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### Screen 2: "Hidalgo" (PG-13)

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7:30 p.m. nightly, 10 p.m. Fri./Sat., 2 & 4:30 p.m. Sat./Sun.

## Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day



## Nomination of Officers Hoopeston VFW Post 4826 Meeting Tuesday, March 9 Dinner 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.

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## Briefly

### Correction

Melissa Bird was incorrectly identified in the March 4 issue. Just the Facts regrets the error.

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Tuesday, Lafayette, Ind. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., community potluck and men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Also at the Multi Agency this week:

Thursday: Beginning Again support group will meet at 7 p.m. The group is designed those who are suffering a loss.

### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: March 8, Margaret Bird; March 9, Mary Bushong; March 10, Hank and Betty Shaffer; March 11, Judith Voorhees; March 12, Tim Crabtree, Raymote, Mo.

### Tiny Tots

"Harold & the Purple Crayon" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### Election judge training

Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster will hold election judge training at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Rossville Church of Christ, 514 E. Attica.

The public is invited from 11:30 a.m.-noon.

For more information, call (217) 554-1908.

### Grave blankets must be moved

The Rossville Cemetery District requests that grave blankets be removed from Rossville Cemetery by March 10.

### ABATE meeting

The Hubbard Trail Chapter of ABATE will meet at 2 p.m. March 14 at TD's on Rt. 24 in downtown Watseka. Nomination of officers will be held.

### Support group meeting

BILY (Because I Love You) will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 18 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The group is for parents of children with behavior problems.

For more information, call the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544.

### Hunter Safety Course

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department will hold a Hunter Safety Course Mar. 19-20 at the Hoopeston Fire Department. The course will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

A luncheon will be served Saturday, sponsored by Drollinger Insurance Services/Remax 2000 of Hoopeston.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must complete the course to obtain an Illinois hunting license.

For more information, call the Sheriff's Department at (217) 442-4080.

### Summer sports signup

Summer sign up registration for T-Ball, Little League, Pony/Colt League, Girls Softball and Hoopeston Swim team will be held at the WHPO Business Expo March 13-14. Representatives will be available from 10-4pm

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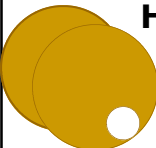
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**Hoopeston Junior Women's Club**

**Taco Night**

**Saturday, March 13**

**Hoopeston American Legion**

**4:30-8:30 p.m.**

**\$1.50 tacos**

*Carry-outs available*



**Letter to the Editor**



**Rossville mayor says 'thanks'**

I wish to take this opportunity to personally and as a community, thank all the 25+ fire departments, neighboring villages/cities who aided in supplying additional water and equipment , and the many organizations, businesses, churches and individuals that gave of their time, effort, food, money and support to our Rossville community in its time of need during and after the devastating fire that destroyed a large portion of our historic and well-known downtown business district on Friday and February, Feb. 27 and 28. We thank God that no one was severely injured or lives lost!

It is a very humbling experience to witness these unselfish acts of caring and giving.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to those who lost their businesses, property, personal belongings and living quarters. It is a tragic experience very similar to losing a loved one.

I only hope that other communities will never be faced with this type of disaster, but they are, Rossville will be there to assist in your time of need.

Whether the cause is by tornado, flood or fire, the end result is the same. It is still a disaster.

We are in the planning stages for debris removal. Meetings will be held in the near future



**Police News**



**Victoriano Martinez**, 18, of 859 E. Seminary, was arrested after at traffic stop at 9:50 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Martinez was charged with unlawful display of license plates and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and was released after posting his driver's license as bond.

A **63-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone broke a window behind the

driver's door of his truck. The damage occurred while the truck was parked in the alley of the 600 block of West Penn.

A **24-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone broke a small window at her home and that a latch on the window next to the broken one had been opened. Nothing was reported missing. The incident occurred in the 800 block of East Seminary.

**Obituaries**

**HUCKLEBY** - Robert D. Huckleby, 44, of Hoopeston, died at 10 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**WISE** - Steven M. Wise, 54, of Peotone, died Sunday, March 7, 2004 at home. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Hoopes-

ton. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Sunday at Peotone Community High School auditorium, 1 Blue Devil Drive, Peotone. Interment will be private. Memorials are suggested to the Coach Wise Basketball Memorial Scholarship Fund, 200 W. Corning Ave., Peotone, IL 60468 or American Cancer Society, 77 E. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60603. Kurtz Memorial Chapel, Frankfort, was in charge of arrangements.

**Weather**



Mostly cloudy today. High 40. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of rain or snow late. Low 33.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-ton Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

**New Books at the Library**



**Non-fiction:**

The Epidemic: the Rot of American Culture, Absentee and Permissive Parenting and the Resultant Plague of Joyless, Selfish Children by Robert Shaw

**Classifieds**

**APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

Duplexes for rent. 2 bdr., 2 bath, garage. Appliances furnished. Dishwasher included. No pets. \$550/mo. Deposit, references. Hoopeston area. (217) 283-7996

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