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8. The State will not help us until we help ourselves.
9. 30% decrease in corporate revenue tax due to decline of our industrial base.
10. Property values decline without healthy schools. Healthy schools help increase property values by attracting and keeping people and businesses in the area.

Vote YES on November 2 for the Hoopeston Area School Education Fund Tax Referendum.

Vote YES for the future.

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Kids' organization offers safety tips for trick-or-treating

Trick-or treaters will be out in force Sunday night. To make the evening fun and safe, Children's Safety Zone has the following tips for youngsters, their parents and homeowners.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on sidewalks
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- If no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

Parents

- Make children eat dinner before setting out.
- Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- If children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- Purchased costumes should be made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know when to be home.
- Parents should know where children are going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders,

hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.

- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.

- Battery powered candles are preferable to a real flame.
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.

- Healthy alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.

- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins.

Local Halloween activities set

Several activities are in place for trick-or-treating this Halloween.

The Tiny Tots program at the Hoopeston Public Library will have the theme "Halloween". Children may dress as their favorite character when they meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

In Hoopeston and Rossville, trick-or treaters may go door-to-door on Sunday. Hoopeston's hours are 5-8 p.m. and in Rossville, youngsters may be out from 5:30-8 p.m. Country Terrace will receive trick-or-treaters from 5-7 p.m. Sunday in the lobby.

The Lorraine Theatre will have a free kids' movie, "Benji: Off the Leash" at 1 and 3:15 p.m. Saturday. Tickets for are available at local businesses.

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Letters to the Editor

Against the school referendum

In regards to the school tax referendum, I will be voting no. Here is my rationale. Fifty-one percent of my property tax go to the schools now and the school tax does increase every year unlike the claim of some media stating that there has not been an increase for thirty-one years. There has not been a rate increase but, there has been an increase of tax every year.

Secondly, not all Hoopeston property owners reside in Hoopeston. They cannot vote on this referendum. In my opinion, this is taxation without representation. So, if you renters out there think that you can go vote yes on the referendum without consequences, be assured that you will be voting for your own rent increase.

Thirdly, dissent against the status quo is not a popular thing to do in Hoopeston. But if it were not for dissent against taxes, we all would be ruled by the British Crown would we not?

John Palmer
Hoopeston

Quality education is key to vote

The voters of both the Rossville-Alvin School District and the Hoopeston Area School District face very important questions in Tuesday's election. The outcome of the votes will have a dramatic effect on the education of students in northern Vermilion County. Money and the failure of the State of Illinois to adequately fund its schools is the driving force behind both votes.

For the people in the Hoopeston Area District, the choice is very simple. Are they willing to raise the tax rate by .90/ \$100 of assessed valuation to fund the Education fund? The residents of this district have not raised their tax rate to fund schools since the early 1970's. They have benefited from an excellent school system that has operated on the lowest rate in the county for years. If the people vote yes, the tax rate will be nearly equal to what the residents of the Rossville-Alvin District have been paying for some time, and Hoopeston Area schools will remain strong.

The question for the people in the Rossville-Alvin District is much more emotional and complicated. The voters will vote yes or no to deactivate Rossville-Alvin High School. The reason is simple. The district is operating on a nearly \$500,000 deficit budget for this year. Even though 80% of the schools in the state are in deficit spending, Rossville-Alvin is seeking a solution. If the deactivation vote fails, the voters will be asked in April to raise the tax rate by \$1.00.

The rational reasons for deactivating are well documented. The people of the community can retain local control of the district and guarantee that a grade school remains in Rossville. A local Board of Education will

still make decisions affecting the tax rate and the education of the students in our district. Statistics show that schools between 350 and 750 do an excellent job of offering the curriculum and activities of a larger school and the quality of a smaller school. R-A students attending either Bismarck-Henning or Hoopeston Area would have the benefits offered by a larger school.

HAHS and BHHS both hosted open houses for the parents and students of RAHS. Both schools did an excellent job of presenting what they have to offer R-A students. The R-A students already share many classes with HAHS and most of their sports with BHHS. The students know each other and have mostly positive experiences to relate from the co-oping of classes and sports.

The emotional issues are not so easy to decipher. Rossville-Alvin has a rich tradition of education in its community. The walls of its well-maintained building are lined with pictures, trophies, and awards proclaiming the honors and achievements of a century of students. Many people who still live in the community are graduates of the schools here and are proud of their education. Others fear that the loss of the high school will cause a decline in the well-being of the community.

The present students who would be affected by the deactivation realize that they would make new friends but the do not want to be separated from friends they have attended school with since kindergarten. Also there is a sense of community in the small student body at R-A that they do not want to lose. Yet they realize that the Rossville-Alvin High School that many reminisce about is gone. Only four sports are offered in Rossville now. Friday night football in Rossville is gone. All music is in Hoopeston. The excellent band that marched in the Homecoming parade this year was Hoopeston's band that included several R-A students.

Whatever the voters decide next Tuesday will greatly impact the education of the students in our communities. Get the facts. Northern Vermilion County people have always offered their students an excellent education. That must never change!

Decide and vote wisely on November 2.

Cathy Douglass
Rossville



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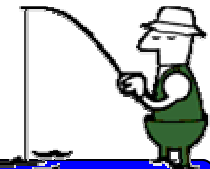
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Saturday
Costume contest
 Prize for best-dressed
Jello Shots \$1
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— **Briefly** —

Football banquet
 Hoopeston Youth Football will hold its end-of-the-year banquet from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the McFerren Park Civic Center.
 Peanuts are asked to bring desserts; freshman, salads or fruits; JV, side dishes; and varsity, paper products.
 For more information, call Lee, 283-7883 or Rod, 293-6995.

Parking change
 Hoopeston residents are reminded that parking along Market St. is now parallel only. Pull-in parking has been eliminated in front of Price-Less and other businesses on the street.

Trip to Hell
 The Edge, 3723 N. Vermilion, Danville, will present

Flu shots available for children
 The Vermilion County Health Department announced Thursday that it has a limited supply of influenza vaccine for children 18 and younger. Because the supply is limited, high-risk children will be targeted first. Infants six to 23 months are considered most at risk. According to Centers for Disease Control guidelines, children ages two and older who are in good health should not get flu shots this year.
 Flu shots will be given by appointment only, following a pre-screening that will be done by phone to determine eligibility.
 Parents are reminded not to use aspirin to treat children's flu symptoms as it may cause Reyes syndrome.
 For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-2662.

New Free Report Reveals...
"Back Pain Relief Secrets!"
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"Trip to Hell" a 15-minute live drama from 7-10 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31. The program is open to anyone who wants to attend. Tours will be given every 15 minutes.


Girl Scout open house
 Green Meadows Girl Scout Council will hold an open house from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at their new northern service center at Camp WaHaNaHa between Gilman and Crescent City. Everyone is invited.

Neighborhood Watch
 The county nursing home referendum is the topic of the Nov. 1 meeting of the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch. Vermilion County Board members Gary Weinard and Russell Pollitt, of the same party but on different sides of the issue, will speak at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace.

Obituaries

TORRES - Teodoro W. Torres, 70, of Hoopeston died at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004 at Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 77, low 59. Tomorrow, high 66, low 44. Sunday, mostly sunny, chance of storms late. High 63, low 49.
 For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service at (217) 283-6221.

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Masonic Lodge 709 AF&AM
Sausage & Egg Breakfast
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Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

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TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears.
WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks/syrup, scrambled eggs, tri-tator, peaches
THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, pineapple, cookie.
FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, fruit cocktail.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips*, fries, bread, oleo, applesauce.
TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza*, salad, pears.
WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak/gravy/hot roll, whipped potatoes, green beans, peaches.
THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, pineapple.
FRIDAY: Toasted cheese, chicken noodle soup, crackers,

fruit cocktail.
*PBJ is second choice.

Rossville Schools

MONDAY: Beef nachos, corn, pears, pretzel/cheese.
TUESDAY: K-5 fish nuggets, 6-12, fish sandwich, tator tots, peaches, chocolate cake.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty, cheese slice, baked potato, pineapple.
THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, bread, butter.
FRIDAY: Corn dog, mac & cheese, mixed fruit, apple crisp.
All meals served with milk.

New Books at the Library



Non-fiction:

The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, The White House by Ron Suskind
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Gail Lane, City Clerk

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