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Tuesday, May 6, 2025 · 7:00 PM

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CINCO DE MAYO



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Monday May 5, 2025

Cinco de Mayo: History, Culture, and Celebration

Every May 5th, vibrant colors, festive music, and flavorful foods fill communities across the United States in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. But beyond the festivities lies a rich history and a story of resilience that many people may not fully know.

Cinco de Mayo, which means “Fifth of May” in Spanish, commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1862. On this day, a small, poorly equipped Mexican army achieved an unlikely victory over the powerful French forces under Emperor Napoleon III. The battle didn’t end the French occupation, but it became a symbol of Mexican resistance and pride.

While margaritas and music are part of the fun, it’s also important to take a moment to reflect on what the day truly honors: the courage of those who stood up against impossible odds, and the strength of cultural identity in the face of adversity.

So this Cinco de Mayo, whether you’re attending a local event or just enjoying some Mexican cuisine at home, take a moment to appreciate the history and heritage that make this day so special.



Dim the Lights – The Votes Are In: Mattie Pruitt Shines on *American Idol*

Sixteen-year-old Mattie Pruitt has already heard the iconic words “Dim the lights – the votes are in” more than once this season on American Idol, and each time, she continues to shine brighter.

Mattie is quickly becoming a fan favorite, wowing audiences with her powerful voice and heartfelt performances. With roots in Tennessee and strong family ties to Wellington—where her grandparents live—Mattie spent many childhood summers here, often perched on top of grain bins, dreaming of the bright lights of big cities like Los Angeles. Now, those dreams are coming true.

Among the highlights of her American Idol journey so far: meeting stars like Jelly Roll, Fantasia, and Josh Groban. But for Mattie, the most meaningful part has been connecting with people and discovering the kind of artist she truly wants to be.

“I’ve learned so much through this experience,” she says. “And I can’t thank everyone enough for all the love and support I’ve received.”

Wellington is cheering her on every step of the way—and yes, we’ll be watching and voting as Mattie’s American Idol journey continues. [“America It’s Time to Vote”](#)



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(Child’s burgers not included)

Tuesday’s group is **Bismarck United Methodist Women**

Know a group that would like to sign up? Have them call us at 217-748-6201
Rossville Family Restaurant



The PIT STOP at FAST LANES
 Breakfast Served
 Mon-Sat 5:30-10 am & Sun 5:30 - 11AM
 Breakfast Buffet
 Sat - 7-11 am & Sun. 7-Noon

Lunch Specials - Dinner Specials
 M-T 11am - 1:30 pm M-T 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 F-S 11am - 1:30 pm F-S 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Monday: Spaghetti, Taco Salad and Grilled or Breaded Tenderloins
Tuesday: Chicken Pot Pie, Speedway Burger and Chicken or Beef & Noodles
Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich, or Pork Chops
Thursday: Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp
Friday: Cod, Ribeye Steak, and Pork Rib Dinners
Saturday: Prime Rib and Ribeye Steak Dinners
 Sunday Lunch 11- 1:00 pm

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4-Person Summer Bowling League!
League begins May 29 at Fast Lanes
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Hoopeston Area High School - FFA Plant Sale - Every Saturday!
 Join us at the FFA Greenhouse every Saturday from 8 AM to 12 PM, starting April 26, 2025.
 Browse a beautiful selection of plants and support your local FFA chapter—available while plants last!

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First Baptist Hoopeston Spring Bible Conference
 Sunday May 11th at 6^{pm}
 Monday - Wednesday
 May 12th-14th at 7^{pm}

Originally from Milford. Retired Colonel Charles "Chuck" Fleisher served as military Chaplain and Senior Pastor for 46 years. Please join us in welcoming the Colonel back home, with his wife Kathy. Be inspired by his series on the book of Nehemiah beginning Sunday night at 6PM. Enjoy special music nightly. We look forward to seeing you there!
 323 E Seminary Ave, Hoopeston IL 217-283-6820

Mother's Day Sale
 May 8 - May 10
 Fresh Flower Arrangements
 Plants, Ceramics, Gifts, Wreaths, Decor and more!

Petals, Parties, and Paints

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Monday - Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday 9am - 3pm
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Weather Forecast

Mon 56° 47°
 Tue 68° 52°
 Wed 69° 54°
 Thu 71° 52°



One-of-a-Kind Cornjerker Sweater!
 We are currently doing a PRE-ORDER sale of a one-of-a-kind **Cornjerker Sweater!** Due to the production time and cost, this will be the only time this sweater will be offered.
 The cost of the sweater is \$50.00

Orders can be made online at www.cornjerkerspiritstore.com

Sweaters will be delivered in early September. You can choose the free local pickup at Sundae Funday, or pay to have it shipped to you.

The deadline to PRE-ORDER this sweater is Friday May 30th.

VBS 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 2ND-6TH 9:00^{AM} - 11:45^{AM}
 Ages: Kindergarten - 6th Grade
VBS is Free - Come Join the Fun!
 Games Bible Verses Snacks
 Stories Songs Fun

First Baptist Church
323 E. Seminary Ave
 Sunday School begins at 9:30^{AM}, followed by Morning Worship at 10:30^{AM}. Our Kids/Teen Program and Prayer Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7:00^{PM}.
 Questions? Call us at 217-772-1390
 Need a ride in Hoopeston? Call 217-283-6820

First Church of God - Parking Lot
 Saturday, May 24 at 9AM - 2PM
 Come shop - Rain or Shine - Huge Sale
 Bake Sale, Breakfast Burritos, Food Trucks on sight.

Proceeds go towards youth summer activities
 1004 E Orange St. Hoopeston, IL 60942
www.hoopestonchurch.org

Senior Shout-Outs
 Class of 2025
 Hoopeston Area High School
 We're celebrating the Class of 2025 with Senior Shout-Outs in our May 14, 2025 issue!

- Ad Style 1 - \$15
 Text-only: Up to 4 lines or about 20 words.
- Ad Style 2 - \$20
 Includes a photo and up to 6 lines of text.

Show your senior some love!
 Questions? Contact us anytime.
 Payments accepted via Venmo: @Amy-Coffey-39
 Or drop off in person.

Please email your Shout-Outs and Pictures to sales@corntagiousnews.com.

Classifieds

GARAGE SALES
GARAGE SALE - May 10th -- 7^{am} to 2^{pm} rain or shine. 1112 Savannah Ct Prairie Meadows II, Hoopeston. Furniture, rugs, nicknacks, linens, antiques, home decor, glassware, jewelry and more.
GARAGE SALE - May 9th, & 10th -- 8^{am} to 1^{pm} 402 E. McNeil Ave, Hoopeston. Clothing, shoes, home décor, and more!

HELP WANTED
 Silgan Containers in Hoopeston is hiring Press Operators starting at \$20.32 per hour. We offer a variety of benefits and 401k. Here is the link to apply: Careers - Silgan Containers

Benefit Event
for Mark
Schaumburg



Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

We are pleased to announce a benefit event for Mark Schaumburg, who recently suffered a stroke. The event aims to support Mark and his family during this challenging time, and we invite everyone to participate in this heartfelt gathering.

Date: May 10, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Hoopeston United Methodist Church
Silent Auction

Participants can bid on gift baskets, craft pieces, gift certificates, and more generously donated by local businesses and the community. All proceeds from the auction will go directly to supporting Mark Schaumburg's recovery and medical expenses.

How You Can Help

Whether you attend the dinner, bid in the auction, or simply spread the word, every little bit helps. Together, we can show our support for Mark and his family.

Contact Information

For more details or to inquire about donations and contributions, please contact

Hoopeston United Methodist Church

403 E Main Street

Hoopeston, IL 60942

217-283-6738

HoopestonUMC@gmail.com



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Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

Join us at
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Weekly grief support group

When -Sundays, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Where - United Methodist Church
403 E Main St. Hoopeston
Contact: Kathy Murphy, Pastor
April 27th thru July 27th
HoopestonUMC@gmail.com
217-283-6738
Register by calling or email the office 2 the office
Mon-Thur 8:00 - 12:00



HAMS MAY IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 1: FINE ARTS FESTIVAL/SCIENCE FAIR
MAY 2: SPRING TOUR/2:20 PM DISMISSAL
MAY 3: STUDENT COUNCIL FAREWELL DANCE
MAY 5-9: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
MAY 6: 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP
MAY 7: SCHOOL NURSE APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 14: 40 BOOK CLUB FIELD TRIP
MAY 16: HONOR STUDENT & PARENT BREAKFAST
MAY 19: HONORS DAY ASSEMBLY
MAY 20: 2:20 PM DISMISSAL
MAY 21: 2:20 PM DISMISSAL
MAY 22: LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE/FIELD & REPORT CARD DAY/
12:20 PM DISMISSAL

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OnLine Bonus Page

Thanks for visiting our Bonus Page! When we have extra information that doesn't fit in the printed edition, we'll share it here online.



Hoopeston High School Sports Schedule

5-5-25 - MS Track vs B-H/Rossville-Alvin (T) - 4:15

5-5-25 - HS Baseball vs BHRAT (T) - 4:30

5-5-25 - HS Softball vs Lexington (T)- 4:30



Obituaries

Cox - Marilyn "Kay" Cox, 86, of Cross Planes, Tennessee, formerly of Hoopeston, passed away at 9:16 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Tristar Hendersonville Medical Center, in Hendersonville, TN.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2025, at Floral Hill Cemetery, with Pastor Gary Milton officiating. Memorials may be made to the family. www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com.

Cordova - Eva Cordova, 85, of Wellington, IL, formerly of Hoopeston, IL, passed away at 12:43 P.M. Sunday April 27, 2025, at home. She was born March 24, 1940, in Nuevo León, Mexico, the daughter of Heriberto and Maria (Arredondo) Castellano. She married Guadalupe Cordova in Mexico, and he preceded her in death on July 25, 2023. Cremation rites will be accorded, and private services will be held. Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Eva's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

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