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Adult Community - Hoopeston Illinois

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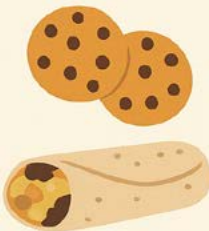


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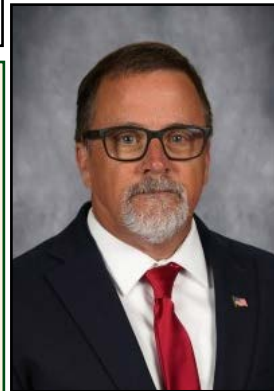
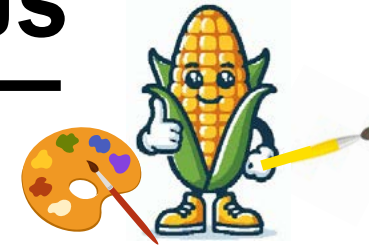
**Bulk Garbage Day is this Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM.**



# CORNTAGIOUS NEWS

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**Wednesday  
May 14, 2025**



## A Legacy in Color: One Art Teacher's Journey Through Creativity and Community

For many, a single moment or person can change the course of their lives, from one dedicated art teacher to another. Carl's high school art teacher said that if he went back to college to become an art teacher, she would retire when he got his degree. Many years later, he is retiring at the end of this year.

His first day in the classroom may be a blur, but what stands out is the warm welcome he received as a new Cornjerker. "I was also hired as an Assistant Football coach," he says, "so I actually showed up to practice before school even started." From the beginning, he wore multiple hats, defining his flexible and community-focused approach throughout his career. Over the years, art education has evolved. "Technology now plays a big role," he explains. "Younger students don't like downtime—they need to stay busy." Still, his love for hands-on, engaging projects never wavered. Some of his favorite lessons were "Any time I can use Jerky to get a lesson taught, especially during Homecoming Week," he says with a laugh.

When asked about standout students or unforgettable moments, he quickly replies, "Too many to list." However, one name that comes to mind is Alex Lugo, a former student who followed in his footsteps and now teaches art in Arcola. "Many of my students have used their artistic abilities in their careers," he says proudly. "I'm unsure how many students I've taught over these years, but I cherish their conversations and hearing about their lives. "All I really want is for them to be successful citizens wherever they end up."

Perhaps the most rewarding part of the job has been witnessing artistic growth. "Watching them blossom as artists over the years makes me proud," he says. As for funny or heartwarming classroom stories, he says, "Too many to list!" When it comes to what art can teach young people, he keeps it simple but powerful: "To try." He encourages his students to embrace mistakes and turn them into something meaningful. "Whatever they end up with is a work of art they created. **Create art, not problems.**" His teaching philosophy centers on flexibility and resilience. "To survive! Be flexible. Make a difference in your students' lives," he says when asked how he defines success. Beyond technique, he hopes his students leave his classroom with creativity, confidence, and the drive to do their best.

After years in the classroom, he looks forward to a slower pace in retirement—but not too slow. "I plan to drive the school bus and maybe sub," he says. "I also hope to hunt more and enjoy living in the country." And yes, art will still play a role. He immediately answers what he'll miss most: "The relationships you build with your students over time." His advice to future art teachers is both practical and heartfelt: "Be flexible, be patient, and utilize your sense of humor." And if he could go back in time? "Invest more!" he says with a knowing grin.

From humble beginnings to a lasting legacy, this art teacher's journey is a beautiful reminder of the impact educators make—not just with paint or pencil, but with compassion, creativity, and care.



Carl Ankenbrand  
Art

## 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.  
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**Happening This Weekend**  
**Wellington - Town Wide Garage Sale**  
 Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

## From The Blotter

**Wanted on Ford Co. Warrant Time:** 12:47 p.m. Location: W. Main St. / S. Dixie Hwy. Arrested: Analyh Zarate (F) (26) of Hoopeston Details:HPD officers conducted a traffic stop at the above location. A computer check revealed Ms. Zarate to have a warrant out of Ford Co. She was transported to HPD for processing, posted bail, and was released.

**Walking on Roadway-When Sidewalk Present** (City Ord 10.28.060) Time: 2:13 a.m. Location: S. 4th St. / E. Orange St. Cited: 14-year-old Hoopeston male juvenile, 17-year-old Hoopeston male juvenile. Details: HPD Officers were out with two juveniles at the above location. The juveniles were cited for the above city ordinance violation and released with an NTA for Hoopeston City Court.

**Mob Action, Disorderly Conduct** - Date/Time:5-6-25 @ 10:29 <sup>pm</sup> Location: 1200 Blk. of Daisy Ln. Cited: 16-year-old Hoopeston male juvenile – Aggravated Battery Public Way, Mob Action, Disorderly Conduct - 17-year-old Hoopeston male juvenile – Mob Action, Disorderly Conduct... 17-year-old Hoopeston male juvenile – Mob Action, Disorderly Conduct. Details: HPD responded to a disturbance in the area. Upon arrival the subjects had left the scene. The above subjects were later located and cited for the above charges. All juveniles were released with an NTA for Vermilion County Court.

**ILCS: Special Restrictions on Lamps-Smoked/Tinted Tail-lights; ILCS: No Rear Registration Plate Light.** Time: 9:15 p.m. Location: S. Dixie Hwy. / W. Orange St. Cited :Alex Carter (M) (34) of Vancouver, WA. Details: HPD officers conducted a traffic stop at the above location. Mr. Carter was cited for the above violations and was given NTA's for Vermilion County Court.

**ILCS: Speeding 45/25** Time: 8:51 p.m. Location: S. 7th St. / E. Thompson Ave. Cited: Ethan Dubois (M) (18) of Bismark Details: HPD officers conducted a traffic stop at the above location. Mr. Dubois was cited for speeding and given an NTA for Vermilion County Court.

**Domestic Battery** Time:11:22 p.m. Location: 700 Blk. of E. Wyman Ave. Arrested: Samuel Doljanin (M) (35) of Hoopeston Details: HPD officers responded to the above address for a domestic disturbance. Upon investigation Mr. Doljanin was arrested, taken to HPD for processing, then was transferred to the PSB in Danville to await arraignment.

**Weather Forecast** Wed - 81\* 64\* Thurs - 88\* 66\*

**Operating Uninsured Vehicle** Time: 12:49 a.m. Location:1300 Blk. of W. Orange St. Cited: Michael Roth (M) (19) of Paxton Details:HPD officers conducted a traffic stop. Mr. Roth was cited for the above violation. He was issued an NTA for Vermilion County Court then released from the scene.

**Expired Registration** Time: 11:46 p.m. Location: 900 Blk. of S. Dixie Hwy. Cited: Shayna Wade (F) (39) of Richton Park, IL Details: HPD officers conducted a traffic stop at the above location. Ms. Wade was cited and issued an NTA for Vermilion County Court then released from the scene.

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**5.31.25**  
 11:00AM-4:00PM  
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 Visit DOWNTOWN HOOPESTON

### Hoopeston Community Blood Drive

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025  
 Time: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
 Location: [First Presbyterian Church](#)  
 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL  
 To schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



### Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group Thursday May 15, 2025 @ 6pm - Fast Lanes -

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Claire, It has been a joy watching you excel academically and in all sports throughout your Junior & High School years. We are so proud of you! Love Mom & Dad 



Gabriel, Wishing you nothing but the best as you embark on this new journey, Love Papa & Gma

*Congratulations, Claire Dixon! Im so proud of you and all your accomplishments throughout your school years. Love you! "Grams"*



Congratulations Dylan Judy. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Love Dad, Mom, Logan, Ethan, and Meadow!



# Senior Shout-Outs

## Class of 2025

### Hoopeston Area High School



Noah,  
Wishing you nothing but the best as you embark on this new journey,  
Love Papa & Gma



Congrats Macy Rayls!! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, & Emma



Congratulations Mollie Anderson, I Love You, Louise



Claire, you have worked hard and dedicated yourself to be the best you could be! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Can't wait to see what the future holds for you! Love, Grandman & Grandpa Fortier



*Congrats*  
CLASS OF 2025



Taylor, Congratulations on your graduation! We are proud of all of your hard work and accomplishments! As you move forward, remember to stay curious, embrace challenges, and never give up! Good luck at SIU! Go Dawgs! Love, Dad, Mom, and Waylon



EllaBug, You are headed for big things! We can't wait to see where this life takes you! Make good choices! -Love Mom & Brian -







Maddie,  
We love you  
and Congratulations  
on your big day!  
Graduation is only  
the beginning of your  
journey. Love, Mom,  
Dad, Rick, Christy  
and Grandparents



*Shoutout to our  
favorite senior,  
Noah Gonzalez!  
We are so proud of  
you! Love, Mom,  
Hunter, Reagan,  
Ry, and Briar*

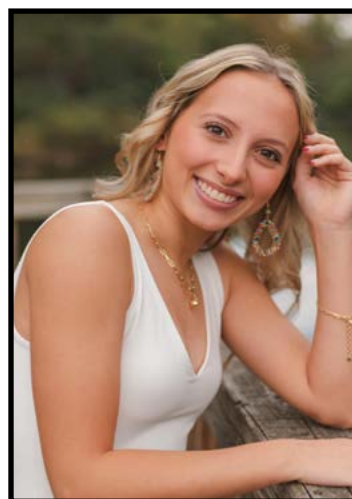


# Senior Shout-Outs

## Class of 2025



### Hoopeston Area High School



Congratulations  
Macy, *Follow  
your Dreams.*  
Your Friends,  
Katie, Emily,  
Amy and Chad

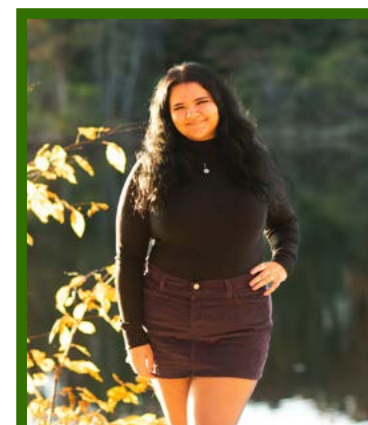


We're proud of  
you, Jacob!  
Love, Mom  
and Dad  
Bobby, Chelsea,  
and Nick

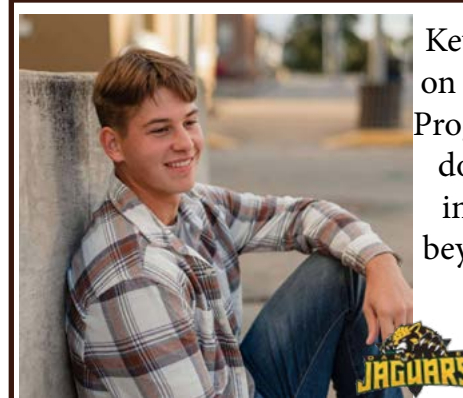
Congratulations to all the  
seniors! We are so proud of  
you and confident that you  
will become the person  
you aspire to be. Be true,  
be kind, be YOU. ❤️



Congratulations,  
Preslee Bogard!  
We're so proud of you as  
you graduate from DACC  
with a degree in Applied  
Science, Majoring  
in Early Childhood  
Education.  
Your hard work and  
dedication have truly  
paid off. Love,  
Mom and Dad



Kennedy, Congratulations!  
We are so proud and  
excited to see what comes  
next for you.  
Love, Mom, Dad & Will



Keygan, Congratulations  
on completing the HVAC  
Program at DACC ! You're  
doing the biggest thing  
in this life! You're wise  
beyond your years! Make  
good choices! -  
Love Dad & Lindsey

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life  
you have imagined." — Henry David Thoreau



Congratulations  
Maggie!  
We are so proud of  
you and can't  
wait to see what the  
future holds!  
Love, mom, dad and  
your sisters  
Class of 2025  
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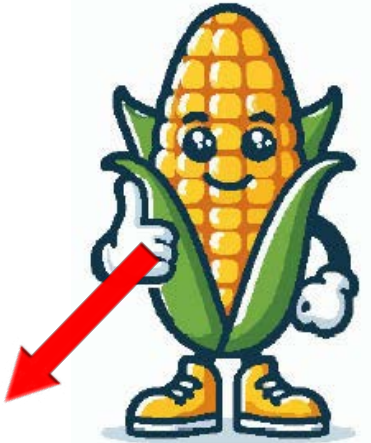
Orders can be made online at [www.cornjerkerspiritstore.com](http://www.cornjerkerspiritstore.com)

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.*




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Here are a few graduation jokes—feel free to pick your favorite

"Remember, today is the last day your parents are proud of you until you get a job."

"Graduation: when you wear a robe and funny hat and pretend you know what you're doing next."

"Congrats, graduates! You've officially learned everything... except how to do your taxes."

"They say follow your dreams... so I'm going back to bed."

## Hoopeston Public Library

### Pictures of old-time grocery stores needed

Longtime Hoopeston residents remember the "Mom & Pop" grocery stores that dotted local neighborhoods from the early 1900s through the late 1960s and early 1970s.

HPL's Illinois Room Archive has collected many names and addresses of those local stores of yesteryear. But missing from the Archive are many photos of those stores and how they looked when they were in business.

So the archive staff needs help. We would like to borrow any old photographs of Hoopeston neighborhood grocery stores to make copies for our files. Your photos will not be harmed and they will be returned.

Anyone with photos is asked to stop by or call 217-283-6711 to make arrangements to drop off your photos.




Do you have an interesting hobby?  
Do you collect something unique or unusual?  
Have you been on any exciting trips lately?

We're looking for a few adults with interesting stories to tell for a summer library program. If you're comfortable speaking in front of a group for 15-30 minutes and enjoy answering questions, we want to talk to you.


Call HPL @ 217-283-6711 (Mon/Tues/Thurs) and ask to speak to JoAnn or Marni.

Or email and tell us more:  
[joann@hooplib.org](mailto:joann@hooplib.org) [marni@hooplib.org](mailto:marni@hooplib.org)



**Hoopeston Area Softball Association**  
Schedule for May 14, 2025  
6pm Minor - AFH vs Homer

Sign up for Alerts from The Hoopeston Police Department and other Public Agencies

- Text Zip Code to 888777
  - Register at: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)
  - Register at: [www.hoopestonpolice.org](http://www.hoopestonpolice.org)
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## Vendors Needed!

Visit Downtown Hoopeston is looking for vendors and food trucks for our upcoming events:

- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Spring Fest
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - Farmer's Market
- July 11<sup>th</sup> - Farmer's Market
- August 8<sup>th</sup> - Farmer's Market
- October 4<sup>th</sup> - Autumn Fest

TO SIGN UP: <https://forms.gle/YbwwtjKpYlHgpeof6>

Classifieds

The City of Hoopeston - Public Works Dept is Hiring- Full Time -with benefits and pay starts at \$16 per hour. Apply online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment) or in person at City Hall: 301 W. Main St., Hoopeston

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End of Year

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 6PM MINOR AFH vs Quality Solar	6 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL 4 Corners vs Crose Plg 6PM ROOKIE Silver Bros vs That Bar & Grill	7 6PM MINOR AFH vs EAgCo	8 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL Crose Plg vs 4 Corners 6PM ROOKIE Silver Bros vs Homer	9 6PM MINOR Jaycees vs Rossville
12 6PM MINOR Green Galvanized vs Homer	13 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL 4 Corners vs Crose Plg 6PM ROOKIE Silver Bros vs MAC Flooring	14 6PM MINOR AFH vs Homer	15 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL Crose Plg vs 4 Corners 6PM MAJOR Mr Softee vs Rossville	16 6PM MINOR Greene Galvanized vs EAGCo
19 6PM MINOR Jaycees vs Finley Farms	20 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL 4 Corners vs Crose Plg 6PM ROOKIE 4 Corners vs R&W	21 6PM MINOR Jaycees vs 4 Grump	22 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL Crose Plg vs 4 Corners 6PM ROOKIE 4 Corners vs Weather Farms	23 6PM MAJOR Mr Softee vs CMS
26 6PM MINOR Jaycees vs Finley Farms	27 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL 4 Corners vs Crose Plg 6PM ROOKIE Silver Bros vs Taylor's 8PM MAJOR Young's vs Oakwood	28 6PM MINOR Greene Galvanized vs McCord 8PM MAJOR Young's vs Oakwood	29 5PM INSTRUCTIONAL Crose Plg vs 4 Corners 6PM ROOKIE 4 Corners vs Boyer Drainage 8PM ROOKIE Silver Bros vs Weather Farms	30 6PM ROOKIE Silver Bros vs R&W 8PM ROOKIE 4 Corners vs Mash C Farms



Why did the softball team bring string to the game?

To tie the score!



### WEEKLY MENU SPECIALS

**MONDAY**  
Pulled Pork Sandwich  
\$5.00

**TUESDAY**  
2 Tacos or Loaded Nachos  
\$5.00

**WEDNESDAY**  
Philly Cheesesteak  
Egg Rolls with or w/o veggies. Served with Alfredo sauce  
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**THURSDAY**  
Grill Night!  
Grilled Chicken or Cheeseburger  
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**FRIDAY**  
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## THE FOOD HUT

May 2025

Hoopeston Public Library



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's almost time for A MIDSUMMER KNIGHT'S READ! Be watching for details of Summer Reading 2025. Special activities for ALL ages during June & July.				1	2	3
4	5 1:30 p.m. MHC Book Club 2:45 p.m. App Workshop 4 p.m. Library Board	6	7 10 a.m. Coffee & Crafts	8	9	10
11	12 1:30 p.m. Adult Craft-Pressed flower decoupage	13	14 10 a.m. Coffee & Crafts	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 10 a.m. Coffee & Crafts	22	23	24
25	Closed for Memorial Day	27	28 10 a.m. Coffee & Crafts	29	30	31