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## Hoopeston townwide garage sales

Sat. April 1 8am.

to get on garage sale map send or drop in mail SLOT IN FRONT OF BUILDING, name, address, list of items for sale & \$7 to

Brianna's Baby Shop 107 E. main St.

Those unable to have sale can drop any type of items off

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## Rossville Community Organization honors village residents

ROSSVILLE—Rossville gathered to honor their own at the third annual Community Awards Banquet on March 3. The event was sponsored by the Rossville Community Organization (RCO).

Winners were:

**Community Service Student Challenge Awards**

(\$250 scholarships): Allison Willard, Greg Matthews

**Community Awards:**

Citizen of the Year: Mark Norton

Hall of Fame: Max Thomas

Educator of the Year: Marsha Rice

Village Employee, Ambulance or Fire Personnel:

Denise Matthews

**RCO Awards:**

Service Business of the Year: Danner Construction

Retail Merchant of the Year: Gift Baskets by Wilma

Organization of the Year: Rossville Historical Society

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year: Dick Queen

Outstanding Project/Event of the Year: Drivin' the Dixie Days

Chairperson of the Year: Wendy Dunavan

RCO President's Awards: Kevin Young

Merv and Marta Smith

Sharon Potter

## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

"Green Things" 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.

### Music Booster winners

The winner in Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing for the week of March 10 is Clara Yarbrough.

The Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 in the high school chorus room. All parents of music students are invited to attend.

### Well-Baby Clinic

Hoopeston Well-Baby Clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange.

The free clinic is for children ages birth to school age and includes needed immunizations, weighing and

measuring children.

No appointment is necessary.

### New display at library

Check the new display at Hoopeston Public Library of butterflies, insects, moths and spiders provided by Cody Hinkle. The display will be available until Mar. 31.

### Farewell open house

A farewell open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. March 19 For Frances Lanham of Rossville who is moving to Ohio. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church, Rossville. Everyone is welcome.

No gifts, please, but cards are welcome.

### Summer sports signups

Area youngsters interested in summer sports may sign up at the WHPO Business Expo March 25-26. Sports included in the signup include T-Ball, Little League, Instructional League, Pony League, Girls Softball and Hoopeston Swim Team.

For more information, call Kevin Jett, 283-4422 or Vickie Means, 283-6372.

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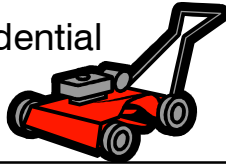
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## Milford man sentenced to 16 years in prison on drug charge

WATSEKA—A Milford man was sentenced to 16 years in prison for possession of a drug used the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Joshua Witty, 22, of Milford, was sentenced By Circuit Judge Gordon Lustfeldt on March 9 in Iroquois County. He was found guilty in February of unlawful possession of methamphetamine precursor (pseudoephedrine) weighing more than 100 grams but less than 350 grams other than in its standard dosage form. The charge is a Class X felony carrying a sentence range from eight to 40 years and is a new charge passed recently by the legislature, said prosecuting attorney William Donahue, Iroquois County Assistant State's Attorney.

Witty was arrested in November 1995 on the



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charge.

This will not be Witty's first time in the Department of Corrections. In August 2004, he was sentenced to four years in prison after he pleaded guilty to tampering with anhydrous ammonia equipment. He was paroled on Aug. 26, 2005.

In 2002, he was sentenced to five years for forgery and theft of more than \$300 and less than \$10,000 from a school or place of worship.

On the most recent conviction, Witty could be released in between six and seven years.

### New Books at the Library



#### Fiction

There is a Season by Lynn Morris (inspirational)

Autobiography of My Dead Brother by Walter Dean Myers (young adult)

The Fashion Disaster That Changed My Life by Lauren Myracle (young adult)

Angels in the Gloom: a Novel by Anne Perry

### Obituaries

**ECKERSLEY**—Joe Eckersley, 64, of rural Wellington died at 7:56 a.m. Sunday, March 12, 2006 at home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Milford-Sugar Creek 4-H Club or a charity of the donor's choice.

### Weather



Breezy today. High 44. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 30. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of rain or snow late. High 46, low 28.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.



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**Pancake & Sausage  
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Wednesday, March 15  
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