

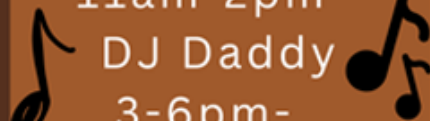
# DOWNTOWN HOOPESTON AUTUMN FEST

OCTOBER 12, 2024 11AM-6PM

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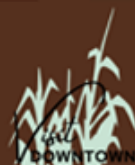
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## Olympic Hardware collecting items for hurricane victims

Jim and Chuck Pajor and their families, owners of Olympic Hardware/Do-It-Best is collecting items for people in North Carolina who were ravaged by Hurricane Helene.

Donations may be taken to the store, at 516 N. Dixie Hwy., and will be added to items collected at Gordyville. Deliveries from Hooperton to Gordyville were set for Thursday and Friday and at least one day next week.

Most-needed items include:

- Baby items: bottles, diapers, formula, clothes. Many babies are currently being fed via syringes due to the shortage of bottles.
- Gas cans
- Generators

- Tools to help with cleanup: garbage bags, buckets
- Clothes: many have only what is on their backs and it's been days
- Personal items: deodorant shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products
- Blankets and pillows
- Towels
- Items to keep warm on the coming cold nights
- Bottled water and food that can make the trip
- Cash to allow volunteers to buy gift cards.

## Hooperton library's annual pumpkin decorating underway

It's time to get your pumpkin decorating skills on! Hooperton Public Library's annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest is underway. Free pumpkins are available at the library, while supplies last. Return decorated pumpkins Friday and Saturday, October 18-19.

No cutting or carving of pumpkins is allowed.

The contest has four categories: ages 8 and younger, 9-13, 14-adult and family or group. First prize in each category will receive a Pizza King gift certificate. Winners will be posted Monday, October 21.

Pumpkins are grown and donated by Terri and Mel Hambleton.

## The PIT STOP at EAST LANES

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Monday: Spaghetti, Taco Salad and grilled and breaded Tenderloins

Tuesday: Chicken Pot Pie, Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles

Wednesday: Rib eye sandwich, Prime rib sandwich or Pork chops

Thursday: Swiss steak or Popcorn Shrimp

Friday: Cod, Rib eye steak and Rib dinners

Saturday: Prime Rib and Rib eye steak dinners

### Breakfast is Ready!

M-F: 5:30-10 a.m. Sat: 5:30-11 a.m. Sun.: 6-11 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet: 7-10 a.m. Sat.

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**At the library**

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Sign up today** for Cooking for One or Two, 1 p.m. October 17, sponsored by HPL and Illinois Extension. Come in or call to register or sign up on the extension website, go [illinois.edu/CookingForTwoHoop](http://illinois.edu/CookingForTwoHoop).

**Free Adult Craft**, 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28. This month, Wineglass Pumpkin Candle Holder. Space is limited. Call or stop by to register.

The Illinois Heartland Library System is holding its annual Library Crawl through October 31. Stop by the library for details on how to participate!

**HPL will be closed** Monday for Columbus Day.

For more information on programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

**Alley cleanup**

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Monday, October 14, weather permitting. This is for yard waste only. No

landscape timbers, blocks, fencing, concrete or garbage will be taken. If any of these items are in the leaves, brush or limbs, the pile will not be picked up. Illinois EPA has strict guidelines on what may be disposed of.

Residents whose property does not abut an alley may place piles at curbside but not in the gutters.

**WMD meeting**

Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference October meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 22 at the Masonic Lodge. Women 18 and older are welcome! Come help us help others!

**Election packets available**

Residents interested in running for Hoopeston City Council or Hoopeston Area School Board may pick up petition packets and begin gathering signatures.

For the city election, packets are available at Hoopeston City Hall 301 W. Main St., from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday.

Positions up for election include mayor and one alderman in each of the city's four wards, as well as clerk and treasurer. All are for four-year terms.

Four seats are up on the Hoopeston Area board. Packets for the school board are available at the County Administration Building in Danville, or potential candidates may call (217) 554-1900 or email [www.vercounty.org](http://www.vercounty.org) to request a packet be emailed.

Petitions may be filed November 12-18.

**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 August 17. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

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



**Horsing around**

Jason Longfellow, owner of Longfellow Gardens in the former Langdoc Appliance building, made good use of his wares to create a fall harvest scene. Longfellow purchased the wagon and loaded it with pumpkins, gourds, squash, mums and Indian corn. The horse was made from straw and features a broom corn mane. Soon it will be time for the business to switch gears and décor as Halloween nears.

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### Volunteers needed to keep Christmas lights

With this letter, we hope to galvanize the community to help with the McFerren Park light display. This goes beyond just the one day volunteer ask, we truly need people who are willing to join us in committing to the "committee" and/or to assisting throughout the season.

When the lights were originally purchased and the show began, the Light Up McFerren Park committee was about 15 members strong. Our late mayor, Bill Cruisenberry and friend, Randy Carter, were able to inspire a passion for this project in so many people. On the day of our first light setup we had almost 90 community members come out to help put these displays together and get them set up.

Fast forward 10 years, and many of the original dreamers have sadly passed away, or simply worn themselves out. The setup days have dwindled to 10-15 consistent volunteers showing up year after year. And while we are incredibly grateful for their help, they are tired, and the job isn't simply a one day job.

As anyone who has home Christmas lights knows, after you put them up comes the difficult part of running drop cords, setting up animation timers, and ultimately checking out the display night after night to fix those in the moment issues. All of which is now on the shoulders of just on to two people, who cannot possibly be in the park every single day.

We are imploring the community to consider joining our committee and committing to facilitating this light display beyond setup day. As it stands now, we have every intention of putting up the lights on **October 26, 2024 starting at 8am.**

The harsh reality though, is that in order for this to

come back next year, or even be finished in time for Holiday in Hoopeston 2024, we need help. Our committee only meets in person one time a year, and then we come together in the most magical way to pull these lights together. If you and your family are interested in committing to making sure the McFerren Park light display comes back for many years to come, please contact us on our Facebook page or by calling Russ Leigh at 217-283-9336.

Sincerely,

Russ Leigh & Elizabeth Silver

### A blinded America

The moral decay of America and the World has come to such a point in history that many religious leaders believe that God could any day say enough! Let the judgment begin!

Some two thousand years ago, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, brought the spirit of his beloved disciple John to Heaven, to tell him what to write on the Book to be called Revelation.

As directed, St. John, in that book, detailed what was going to take place in the future as God punishes Mankind for their failure to obey Him.

But, also, before Christ ascended to Heaven, he told his disciples that, he would ask God the Father, to send the Holy Spirit to Earth to guide them, and he did.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they too wrote books and letters telling of Jesus future return to earth to destroy the wicked.

Even in America today, we see that hate against God's people, meaning the Jewish and Christians, is growing out of hand. In Matthew 24 Jesus said there will be "Great tribulation" before he comes back,

### From the Blotter

**Arsana Stuckey**, 25, of Chicago, was charged with speeding after a traffic stop at 12:06 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of South Dixie Hwy. She was released from the scene on a notice to appear in Vermillion County Traffic Court.

**Belinda Solis**, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday at Main and Market. She was charged with driving while license revoked and illegal transportation of alcohol and was also found to e wanted on a Vermillion County warrant.

She was processed at the police station and released

on notices to appear in Vermillion County Court.

**Dayton Welch**, 18, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 10:44 p.m. Wednesday at West Orange and South First Ave. He was charged with operating uninsured vehicle and was released on a notice to appear in Vermillion County Traffic Court.

### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:22 a.m. Tuesday to John Greer Grade School, 609 W. Main, for

**See FIRE on other side**

"and except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved."

It is sad that we let the unbelievers take over America. Now they are so sure they can win the election merely by supporting all those things which in God's Word are evil and ungodly.

Now we do not have the gumption to say. Sorry ladies and gentlemen, but God forbids Same-sex intercourse and marriage! God made that known when He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, and three other cites, by brimstone and fire from Heaven.

God also forbids many other things in his word and in his commandments.

Nor do we dare say, Sorry ladies, but once you are pregnant there is another body inside you, a human baby growing, and God says love your children, and God forbites murdering an innocent baby. In other words, you do not have a right to kill him/or her.

That baby God formed and gave a spirit while in you he made male or female. God knows what is best for each of us. No human being has a right to change that!

So how in the world an America who once trusted in God become so blinded!

Obviously, started trusting in Man instead of God! Forgetting about God and His love, an His just laws.

Now what God called Good, Man calls Evil. Those who believe in God and are good, are now being called evil. As prophesied, persecution of Christians has started and will only get worse!

Jesus said he always said what God told him to say, or what he taught him. So his prophesy is what God told him and it is coming true! Even our once Christian nation is falling apart at the Seams! Forgive us LORD!

Manuel Ybarra, Jr.  
Coalgate, OK

### Letters to the Editor policy

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## Sports



Photo provided

The Check 'N Out team is exuberant after Ryan Anderson won the 2024 DeKalb County Fair NTPA Grand Nationals in Sandwich, IL. The win marks the second Grand National in Anderson's pulling career.

## Anderson's Check 'N Out tops national pull competition

It was a year of ups and downs but in the end. Ryan Anderson and his 1972 International 1256 were on top of the competition at the DeKalb County Fair NTPA Grand Nationals, held September 5-7 in Sandwich, IL.

Pulling in the Hi Torque GN Super Farm Tractors category, the difference between first and second place was this close, with Anderson pulling 341.935 and Jon Silsby, of Union City, Mich., at 341.385.

Anderson went into the final two hooks of the season two points behind the NTPA Grand National Super Farm points leader. A first place win Saturday afternoon left Team Check 'N Out gaining three points, leaving them with a one point lead going into Saturday night pulls.

At the tail end of the draw, Anderson and his team watched tractor after tractor, waiting for their shot. "We stayed the course and ran our tractor the way we know how," Anderson said. "Our run went smoothly, giving us our second first place finish of the day and making our team the 2024 NTPA Grand National Superfarm Champion!"

This is the second Grand National Anderson and his team has earned. The first was in 2021. The win put the

team's season with five first place finishes, one second place and three finishes outside the Top 5.

Several family members and friends were on hand to witness the win. This season, which had its share of struggles, was dedicated to David Anderson, Ryan's dad and one of his biggest supporters. Mr. Anderson died in March 2023.

Anderson might be the man in the driver's seat but he knows his team plays a large part in the success of Check 'N Out.

After the win, Anderson thanked his sponsors, Greene Stairs, Super Rooster Motorsports, Apex Turbo Salenbien Performance, Corsa Data Acquisition, CM Pulling Tires, Pro Puller Tires, BAD Gear and Wimer Fuel Injection.

He also thanked his crew - Robert Danner, DJ McCalla and Justin Jeffries - for "all the hours, blood, sweat and tears you put into this team," his family: wife, Megan, daughter Faith "and all the family who supports us, pulls with us and prays with us and for us.

"We'll take some time to rest, look back and reflect on this season, then on to 2025!"

## Legion Auxiliary prepares for Wreaths Across America Day

Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary Post #384 is participating in the Wreaths across America Day, December 14 and are selling wreaths now until November 1.

Order forms are available at area businesses, churches and from any ALA member. You can also reach out to us

on Facebook at [American Legion Auxiliary Post 384](#).

Each December, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 2,500 locations in all U.S. states. Join us by sponsoring a veteran's wreath for \$17 or 3 for \$50.

Please join us for our Remembrance ceremony at 11 a.m. December 14 at Floral Hill cemetery. For more information or volunteer opportunities please contact Nikki Wilson 217-495-2274 or Cheryl Edwards 217-799-2148.

## Court Dispositions

August 14

**Torrey W. Robinson**, Hoopeston, paid fine in full, case closed.

**Larry R. Pickreign**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Larry R. Pickreign**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Gilda C. Luna**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Derek A. Evans**, Mackinaw, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Theodore J. Cano**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Angelia Chamberlain**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for breach of peace, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Kayla R. Waddell**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for restraint of dogs, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

## Fire continued from other side

an active fire alarm. The source of the alarm was found. No injuries were reported.

Fire and police personnel were called at 1:01 p.m. Wednesday to North Seventh St. and East McNeil for a report of a small brush fire. The fire was put out and no injuries were reported.

## Weather

Sunny today. High 81. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 55. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 77, low 51. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 70, low 42.

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a fulltime Street & Alley position. Applicants must have CDL or ability to obtain one within 60 days of hire. Ability to operate and maintain equipment a plus. For more information, call City Hall, 217-283-5833. Applications may be picked up and returned to City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

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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.

### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 324 S. Market. Reopening sale Saturday, 10-5. New items have been added!

HOOPESTON: 808 S. Fourth St. (in alley) Friday & Sat, 8-? Men's, women's clothing, some new. Lots of boys & girls clothing, size 6 up. Halloween costumes. Lots of other things.

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