

MISS HOOPESTON SCHOLARSHIP DINNER
 Friday, January 10th, 5-8 pm
 First Church of God,
 1004 E Orange St, Hoopeston

Free will donations will go toward a scholarship for our outgoing Miss Hoopeston 2024 Alexa Bailey. Alexa is a student at Greenville University where she majors in psychology and criminal justice, with a minor in forensics.

Menu
 Pulled pork dinner served with mac & cheese, green beans, and assorted desserts

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ALEXA BAILEY CHARISSA JOHNSON CLOE PETERSON MEGHAN SIMPSON

Alexa Bailey to crown new Miss Hoopeston from field of three

As Alexa Bailey's reign as 2024 Miss Hoopeston is comes to an end, one of three local women will wear the crown in the new year.

Charissa Johnson, Cloe Peterson and Meghan Simpson hope to be Miss Hoopeston 2025. They will compete Saturday during the annual Hoopeston Community Awards and Miss Hoopeston ceremony, sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees.

Johnson, a 2024 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School, is the daughter of Roy and Laura Johnson. She currently attends Danville Area Community College with the ambition of earning a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Peterson, also a 2024 graduate of HAHS, will attend college in the fall, on her path to becoming a teacher. Her parents are Scott and Casey Peterson.

Simpson is the daughter of Richard and Dona Simpson. A 2023 Hoopeston Area graduate, she currently attends the University of Kentucky, working towards a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Contestants will face a panel of judges, competing in formal wear, as well as an interview and responses

to an impromptu question.

The event will also feature awards presented by Hoopeston Jaycees, to those who have contributed to their community.

Originally to be held at the Lorraine Theatre, the theater's restoration project resulted in the event being moved to the Hoopeston Area High School auditorium. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 1 p.m.

From the Blotter

Alex Curtis, 34, of Bradley, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 7:57 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of West Orange. Cited for driving while registration suspended, he was given a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic Court.

Baylee Bushong, 23, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 9:54 p.m. Saturday at North Market and East Seminary. Charged with driving motor vehicle with expired registration, she was released on

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 We start breakfast at 6 a.m.
 Breakfast M-F: 6-10 a.m.
 Sat: 6-11 a.m., Sun.: 6-11 a.m.
 Breakfast Buffet 7-10 a.m. Sat.



Daily Specials

Monday: Meatloaf, Spaghetti, 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

Briefly

Free community lunch

Chestnut Street Church of Christ will hold a free community lunch from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the church, 709 E. Chestnut. The menu will include chili, pie, coffee and hot chocolate.

Food cupboard needs

Grant Township Food Cupboard current needs are spaghetti noodles, canned corn, paper towels and toilet paper.

The food cupboard is in the Grant Township office



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HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

Court Dispositions

November 13

Avery Bryant, Danville, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered, \$180 fine issued with 10 days to abate; status hearing December 11.

Ted E. Finnell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered. He complied and was find court costs only, of \$80; status hearing December 11.

Jacob S. Cordes, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dogs, fined \$180; status hearing December 11.

Jennifer M. Watkins, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for disorderly conduct, default entered, fined \$230; status hearing December 11.

Robert A. Bane, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty at initial appearance for battery; trial set for December 11.

December 11

Matthew A. Blurton, Potomac, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.

Jeffrey A. Davis, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restrictions for burning trash, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.

Brian P. Grills, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance for general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing February 12.

Donald E. Underwood Jr., failed to appear at initial appearance for breach of peace, default entered, fined \$180; status hearing January 8.

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a notice to appear in county traffic court.

A **traffic stop** at 1:57 a.m. Sunday resulted in a ticket for Nathan Blanton, 30, of Hoopeston. Charged with driving while license revoked, he was released on a notice to appear in traffic court. His vehicle was towed from the scene, at West Washington and South Second Ave.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Youth Jam, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, upstairs. This week, Hero Kids and Board Games.

Kids STEAM, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, downstairs. This week, Pour Painted Snowflake Decorations.

January adult craft: coat hanger snowflake. Back by popular demand, 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13. Preregistration is required. To sign up, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by the library, 110 N. Fourth St..

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:47 p.m. Saturday to a reported gas leak in the 43600 block of Cheneyville Rd. The meter was turned off and gas company alerted. HFD cleared without incident.

Firefighters were called at 4:24 p.m. Saturday to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange, for an active fire alarm. Personnel cleared without incident.

Death Notices

BOILS - Melody Kay Boils, 62, of Hoopeston, died at 1:12 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

BROWN - Nancy Brown, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 8:28 a.m. Friday, January 3, 3035, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

JEROME - Angelique Jerome, 66, of rural Hoopeston, died at 10:47 a.m. Thursday, January 2, 2025, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today. High 22. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 5. Tomorrow, sunny, increasing clouds late. High 20, low 9.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Fast Lanes is seeking kitchen help. Apply in person at 719 W. Elm. No phone calls, please.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full-time water department employee. The successful candidate must have a valid driver's license; Class B CDL with airbrake endorsement or ability to obtain one; high school diploma or equivalent; a positive attitude and willingness to learn; strong work ethic. Punctuality and attendance are important for this position. There is opportunity for advancement with the proper training and certification. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment.

Dependable person to shovel snow as needed at Hoopeston Public Library. Must clear and apply salt to all sidewalks, entrance areas and steps before 9 a.m. daily. Must be at least 18 years old. We provide shovel and salt. Call Tricia Freeland at the library, 217-283-6711.

The 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.

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