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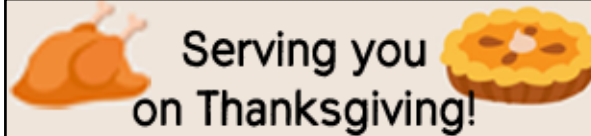


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Thanksgiving dinner costs less nationally, higher in Vermilion

Cooking a Thanksgiving feast for your friends and family will cost less than last year but will still be more expensive than before the pandemic. The American Farm Bureau Federation's 39th annual Thanksgiving dinner survey provides a snapshot of the national average cost of this year's classic holiday feast for 10, which is \$58.08 or about \$5.80 per person.

This is a five percent decrease from 2023, which was 4.5 percent lower than 2022. Two years of declines don't erase dramatic increases that led to a record high cost of \$64.06 in 2022. Despite the encouraging momentum, a Thanksgiving meal is still 19 percent higher than it was in 2019, which highlights the impact inflation has had on

food prices – and farmers' costs – since the pandemic.

A similar survey conducted in Vermilion County showed shoppers can find the same meal for a cost of \$58.99, slightly higher than the national average for the first time in 25 years. The local prices went up nine percent over last year.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables – the turkey – helped bring down the overall cost of dinner. The average price for a 16-pound turkey is \$25.67. That is \$1.60 per pound, down six percent from last year, with the local price at \$1.49 per pound.

Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices Nov. 1-
See **DINNER** on Page 3

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Good Friends Bring Great Joy

Do you have a best friend? I have several and they mean the world to me. Three live in another state and some live right here in town! I am blessed with loving people who are always near when needed! One never knows when they may need help. Now you're thinking, "People always need help", Yes and No.

Let's start with "No". Sometimes folks find it easier to get help if they seem to be helpless! Yes, it's true and easy to say, "I don't know how to do that" or "I really have a hard time understanding how it should be done!" Then a good friend steps in to help! I can't believe the number of times I've been stumped and really needed the help. Then someone was there to help me. Maybe the help is just a phone call to let you know that they are thinking of you. Maybe it's a knock on the door and someone to give a hug and a prayer! Maybe a letter in the mail to let me know I matter to them. Cost is 0, the reward is smiles and joy! Knowing I have someone to call, night or day is a real blessing! Hearing from them touches my heart and is a really good friend.

Perhaps you need words of advice and help with a problem. I'll be there! Just last week I got myself into a pickle, in other words, trouble. I did not know where to turn or how to get out of the mess. Then my dear friend came to mind and I picked up the phone, called my friend and told her it was a 911 call! She said she would be right over so we could go for a ride.

I've found that getting out of the house, where the problem may be, is the best way to talk your problems through. After the ride and a soda, I knew everything would be alright! Friends, new or that you've had for a lifetime, are wonderful! I only use that word only when someone or something is truly WONDERFUL.

Friends, new ones or lifelong ones are all important! Hold on to your great, good friends! Let them know you want them, you need them. That they are important and give you great joy! Friends, new ones, long time ones, old ones and ones you just met, are all needed and wonderful.. My Good Friends bring me great joy all the time. So today make a phone call, write a note to a friend or 2 or 3 and let them know, they BRING YOU GREAT JOY. It's true...



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7, before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. According to USDA Agricultural Marketing Service data, the average per-pound feature price for whole frozen turkeys declined further during the second week of November. Consumers who have not yet purchased a turkey may find additional savings in the days leading up to Thanksgiving.

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient for a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers. This basic shopping list has stayed the same for the 39 years to allow for comparison. In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, potatoes and frozen green beans. Adding these to the classic menu increased the overall cost to \$77.33 nationally, and \$71.43 locally. Our local ham prices were considerably lower than the national average.

"We are seeing modest improvements in the cost of a Thanksgiving dinner for a second year, but America's families, including farm families, are still being hurt by high inflation," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall.



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Briefly

Thanksgiving closings

- Hoopeston Public Library will be closed Thursday-Saturday this week. It will reopen with regular hours on Monday, December 2.
- Hoopeston administration office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. Trash pickup will be one day late for regular Thursday and Friday pickup. Recycling will be picked up Saturday.
- Just the Facts will be printed Monday and Wednesday this week. There will be no Friday paper.

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Thanksgiving dinner

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For more information, call (765) 376-9868 or (815) 984-4442.

From the Blotter

Higinio Vela Jr., 58, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:47 a.m. Saturday to La Casa del Sol, 1010 W. Chestnut.

Vela was taken into custody on preliminary charges of disarming a police officer, battery to a police officer, resisting/obstructing a police officer, criminal damage to state supported property, aggravated assault and disorderly conduct.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.

Jared Zollar, 38, of Rossville, was arrested at 2:39 a.m. Sunday in the 1000 block of East Orange. He was charged with driving while license revoked and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Death Notices

HUGHES - Deborah Jean Hughes, 61, of Boscobel, Wis., died at 4:23 a.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024, at her sister's home in Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Rain likely today, tonight. High 41, low 30. Tomorrow. Mostly sunny. High 39, low 19. Friday, mostly sunny. High 28, low 14. Saturday, chance of snow. High 27, low 13. Sunday, sunny. High 25, low 12.

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



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HELP WANTED

City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for Animal Control Officer. The city will hire a part-time control officer to share the duties of the position. Candidates would be responsible for enforcing State, County and City codes and ordinances governing animal control including the care and treatment, impounding, quarantine, vaccinations, and regulation of a variety of animals. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or equivalent and must be comfortable with aggressive animals. Candidates will be sent to the required training necessary for the position. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment-application/.

Hoopeston Police Dispatcher: Full-time position, swing shift. Benefit package and training will be available. Highly motivated self-starter, able to multitask, dependable, reliable, computer & office skills needed. Applications at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment or in person at City Hall 301 W Main St., Hoopeston, IL Any questions, please call 217-283-5196 Police Department.

Hoopeston Public Library is looking for someone to do snow removal on the property this winter. Work will include clearing all sidewalks, entrance areas, and steps before the library opens, salting all walkways, and retreating/re-shoveling as needed. Must be at least 18 years old. Call Tricia Freeland at the library 217-283-6711 for more details.

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Bradley Hardcastle
City Clerk