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**From the Blotter**

**Gale Savage**, 66, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 9:40 p.m. Friday to the 500 block of North Tenth Ave. A 20-year Hoopeston man reported a vehicle had been damaged.

After an investigation, police charged Savage with criminal damage to property. He was processed at the police station and released on a notice to appear in Ver-

milion County Circuit Court.

**David Clark**, 18, of Henning, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 11:06 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of East Main. He was charged with driving while license suspended and no insurance. After being processed at the police station, he was released on traffic citations and a date to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Briefly**

**Meetings**

•Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include discussion on a proposed wind farm, BHRA request for post prom donation; advertise for bids for the 2025 tar/chip program and discuss employee health insurance for the new fiscal year. Complete agenda is at [villageoffrossville.org](http://villageoffrossville.org).

—The village police, health and safety committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. to review activity for the month and discuss signage for the Circle Academy bus loading zone, training for school resource officers and the possibility of an intergovernmental agreement with Hoopeston Police Department to jointly use HPD's firing range.

—The finance and purchasing committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. to review minutes, bills and treasurer's report.

•Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include changes to the chicken and powered bicycle/scooter ordinances; resolution approving contract with Arrow Ambulance; fireworks

**Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:56 p.m. Wednesday for a report of a stove catching fire in the 700 block of First Ave. The fire was extinguished and the department left without further incident.

donation; council consent for personnel changes, creation of public works department and appointment of a manager; and semi tractors in residential neighborhoods.. Complete agenda and Zoom link at [cityof-hoopeston.com](http://cityof-hoopeston.com).

—The council will meet at 6 p.m. as a committee of the whole to review ordinance changes.

•Grant Butler Multi-Township Assessment board special meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the township office, 525 S. Market. The meeting is being held to appoint an assessor for the remainder of this term, as well as the next elected term.

**At the library**

**There will be no Kids STEAM or Youth Jam** Thursday, March 20.

**Hoopeston Public Library** needs metal cookie tins for an upcoming children's activity. Plain ones are needed, (like the ones Grandma uses for her sewing supplies) not Christmas-themed tins. They can be dropped off at the children's room.

**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 March 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.

**Happy 75th Birthday**  
To my brother  
**Terry Beauvois**

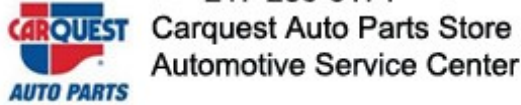
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## Obituaries

**GAFFNEY** - Patricia Ann Gaffney, 71, of Hoopeston, passed away at 6:46 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2025, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville. She was born July 15, 1953, in Woodbury, TN, the daughter of James and Nola (McGregor) Lemmons. She married Eric S. Gaffney November 27, 1993, in Rossville. He survives in Hoopeston.

She is also survived by three sisters, Glenda Wisniewski of Florence, SC, Wanda (Henry) Dowers of Westville, and Sandra Lemmons of Huntington, IN; two brothers, James "Larry" Lemmons of St. Louis, MO, and Tony Lemmons of Fort Worth, TX; her in-laws, Joe and Teri Gaffney of Hoopeston; brother-in-law, Jeff Gaffney; and six nieces and nephews, Ian Gaffney, Zack Gaffney, Hannah Thrasher, Lacie Maxfield, Lexy Chilcott, and Lindsey Lemmons.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Michael "Mikey" Lemmons.

Patricia worked at ESCO and later, USF Holland as a dispatcher until her retirement. She was a member of the Teamsters #26. She loved riding motorcycles with her husband and was a member of the State Line Riders. Patricia had many hobbies which included golfing, watching Illini football, cooking, canning, and tending to her gardens. She also enjoyed taking Jeep rides with her friends, exploring new restaurants, "Girls Day Out" on New Year's Day, attending family gatherings, and Saturday game nights during Covid.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated, and a private memorial service will be held.

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

## Weather

Sunny today. High 52. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 41. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, breezy; cloudy late. High 68, low 53.

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



PATRICIA GAFFNEY

**SCHWARZ** - Wilhelm E. Schwarz, 83, of rural Rossville, passed away at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He was born May 30, 1941, in Frankfurt, Germany, the son of Julius and Sofie (Schuster) Schwarz. He married Ruth Klatt August 5, 1967, in Chicago. She survives in rural Rossville.

He is also survived by one daughter, Heidi Marie Schwarz (David Hoffman) of Rantoul; two grandsons Jacob David Schwarz and Zachary William Schwarz; two nieces, Anneliese (Tom) Smolic and Maureen Malceki; and several great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, David Michael Schwarz; one sister, Anneliese Schäfer; one brother, Hans; and sister-in-law, Maureen.

Wilhelm worked as a union painter and was a lifetime member of the Chicago Painters Local Union # 147. He served in the United States Army. He was a 40-year member of the American Legion in Stickney, and later Rossville. Wilhelm enjoyed hunting, fishing, and painting birdhouses and nutcrackers. He also enjoyed boating on Lake Michigan, feeding hummingbirds and bird-watching. Wilhelm was an avid Illini fan, working as an usher at Illini football games.

Visitation will be 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2025, at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Stickney. Military rites will be accorded.

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

**BARKER** - Michael Dean "Bubba" Barker, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 5:25 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Visitation will be 3 p.m. until the 6 p.m. funeral Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. He will be cremated after the service. Memorials are suggested to Kankakee Community College Baseball Program, Attn: Athletics, 100 College Dr. Kankakee, IL 60901. Condolences may be shared at [anderson-funeral-home.com](http://anderson-funeral-home.com).



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