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Keep Vermilion County Beautiful wins national award

DANVILLE—Keep Vermilion County Beautiful has earned the President's Circle Award from Keep America Beautiful.

The award was presented to Lynn Wolgamot, county Keep Vermilion County Beautiful coordinator, at the national organization's 50th anniversary conference in Washington, D.C. last week.

"This award belongs to all the individuals, groups and communities in Vermilion County who stepped up to make a difference," Wolgamot said. "Hundreds of people in our county have volunteered countless hours to pick up litter and clean up trash since Keep Vermilion County Beautiful was certified as an affiliate in 2002."

The award recognizes exemplary efforts by local affiliates to meet the parent organization's mission to reduce litter, minimize waste and beautify and improve communities.

The county organization is planning new activities for the new year, Wolgamot said. Plans include an anti-

littering public education and public awareness campaign, continued activities with "Spot Less," the mascot who teaches anti-littering to children, increased enforcement of anti-littering laws and beautification efforts. "This program just keeps growing because more and more people across the Vermilion County continue to get involved," she said.

Hoopeston people have been involved in the cleanup effort, thanks to the efforts of local coordinator Kristi Hudson. Earlier this year, Hudson organized Trash Walkers, a group which met each Saturday to pick up trash in neighborhoods throughout the city. The program was expected to serve as a pilot program for other communities in the county.

Both Keep America Beautiful and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful are non-profit organizations. Wolgamot volunteers her time as coordinator as part of her duties as county recycling coordinator.

For more information, call (217) 431-2662.

Former Sen. Paul Simon dies after heart surgery Tuesday

Former Illinois Sen. Paul Simon died Tuesday, one day after undergoing heart surgery.

Simon, 75, underwent single bypass and heart valve surgery Monday at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, according to published reports.

The son of missionaries, Simon, a declared Republican, ran for the state legislature as a Democrat in 1953. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1968 and failed in his first primary bid for a senate seat, losing to Dan Walker in 1972. In 1974, Simon, representing southern Illinois, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.



SIMON

In 1984, Simon defeated then-Sen. Charles Percy and in 1990, defeated Lynn Martin to keep his seat. In 1988, he made an unsuccessful run for President.

Simon retired in 1997 and taught at Southern Illinois University. He also founded the Public Policy Institute, a bipartisan think-tank.

Besides his political career, Simon was a former newspaper publisher, eventually owning 14 papers. He also authored 13 books.

Ribbed for his penchant for bow ties, Simon displayed his sense of humor when he appeared on "Saturday Night Live" in 1988 with musician Paul Simon.

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"The Shoemaker and the Elf" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 10:30 a.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Baseball meeting

A joint meeting of Hoopeston Little League and T-Ball will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the AmerenCIPS



All aboard

A lighted train makes its way in Rossville's Christmas celebration last weekend. Each car was sponsored by an organization in the village, leading with the engine by the Rossville Community Organization, sponsors of the event.

Bowling Scores

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League

12/1/03

1. R&R Body Shop	35	17
2. Henning's	32	20
3. Weber's Drugs	31	21
4. Adda Girls	30	22
5. Royal Bs	29	23
6. Yaden-Rethelford	28	24
7. BJ's Pump	28	24
8. Family Circus	25	27
9. Off the Wall	24	28
10. Gillins Oil	23	29
11. Unger's Jewelry	21	31
12. Bye	6	46

High Team Handicap Game: Weber Drugs 1,044, Henning's 1,042, Royal Bs 1,022; **High Team Handicap Series:** Weber Drugs 3,010, Henning's 3,008, Gillins Oil 2,946; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Patti Lowe 236, Angie Bell 232, Patty Cappellano 211; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Angie Bell 635, Patti Lowe 630, Patty

Cappellano 575.

Illiana-Farmers League

Standings 12/3/03

1. FHHGG	43	21
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	41	23
3. CCPCC	35	29
4. Bacca	32	32
5. BJ's Pump	31	33
6. High Five	30	34
7. Ravens	28	36
8. Bye	11	53

High Series: Hank Longfellow 632, Joey Compton 614, Eric Gress 609; **High Game:** Joey Compton 236, Hank Longfellow 227, Rich Cappellano 226.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 27. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 15. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 27, low 15. For current weather conditions, (217) 283-6221.

building, 321 N. Market.

Tour of lights

The Hoopeston Multi Agency will take area residents on the annual tour of Christmas lights from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22. The activity is for people 55 and over.

To reserve a seat on the van, call (217) 283-5544 by Dec. 19.

Slab to close

The Hoopeston City Slab will close Dec. 13 for the winter.

Vaccine gone

The Vermilion County Health Department is no longer giving flu shots; the vaccine supply has been depleted.

New Books at the Library



Non-fiction:

The Artist in Nature: Thomas Kinkade and the Plein Air Tradition by M. Stephen Doherty

Encyclopedia of Craft Projects in an Afternoon by Mickey Baskett

Papermaking: the Craft of Creative Paperwork in 25 Innovative Projects by Elizabeth Couzins-Scott

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