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## Letter carriers collect more than 3,000 lbs. in food drive

Neither wind nor lots of rain kept Hoopeston postal workers from their food drive Saturday.

A whopping 3,373 pounds of food was donated by Hoopeston area residents and collected by letter carriers, said interim Hoopeston postmaster Connie Drake.

"Hoopeston was pretty darn generous," she said. "It was pretty neat."

Drake, who organized the collection for the Grant Township Food Cupboard, was surprised by the kinds of donations. Along with food, residents donated toilet paper, shampoo, hair spray and money. "You name it, they donated it," she said.

Postal workers were assisted in collecting by members of Drake's family. "My husband and little sister kept telling me 'you owe me,'" she said.

Members of the Hoopeston Explorers post also assisted, going throughout the city to pick up food at mailboxes and also take food from letter carriers, "trying to lighten their load," she said. "Without everybody helping, it wouldn't have turned out so well."

Four loads were taken to the Food Cupboard Saturday with the final donation, from Hoopeston Foods, Inc., arriving Monday.

Bill Boose, Grant Township Supervisor, was pleased with the effort. "I told (Drake) I had a com-



**Life's a beach**

Tabor Grain stands as a sort of lighthouse for a newly-formed lake on West Thompson Ave. The first 12 days of May has brought a deluge of water totaling 3.27 inches, said Hoopeston weather watcher Audrey Mush-rush. It rained seven of the first 12 days of the month and Saturday's downpour alone totaled 1.21 inches. Normal rainfall for the month averages about 2.5 inches, she said.

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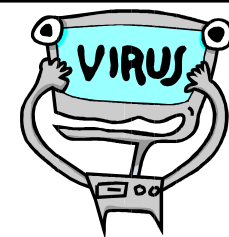
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**Teresa Sollars**

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Farm subsidies, conservation, food stamps for legal aliens get boost under 2002 Farm Bill signed by President Bush

George Bush on Monday signed the 2002 Farm Bill, despite protests from U.S. trade partners. The bill will cost \$180 billion over 10 years, a 70 percent increase over the cost of continuing existing programs.

Highlights of the bill include:  
**Farm Subsidies:**  
• Raises price guarantees, known as loan rates, for corn, wheat, oats, barley and sorghum. Continues fixed annual payments to grain and cotton farms. Creates new

target price system, similar to one abolished in 1996, to provide supplemental payments with income of those farms falls below certain levels. Allows farmers to update planting records that are used in calculating certain payments.  
• Farmers could continue to receive subsidies under the loan program in unlimited amounts. Fixed payments and subsidies under the target-price system would be capped at \$210,000 annually.  
• Establishes new subsidies for dairy farmers as well as producers of lentils, chickpeas, peanuts, honey, wool and mohair. The dairy subsidies are limited to production equivalent of about 135 cows. The bill also authorizes \$90 million in government purchases of apples.  
• Ends a quota system that props up peanut prices. As compensation, farmers and others who own quotas will receive 11 cents a pound annually for five

years.  
**Conservation:**  
• Establishes the Conservation Security Program, at a cost of \$2 billion, to pay crop farmers for improved environmental practices.  
• The Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to idle environmentally sensitive land, would be expanded from its current limit of 36.4 million acres to 39.2 million acres.  
• The Farmland Protection Program, which pays farmers near urban areas to keep their land in production, would expand by nearly \$1 billion over the decade, a nearly 20-fold increase.  
• The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which subsidizes manure cleanup and other improvements, would quadrupled at a cost of \$9 billion over 10 years. A single farms or feedlot could receive as

much as \$450,000.  
**Food Stamps:**  
• Noncitizens who have lived in the country for at least five years would become eligible for food stamps.  
• Allows low-income families getting off welfare to receive food stamps for an additional five months.  
**Food Labeling:** Meat, fish, peanuts and produce would have to be labeled with their country of origin, starting in the fall of 2004.  
**Rural Development:** \$1 billion in new spending for rural development, including \$360 million for water and sewage assistance, and \$240 million for assisting farmer-owned businesses.  
**Trade:** \$1.1 billion for trade assistance, including \$650 million for overseas promotion of U.S. food and bever-



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Obituaries

**SCOTT** - Iris Della Scott, 81, of Bloomington, Ind., formerly of the Hoopeston-Wellington area, died at 2:55 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2002 at Meadowood Retirement Center, Bloomington, Ind. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mound Cemetery, Kankakee. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials

may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.  
**WELLS** - Betty Jane Wells, 55, of Hoopeston, died at 11:12 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2002 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



Police News



**Jerry D. Sisk**, 46, of Hoopes-ton, was ticketed for improper backing and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 5:25 p.m.

plaint," he

**See FOOD on other side**  
**Food** continued from other side  
said, laughing. "I told her my back hurt. I told her she could do it again next weekend."  
Lifting all that food was also hard on Drake. "I woke up Sunday feeling like the oldest woman in the world," she said.  
The Grant Township Food Cupboard accepts

Sunday.  
Police said Sisk, in a 1966 Chevrolet truck, backed from a driven into the 400 block of South Market and hit a 1998 Chevrolet driven by Eric W. Harper of Lebanon, Ind.  
A 48-year-old man reported Monday that someone took a jacket and flashlight from his vehicle  
**Weather**  
Sunny today. High 65. Tonight, clear. Low 45. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 70, low 54.  
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