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IDOT doing five-year traffic count in Hoopeston, county

Driving patterns on city streets are being monitored this week by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The traffic count is part of a five-year traffic study being done in Vermilion County, said Terry Laughlin, chief of the District 5 IDOT traffic studies unit. Twelve counties make up the district. "It just happened to be Vermilion County's turn to be counted," he said.

In Hoopeston, 118 boxes have been secured to telephone poles and street signs to keep track of the number of vehicles that pass in specific locations. The information will be published on traffic maps when the county count is finished.

That information will be used in primarily two ways, Laughlin said.

First, developers use the information when deciding where to locate businesses. "They're always wanting to know where the vehicles are," he said.

Secondly, information on some streets is tied to how much money a municipality receives in Motor Fuel Tax



Traffic counters, like this one on East Seminary Ave. are being used throughout Vermilion County to determine traffic patterns. Data will be used to determine development and state- and federally-funded road repair projects.

revenue, used to pay for road repairs.

IDOT classifies streets by the amount of traffic that travels on the, he said. Classifications in Hoopeston

See TRAFFIC on other side

Rossville signs three-month contract for sewer plant service

ROSSVILLE—A three-month agreement with ERH Enterprises will let village officials know whether they want a long-term contract with the sewer plant managing company or whether they should look at other options.

At their meeting Monday, trustees approved the contract to provide sewer plant services after sewer operator Billie Kinnett resigned. Kinnett, who has managed the plant for approximately nine years, will be leaving the area, said village clerk Chris Pearson.

In other action, trustees approved a one-year contract with Vermilion County Animal Control to provide services. Cost of the contract is \$2,000 and will cover such things as emergency situations, basic

animal control, investigating animal cruelty and disposing of deceased animals. Service will be provided 24 hours per day, seven days a week, Pearson said.

In unrelated action, the board:

- approved a \$25,877 bid from Ribbe Trucking of Bismarck to do oil and chip work on streets. Work is expected to begin in early August.
- heard a presentation from Robert Vancil about the village's tax increment financing (TIF) district.
- approved a request from Naomi Freeman to close East and West Attica for Labor Day activities.
- purchased a box scraper from Birkey's for \$1,801.
- set the gas price at 74 cents per therm, up two cents.

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Briefly

Football camp

The Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers have started football camp. The camp will meet from 3:45-6:30 p.m. Thursday and Monday through Thursday next week, all at the high school

Colt/Pony League open swim

Hoopeston Summer Baseball Association will sponsor

Traffic continued from other side

include minor arterial, collector and local roads.

Minor arterial streets are those that bear the most traffic, such as West Main, South Market and West Thompson. Those with the collector designation are lesstraveled, such as South Second Ave., North Market, Seventh St., Fifth St. and Euclid. Other streets are considered local roads and have less traffic.

Routes 1 and 9 are not city streets but are designated as "other principle arterials."

The traffic count will determine whether the designations of any of the city's 39.35 miles will be changed, but Laughlin said he does not expect that to happen, saying local streets have had the same classifications for about 30 years.

Traffic counters monitor vehicles for a 24-hour period and are then moved to another location. Hoopeston's part of the traffic study is expected to take about a week, Laughlin said.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 58. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 86, low 63. For current weather conditions, (217) 283-6221.

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an open swim night for all Pony & Colt team players and siblings from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24 Free concessions will also be provided. Any questions, call Vickie Means, 283-6372 or Donna Spear, 283-9529

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