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Unclaimed money available to local residents, say officials

Crown Ford has it coming.

So does the Hoopeston-Cissna Park Veterinary Clinic and the Hoopeston High School Class of 1979.

You might, too.
"It" is unclaimed money from old bank accounts, overpaid taxes or other sources.

Representatives of state government, including Sen. Dan Rutherford and Rep. Shane Cultra were at the Hoopeston Multi Agency Thursday, talking about outreach programs for residents.

One of those programs is Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's Cash Dash program.

Available at www.cashdash.net, the program allows residents, businesses and organizations to see if they have unclaimed money coming to them, said education specialist Rhonda Merritt of Topinka's office.

Cash Dash started in 1999 when unclaimed property came under the Treasurer rather than the Department of Financial Institutions. Since then it has returned \$164 million to current and former Illinoisans. The Cash Dash program has four million names in its data base and is holding about \$1.4 billion in unclaimed money, Merritt said.

While many of the amounts are small, one



Gerald Minick of Hoopeston listens as Rhonda Merritt explains Illinois treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's Cash Dash program. Residents may go to www.cashdash.net to see if they have unclaimed money available to them.

Illinois woman received about a half million dollars. The woman's deceased husband held stocks that went unclaimed. By law, the state had to sell the investments and held the cash, which was later claimed by the woman, Merritt said.

Those unable to access the online forms may call 1-866-458-7327 to request a form.

Thursday's stop at the Multi Agency gave legislators a chance to meet with constituents. Rutherford and Cultra, both on summer breaks, got a chance to hear concerns and compliments of voters and provide outreach to sen-

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Rutherford said he wanted to do an outreach in the area and picked Hoopeston because of the residents. "I like the people," he said. Having at the Multi Agency's community potluck provided "direct, easy exposure to the opportunity" for residents, he added. "When we put the program together, we wanted to do it in a good place with a lot of good people."

Although on summer break, Rutherford talked a little bit about state business, including fee increases that passed - without his support.

One of those was an increase in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency sewer discharge fee, which, he said, was a \$17,500 hit to Hoopeston and about \$5,000 to Rossville.

Mayor Chalmers Flint agreed that the city's

budget didn't need the increase, especially since it came "after the fact" of the new budget being passed.

Rutherford will have a representative in the area later this week when his mobile office will be at the Hoopeston and Rossville municipal buildings.

In Hoopeston, hours will be from 10 a.m.noon at city hall, 301 W. Main.

In Rossville, the representative will be at the Rossville Village office, 120 E. Attica, from 1:30-3 p.m.

Cultra announced Thursday that he will

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23. Varieties

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26. Attack

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Chance of thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 65. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 85, low 68.

34. Snaky fish 37. Fall flower

38. Side post

39. Elliptical

42. Bringing up the rear 44. Outer layer

45. Hot-day treats

47. Dickens' 'Tiny' one

40. Fiesta 49. Iron in the rough

Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident which happened between 1-11 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Honeywell.

An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1998 Dodge truck owned by Brandi Butler of Hoopeston.

The white Dodge truck reported stolen Saturday was returned to the owner Monday, apparently

Correction

Ed Hubbard was misidentified as Ed Lewis in a story in Friday's edition about Witch School. Just the Facts regrets the error.

SCUBA bible school to be held

Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (SCUBA) vacation bible school will be held June 27-30 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. The program will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. For information, call Sue Burton, 283-7550.

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