball](http://www.facebook.com/HASAsoftball).

**Briefly**

**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**

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

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Those who crochet, knit, sew or 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. This week  
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**Corrections**

In Friday's report on downtown buildings, it was incorrectly reported that the council voted 5-2 to condemn 209 and 211 E. Main. The vote was to allow the owners to sign the buildings over to the city. The vote to condemn the buildings was done at a previous meeting.

In the same story, a mistake was made on the vote for the windmill ordinance. The council voted 4-3 to approve, with members Kellie Ferrell, Joe Garrett and Tim Scharlach voting against. An "aye" was then cast by Mayor Jeff Wise, who did not identify himself before voting. His vote made the total 5-3.

Just the Facts regrets the errors.

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**FARM SAFETY DAY**

March 23, 2024

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Farm Safety Demonstrations / Free Blood Pressure Checks / Farm Vendors  
Bounce House / Pedal Tractor Races / Touch a Truck and Tractor / Free Lunch

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## Obituaries

**BARR** - Charlotte Virginia (Hofer) Barr, 91, of Rankin, died Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Tuesday at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial will follow in Rankin Union Cemetery. A fellowship gathering will follow at the Rankin United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be shared at [www.coxknapp.com](http://www.coxknapp.com).

**BLACKWELL** - Harold Calder Blackwell, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 12:01 a.m. Friday, March 1, 2024, at Accolade Healthcare, Danville. He was cremated and a

### Lunch Menus

#### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

WEDNESDAY: Taco, chips & salsa, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk

THURSDAY: Biscuit gravy, sausage links, hash browns, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

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

#### Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken patty, corn, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Quesadilla, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Orange chicken, rice, green beans, pineapple, milk

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, hash browns, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

#### Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Chicken patty or hot ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Quesadilla or pork BBQ /bun, salad bar, refried beans, chops & salsa, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Orange chicken or calzone, rice green beans, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy or cheeseburger, sausage links, hash browns, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

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

celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

**MALLEY** - Karrie Malley, 46, of Rossville, died at 2:14 p.m. March 7, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 5-7 pm. Tuesday at Sunset Funeral Home, Danville. A celebration of her life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be shared at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

**SMOCK** - James T. "Jack" Smock, 97, of Rossville, died March 5, 2024 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Wednesday, March 20, at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested Rossville Ambulance or Rossville Fire Station. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

### From the Blotter

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 10:51 a.m. Friday in the 600 block of West Elm.

Police said Rhonda S. Fink, 46, of Rossville, backed a 2007 Chevrolet utility vehicle from a driveway as Brenda K. Hollen, 61, of Hoopeston, was traveling eastbound on West Elm in a 2008 Volkswagen Bug.

**Jordan Wisecup**, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 6:27 p.m. Friday. A computer search showed Wisecup was wanted on a Michigan warrant. He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Skyler W. Cannon**, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:30 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of South First Ave. Wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant for parole violation, (harassing communication), he was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

### Court Dispositions

January 10, 2024

**Christopher R. Rosenboom**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for breach of peace; new status hearing February 14.

**Brittney L. Lanie**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; fine paid in full, case closed.

**Brandyn S. Wallace**, Hoopeston, fine paid in full, case closed.

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is Art with a yarn wrapped rainbow.

**Treeclimbers** genealogy group, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. This month's topic is "A Roof Over Their Heads."

**HPL's Seed Bank** is accepting donations of flower and vegetable seeds for this year's growing season. Seeds may be they were saved from last year's crops or purchased.

**Sign up for March's** adult craft, Book Page Wreath at 1:30 p.m. March 18. Space is limited to 12 participants. Call (217) 283-6711 or visit 110 N. Fourth St.

### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday. Come join us!

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre 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 God, 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.

### 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. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be March 21. Please spread the word and join us for a

### Weather

Sunny today. High 62. Tonight, clear. Ow 41. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms late. High 65, low 47.

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meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston Police Department is accepting applications to hire one police officer for the May Academy. Application deadline will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Testing will be held Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9 a.m. Apply in person at the Hoopeston Police Department, 301 W Main St. or online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/). Applicants will be contacted with testing information and procedures before April 13. Contact the Hoopeston Police Department for questions at 217-283-5196.

City of Hoopeston Police Commission

Experienced caregiver needed for elderly male with dementia. Daytime hours. Emails may be send to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) with Box G in the subject line.

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Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at [silgancontainers.wd1.myworkday.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic\\_R168](http://silgancontainers.wd1.myworkday.com/en-US/silgan/job/Mechanic_R168).

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

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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.