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**Briefly**

**Meetings**  
**Rossville Village Board**, special meeting, 5 p.m. Monday, village office. The board is expected to take action on property matters, including selling real property at 217 Perry and approving a Realtor/auctioneer agreement for selling the property; reject or approve bids for 106 E. Attica and how to proceed in selling that property; and discussion of properties at 306 / 308 Maple, after demolition, lien and possible foreclosure of lien. Full agenda is at [villageofrossville.org](http://villageofrossville.org).

**Hoopeston Police Pension meeting**, 5 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include public comment, old business and new business of adding a new member.

**Rossville Zoning Board of Appeals meeting**, 6 p.m. Thursday, village office. Agenda items include reviewing minutes from previous meeting and amendment rezoning property in Stufflebeam's first additional from B-1 to R2.

**Hoopeston Area School Board** will meet in special session at 9 a.m. Saturday at The Legion, 502 E. Penn, for a board retreat.

**P.E.P. Party**  
Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its free monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so. All are welcome to come.

**At the library**  
Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Littles at 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. 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. This week,

Cardboard Loom Weaving. Make your own woven bookmark or coaster. Take your loom home to work on other projects.

**Kids' STEAM**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week's project is Melting Snowman Blow Painting.

**WMD meeting**  
Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Masonic Star Lodge, Hoopeston. Women 18 and older interested in attending may contact us on our Facebook page or email [hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com](mailto:hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com).

**From the Blotter**

**Akeem Blackwell**, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:27 a.m. Wednesday to the 1100 block of Savannah Ct. He was charged with violating an order of protection.

Blackwell was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Zachary Ramsey**, 31, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured vehicle after an accident at 5:44 p.m. Thursday at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Police said Ramsey, in a 2012 Toyota, and Christopher Park, 47, also of Hoopeston, in a 2013 Ford, were northbound on Rt. 1 after stopping at the intersection, Park admitted fault in striking the rear end of Ramsey's car, police said.

Ramsey was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court. No injuries were reported.

**Riley Miller**, 19, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 12:16 a.m. Thursday at South Second Ave. and West Orange. Charged with operating an uninsured vehicle, she was released on a notice to appear in county traffic court.

**Chad Baker**, 50, and Renee Chandler, 51, both of Hoopeston, were arrested after a traffic stop at  
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11:42 p.m. Friday in the 800 block of West Main. Police said Baker fled the vehicle, but was apprehended. Upon investigation, he was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, resisting and obstructing, possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment. Chandler was cited for operating uninsured vehicle and registration light not illuminating license plate. She was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Lunch Menus**

**Maple/John Greer**

MONDAY: Chicken Drumsticks, corn, applesauce, cucumber slices, milk  
 TUESDAY: Quesadilla, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk  
 WEDNESDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, baby carrots, pears, milk  
 THURSDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, bread & butter, pineapple, milk  
 FRIDAY: French bread pizza, salad, mixed fruit, Veggie juice, milk

**Hoopeston Area Middle School**

MONDAY: Orange Chicken, rice, corn, veggies, applesauce, milk  
 TUESDAY: Cheeseburger, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk  
 WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese, chili, salad bar, pears, milk  
 THURSDAY: Ham & au gratin potatoes, corn, veggies, pineapple, milk  
 FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

**Hoopeston Area High School**

MONDAY: Orange Chicken or hot ham & cheese, rice, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice  
 TUESDAY: Cheeseburger or hotdog, fries, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice  
 WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese or BBQ/bun, chili, salad bar, pears, milk, juice  
 THURSDAY: Ham & au gratin potatoes or cheeseburger/bun, corn, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice  
 FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

The vehicle was towed from the scene. **No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 9:46 a.m. Friday at Gibson City clinic, 701 S. Dixie Hwy. Police said Gail Lane, 62, of Hoopeston, backed a 2017 Buick SUV from a parking space and hit a 2018 Ford SUV, driven by Payton Frederick, 24, of Hoopeston. **Dylan Glenn**, 18, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after an accident at 11:14 p.m. Saturday at East Honeywell and North Sixth St. Police said Glenn lost con-

**Fire Calls**

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 7:32 a.m. Thursday for mutual aid for Wellington Fire Department for smoke inside a basement in the 100 block of 2400 East Rd. in Iroquois County. **HFD was dispatched** at 9:04 a.m. Thursday to Rt. 9 and Cheneyville Rd. for a report of vehicle vs. semi with unknown injuries. Hoopeston police were also dispatched to stand by until state police arrived.

**Obituaries**

**GUDEMAN** - Jeffrey Dale "Jethro" Gudeman, 68, of Wellington, died at 2 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025, at OSF in Urbana. He will be cremated. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com). **PONDER** - Robert Howard Ponder, 85, of Wellington, died at 6:30 p.m. January 19, 2025, at Newman Rehabilitation Center. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com).

**Court Dispositions**

**January 8**

**Trevor M. Finnell**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance for general nuisance. He did not comply and was fined \$180; status hearing March 12.

**Weather**

Sunny, breezy today. High 44. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 28. Tomorrow, sunny. High 47, low 31. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

trol of his vehicle and struck the guy wire /power pole at the intersection. Glenn was cited for reckless driving and driving too fast for conditions and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court. **Travis Stafford**, 21, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 10:01 p.m. Saturday. Charged with only one red taillight, he was released from the scene on a notice to appear in county traffic court.

**Classifieds**

**HELP WANTED**

Fast Lanes is seeking kitchen help and part time waitress. M.M hours and some weekend morning or evening shifts. Experience helpful but not necessary.. NO PHONE CALLS. Please come in for an application.

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/](http://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](http://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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