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Hoopeston American Legion

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## Board chairman stepping down to take economic position

DANVILLE—Todd Lee has chaired his last Vermilion County Board meeting.

Tuesday was Lee's last day at the helm of county government. He has been tapped to lead the East Central Illinois district of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Opportunity Returns plan.

Lee's region includes Vermilion, Iroquois, Champaign, Douglas, Ford and Piatt counties. The program is expected to target key areas such as business retention, education and job training, agriculture and improving public infrastructure.

Blagojevich praised Lee's professional background: his success in a variety of retail businesses and his leadership on the county board which "provide a wealth of valuable experience he can draw upon each day to drive economic development throughout the region," Blagojevich said. "Moreover, Todd has a network of business and gov-



LEE

ernment contacts already established in the region that will allow him to execute the objectives of this plan efficiently and effectively. I have no doubt he'll hit the ground running."

Thanking Blagojevich for the opportunity, Lee said he feels he has "a well-rounded appreciation for the needs of the East Central region. Creating and retaining jobs in this region is the most challenging task we are faced with."

Lee said the Opportunity Returns plan will have a strategic approach to meeting the challenge, including targeted investments to retain the manufacturing base. "I'm looking forward to joining the fight to turn these ideas into many more jobs throughout the region," he said.

Blagojevich has not yet unveiled specific plans for the region.

Lee attended a meeting Tuesday in Rossville concerning assistance available to those who lost their homes and businesses in the fire. Lee said he was there as the county board chairman but also on a "fact-finding mission" for information to help

## Grant Township gets dividend

Grant Township has received a \$3,637 dividend from the Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA).

All TOIRMA members who joined the program from June 1, 1986-May 31, 1999 and continue to be members in the current year received a dividend.

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### Hoopeston Women's Bowling League

2/23/04

1.	R&R Body Shop	65
2.	31 Henning's	65
3.	Weber's Drugs	31
4.	59 Yaden-Rethelford	37
5.	BJ's Pump	55
6.	54 Royal Bs	42
7.	51.5 Adda Girls	44.5
8.	48 Unger's Jewelry	.5
9.	42 Off the Wall	47.5
10.	54 Gillins Oil	45
11.	38 Family Circus	51
12.	38 Bye	58
	15	81

**High Team Handicap Game:** Unger's Jewelry 1,098,  
Yaden-Rethelford 1,088, Family Circus/R&R Body Shop

### Bowling Scores



1,029; **High Team Handicap Series:** Unger's Jewelry  
3,096, R&R Body Shop 3,016, Family Circus 3,001; **High  
Individual Scratch Game:** Angie Bell 238, Barbara Re-  
thelford 221, Patti Lowe 220; **High Individual Scratch  
Series:** Angie Bell 629, Patti Lowe 585, Glenda Reed 577.

### Tuesday Night Classic League

2/24/04

1.	Production Tooling	71.5
2.	28.5 Pla-Mor Lanes	
3.	64 Ferdinand Construction	36
4.	44 Ross Electric	
5.	50 Crop Production Service	50
6.	57 Hoopeston Weather Service	42
7.	58 Junction Café	
8.	38 Hiltz Portable Sanitation	62

### Obituaries

**SMITHERS** - James W. "Smyth" Smithers,  
64, of Rankin, died at 11:45 p.m. Monday, March 8,  
2004 at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.  
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hamilton-  
Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Ceme-  
tery. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral  
home.

**VanWIERINGEN** - Barbara A. VanWierin-  
gen, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday,  
March 10, 2004 at her daughter's home in Hoopeston.  
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony  
Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery.  
Visitation will be 9-10:45 a.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire

35.5

64.5

**High Individual Game:** Dave Hughes 266266; **High In-  
dividual Series:** Jay Ferdinand 710; **High Team Game:** Pla-  
Mor Lanes 683; **High Team Series:** Ferdinand Construction  
1,897.

**Games over 210:** Joe Compton 211; Dave Warf 247, 230;  
Bob Bruens 215, 242; Eugene Warner 214; Doug Wagoner  
216; Nick Gonzalez 236; Jeremy Lane 238; Tony Gress 212;  
Randy Hiltz 236; Chris Coon 214; Jeremy Gaddis 235; Mike

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# Rossville residents select winners in first Rossville Community Organization awards night

ROSSVILLE—The volunteerism and community service of several village residents was recognized Monday at the first Rossville Community Awards banquet.

Residents voted on recipients who were feted at a presentation sponsored by the Rossville Community Organization.

A fire that destroyed a block of Chicago St. on Feb. 27 was on everyone's minds at the gathering. "It would have been very easy for you to cancel this evening in light of what happened," said Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, master of ceremonies. "You will get past what happened, I know you will."

Rossville Mayor Terry Prillaman detailed the RCO history, which started approximately two years ago after Prillaman noted declining sales tax. Business owners banded together to form the group, which has sponsored several activities to bring people to the village. Events have included two nighttime Christmas parades and the Dog Days of Summer. The result was that sales tax started to increase. And then there was the fire, which Prillaman said the village will rise above. "By all of us

Left, Kristen Hufford reads an essay on volunteerism that earned her an RCO Community Service Challenge Award. Above, some winners at the RCO Community Awards Banquet were (front from right): Dennis Price, Frank Morse, Mary Rhae McBride and Naomi Freeman and back, Marilyn Danner, Karen Kochell and Lance Deck.

working together, we will survive this," he said.

The evening's winners included:

- Citizen of the Year: Lance Deck and Marily Danner
- Hall of Fame: Mary Rhae McBride and Frank Morse
- Educator of the Year: Karen Kichell
- Village Employee, Fire Department or Ambulance Personnel of the year: Lance Deck
- Service Business of the Year: Polyclinic/Dennis and Dottie Price
- Retail Merchant of the Year: Freeman's Folly/Naomi Freeman and Gift Baskets by Wilma/Wilma and Bob Knight
- Organization of the Year: Rossville Historical Society

- Outstanding Volunteer of the Year: Marilyn Danner
- RCO Project/Event of the Year: Christmas celebration
- Chairperson of the Year: Tina Bray, Christmas committee
- RCO President's Award: Chris Lawton, RCO webmaster and Marilyn Danner, vice president
- Community Challenge Award: (\$250 scholarships) Kristen Hufford and Hannah Sutton
- Rossville Women of Today Award: Chris Pearson

The RCO also announced officers for 2004-06. They are: Marilyn Danner, president; Sharon Potter, vice president; Judy Henry, secretary; Eva Neeland, treasurer; and Lois Peterson, corresponding secretary.

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Family Pack Blank Angus		Family Pack	
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Family Pack		Family Pack	
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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, fries, bread, oleo, applesauce, cookie.

TUESDAY: Double stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, bread, oleo, peaches.

THURSDAY: BBQ rib/bun, potato wedges, pineapple, brownie.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chili, crackers, fruit cocktail

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips\*, potato wedges, cheese sauce, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Big slice stuffed crust pepperoni pizza\*, salad, pears, cookie.

WEDNESDAY: Roast pork/gravy or fish/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches.

THURSDAY: Taco/soft shell or mini-corn dog, salad, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chili or potato soup, crackers, fruit cocktail.

\*PBJ is second choice.

Rossville Schools

MONDAY: Pasta bake, green beans, mixed fruit, garlic bread.

TUESDAY: Chicken fajita, corn, pears, yogurt.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, apple slices, brownie.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, bread, butter.

FRIDAY: Corn dog, tri-tator, trail mix, peanut butter cookie.

All meals include milk.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Swiss steak/tomato gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, wheat bread, banana pudding.

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles, slaw, carrots, white bread, chocolate chip cookies.

WEDNESDAY: Salami & cheese, white bread, corn

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 38. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 27. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 48, low 40. Sunday, showers likely, chance of snow late. High 51, low 32.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston

chips, pineapple chunks, chocolate chip cookies, salad dressing.

THURSDAY: Turkey Manhattan, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, white bread, orange.

FRIDAY: Chopped steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans,

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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