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**Briefly**  
**Church has Infant Needs Center**  
First Christian Church of Hoopston offers a service to parents of children ages birth to three. The Infant Needs Center provides free diapers, wipes, baby bath, and other baby products to those who qualify. The program is open 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 502 E. Main. Enter on the side door on Fourth St. To qualify, parents must live in the Hoopston Area school district; provide proof of child (birth certificate/medical card) and a document with the parent's name and address, such as a driver's license.  
**Breast cancer support**  
Hoopston 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 February

20. 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.  
**HA pep band to perform in Bloomington**  
The Hoopston Area High School pep band will perform March 7 at Grossinger Motors Arena during a Bloomington Bison game. The game starts at 7 p.m. Community members who want to support the band can purchase tickets by contacting Sophie Small at [smallse@hoopston.k12.il.us](mailto:smallse@hoopston.k12.il.us). Reduced tickets cost \$20.  
**At the library**  
Hoopston Public Library will be closed Monday for Presidents' Day.

Happy Golden Birthday,  
**Anna!**  
Love,  
Grandpa & Grandma

Roses are red, violets are blue  
get your girl roses & save money, too!  
**VALENTINE'S DAY SALE**  
Roses: 1/\$2.50; 6/\$14; 12/\$28.50  
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**COWBOY CHURCH**  
A ministry of the Chestnut St. Church of Christ  
709 E. Chestnut St., Hoopston IL 60942  
**Sunday, February 16, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**  
**OUR SPECIAL GUESTS**  
**JIM MITCHELL & FAMILY**  
Music begins at 6 p.m. with our House Band



Join us this weekend for  
**Prime Rib**  
 at Rossville  
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 Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
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 **Hoopeston Lions Club Raffle**  
 2025 Fundraising Campaign  
 Drawing April 1, 2025

1st - 1/4 Beef  
 2nd - 1/2 hog  
 3rd - \$100 Kirby Foods Gift Card  
 4th - \$50 112 Gift Card  
 5th - \$50 The Pump Gift Card

Only 300 to be Sold  
 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50  
 Contact Russ @ 217-283-9336

**BILLINGSLEY** - Heather Marie Billingsley, 48, passed away January 24, 2025, at her residence.

Heather was born January 2, 1977 to Ronald H. Billingsley and Judith Ann Unzicker in Danville. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, shopping at the thrift stores, hiking in the mountains, and traveling to Hot Springs in Colorado. She enjoyed spending time with Alicia, her friend, and going out of state with her on their family trips. She was a talented crafter and could make something out of nothing. She was a beloved grandma, daughter, sister and mother. She adored to play around and dance with her granddaughter Layla, and play dress up and do karaoke. She loved to video chat with her other grandchild, Chris Jr and her son Christopher. She was a very strong-willed and resourceful person, an amazing friend to all.



**HEATHER BILLINGSLEY**

In addition to her mother, Heather is survived by her children: Christopher (Shawna) Billingsley, Mckenzie Funk, Mckayla (Nicholas) Funk; grandchildren, Layla Rae Marie and Christopher Jr.; her brothers, Jonathan and Bryan Billingsley and nephew, Nicolas (Meghan) Billingsley and Lucien Billingsley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Crosspoint Human Services Domestic Violence Women Shelter.

Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis is assisting the family with arrangements.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.

**HARDCASTLE** - Kazuko Hardcastle, 92, of Hoopeston, passed away at 1:22 p.m. Sunday, February 9, 2025, in Hoopeston. She was born March 9, 1932, in Kyoto, Japan, the daughter of Toshio and Tatsuko Fujioka. She married John Wesley Hardcastle August 20, 1957, in Kobe, Japan. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Christine Hardcastle of Champaign; one son, John E. (Leslie) Hardcastle of Hoopeston; three grandchildren, Mandi Hardcastle, Brad-

ley (Alexis) Hardcastle, and Ariel (Aaron) Foster; and five great-grandchildren, Audra Powell, Alec, Alan, and Ezra Foster, and Syna Price.

In addition to her husband, Kazuko was preceded in death by her parents.

Kazuko worked at Howard Industries and later at Schmacher Electric until her retirement. In her later years, she worked at McDonald's in Hoopeston. She enjoyed making origamis, watching sports, and reading the newspaper. She also enjoyed socializing with her friends and spending time with her family.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A visitation will be held 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. A memorial service will follow the visitation, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date at Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Kazuko's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

**HOLLEN** - Roger Gail "Sweeney" Hollen, 80, of Grand Prairie, TX, formerly of Hoopeston, passed away February 7, 2025, at Coral Rehabilitation and Nursing in Arlington, TX. He was born on February 19, 1944, in Prairie Green Township, the son of Russell B. and Thelma May (Highfill) Hollen.



**ROGER HOLLEN**

Roger is survived by his daughter, Debra Mae (Trinidad) Rivera of Grand Prairie, TX; his son, Phillip Lee (Dee) Hollen of Richardson, TX; five grandchildren, Amelia Mae (Dharyl) Daduya, Richard A. Rivera, Emily (Adam) Ener, Kyle

## Weather

Increasing clouds today. High 32. Tonight, snow likely, then rain/snow. Low 27. Tomorrow, rain/snow likely. High 38, low 19. Sunday, chance of snow, then cloudy. High 24, low -2.

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

## Obituaries

Hollen, and Drew Marshall; four great-grandchildren, Magnolia Ener, Anderson Ener, Isabella Daduya, and Kavant Matthews-Marshall; and four nieces and nephews, Russell (Marty) Borders, Cathy (Roger) Uden, David (Rhonda) Borders, and Kristine McCoy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Janice (Roy) Borders; one brother, Robert "Bob" (Jan) Hollen; and two nephews, Donald Hollen and Gilbert Borders.

Roger worked for several years at Quaker Oats in Danville, before joining Silgan, where he retired in 2004 after 30 years of service. He was a member of the First Church of God and had a passion for fishing, camping in his RV, and woodworking. He was also a devoted fan of Indiana and Cornjerker basketball. Before moving to Texas, he cherished his yearly trips there to visit his children and grandchildren, creating lasting memories with his family.

Roger was a man whose kindness, goofy humor, and love touched all who knew him. He had a quick wit and a knack for making people laugh, always ready with a joke or a playful tease. Whether he was cracking jokes, pulling harmless pranks, or just being his lovable, silly self, he made every moment with family and friends a little brighter.

Visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. Monday, February 17, 2025, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the funeral home, with Pastor Micah Mobley officiating. Burial will follow at Floral Hill Cemetery in Hoopeston.

Memorial donations may be made in Roger's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Roger's tribute page and send condolences to the family. Arrangements are being handled by Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

**FRITZ** - Byrl A. Fritz, 63, of Rossville, died at his home February 7, 2025. Private family services will be held. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

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