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Chili, parade, Christmas Walk part of Rossville festival

ROSSVILLE—Village residents and businesses will turn out in force this weekend for the Rossville Christmas Celebration.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday with a chili supper at Rossville-Alvin High School. The dinner, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion, will end at 7 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. the first annual Christmas parade, "Christmas in Toyland," will be held. The parade will go from Maple St. to the high school.

Saturday events include the annual Christmas Walk of area homes and businesses, from 4-8 p.m. The walk is sponsored by the class of 2004.

From 5-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, a Light Festival featuring a live nativity will be held at Christman Park and the class of 2005 will hold Christmas tree sales.

Downtown businesses will have extended shopping hours, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Horse and carriage rides will be available during those hours on Sunday.

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Tiny Tots

"Christmas" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday. It will be held at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Miracle Tree screening

Screening for Food Cupboard Christmas baskets, Toys for Kids and Miracle tree ends Dec. 6. Screenings will be held from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Grant Township office, 525 S. Market Proof of address, in-effect LINK card, proof and income and Social Security cards for all household members will be required.

Youth Christmas party

The Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., will host an area youth Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 6. Students in kindergarten through third grade are invited from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and students in grades four through six may come from 6:30-7:30.

The party will include toys, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus. Families are invited to attend.

Slab to be closed Saturdays

The Hoopeston slab will be closed Saturdays begin-

ning Dec. 14 through the winter.

No tree sales

The Hoopeston Jaycees will not hold Christmas tree sales this year.

Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library is holding its Food for Fines program during December. Each donated food item counts as \$1 towards an overdue fine.

The program is for overdue books only. Lost items will still require full payment.

All food collected will be donated to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

Police News



A purse was left Tuesday at McDonald's. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 42-year-old man reported Tuesday that someone took a cell phone and cassette tape from his vehicle while it was parked in the 1000 block of West Main.

Two Mongoose bicycles were found Wednesday at McFerren Park. The owners may identify and claim them at the police station.



Steak

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Weather

Partly sunny today. High 28. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 10. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 35, low 25. For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston**

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