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Rossville Area Fire Protection District unveils new truck

ROSSVILLE—The only casualty of the inferno that burned part of Rossville's downtown last year was the Rossville Fire Department's 1958 Ford pumper truck.

Monday night, fire officials unveiled the old truck's replacement - a 2005 International rescue pumper.

The new truck cost \$169,000 and was purchased with a no-interest state loan and contributions from the community. ConAgra of

Rossville contributed \$25,000 towards the truck. The Cadle Foundation gave a "very sizeable" donation to the project, said Fire Chief Lloyd Smith. Other major con-



Below, the Rossville Area Fire Protection District unveiled its new truck Monday. Right, contributions helped pay for the new truck, including those from ConAgra Foods and Cell 1. Pictured are, from left, Greg Hughes, Rossville ConAgra plant manager, Dean Grimes of the department, Hope Garrett, plant quality assurance manager and EMT; department Chief Lloyd Smith and Brenda Judy of Cell 1.



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Police News

A **60-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that her rear license plate, 148579, is missing.

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An **18-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that she heard a vehicle knock down a speed

Briefly

Sports signups

- Hoopeston Girls Sports Association will hold signups from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and noon-2 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. The program is for girls ages 8-18. Cost is \$30 for one girl, \$20 for a second girl.
For more information, call John Fowler, 283-7563.
- Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will hold final registration from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and noon-2 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. The league covers T-ball, Instructional, Minor and Major leagues.
Applications for head coaches and assistants will also be taken at registration.
For information, contact Kevin Jett, John Stewart, Bob Brown or Kevin Moore. Visit the HAYB website at www.hoopestonareayouthbaseball.com.
- Hoopeston Colt and Pony leagues will also hold signups at the Multi Agency from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and noon-2 p.m. Sunday. For information, call Vickie Means, 283-6372.

Rossville American Legion
All-You-Can-Eat
Spaghetti Supper
5-8 p.m. Wednesday
\$6
104 Thompson Ave.

limit sign in the 500 block of West Penn.

Police reported Tuesday that a speed limit sign had been knocked over in the 700 block of Euclid. A mayoral candidate's sign had also been flattened.

Police reported Tuesday that a "leasing" sign had been knocked over in the 300 block of West

Well-Baby Clinic
The Hoopeston Well Baby Clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange, Hoopeston. The free clinic is for children from birth to school age. Children are weighed, measured and given needed immunizations.
For an appointment, call (217) 283-5644. Walk-ins are welcome. Free-will donations are always

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tributors included Cell 1, which held a Jeans Day and raised \$750, and R&S Investments/Dr. Ron Lewis, owners of Attica Terrace Apartments. The department also received anonymous contributions and donations from citizens. Rossville-Alvin school's four- and five-year-old CARE students, who toured the fire house the day of last year's fire, collected \$160 for the new truck, Smith said. "We got it at absolutely no cost to the taxpayers," he added.

The vehicle was ordered last June from Bluegrass Fire Apparatus in Elizabethtown, Ky. As the truck was being built, the company e-mailed pictures of its various stages to Smith who created a scrapbook for the truck.

The vehicle was delivered Feb. 23 and was put

Weather

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