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*Photo contributed*  
 Hoopeston Area High School Principal Larry Maynard, center, stands with the school's Sons of the American Revolution Award winner, Alan Leigh, and Daughters of the American Revolution Award winner Morgan Walder.

### SAR, DAR winners honored

Hoopeston Area High School seniors Alan Leigh and Morgan Walder were among Vermilion County students honored at the Vermilion County High School Principals' Association Honors Banquet on April 6.

Walder, Daughters of the American Revolution Award Winner, and Leigh, Sons of the American Revolution Award winner, each received a \$100 scholarship from the principals association.

Leigh is the son of Chris and Lisa Leigh; Walder is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Walder.

### Rossville-Alvin contest results are music to contestants' ears

ROSSVILLE—Fourteen students received awards in 16 events at the Illinois Elementary School Association Solo and Ensemble Contest held April 2 at North Ridge Middle School in Danville.

RA contestants included five fifth graders, five sixth graders and two each from seventh and eighth grade for the contest, which included piano, vocal, and instrumental pieces.

Those receiving Division I ratings were: Connor Dotson, fifth grade, snare drum solo; fifth graders Aaron Inda, saxophone and Kyerra Townsent, clarinet, woodwind duet; Mackenzie Randall, fifth grade, flute solo; Emili Diaz, sixth grade, clarinet solo; Alex Rayburn, sixth grade, vocal solo; Emily Duncan, seventh grade, clarinet solo; Shawnee Eisenberg, eighth grade, vocal solo; and Alyssa Graveline, eighth grade, clarinet solo.

Students receiving a Division II rating were: Julia Silver, fifth grade, piano solo; Allison Duncan, sixth grade, trombone solo; Taylor Tuttle, sixth grade, vocal solo; Emili Diaz, sixth grade, vocal solo; Jason Tilman, sixth grade, trumpet solo; Kayla Tuttle, seventh grade, vocal solo; and Emily Duncan, seventh grade, piano solo.

See MUSIC on other side

**EUCHRE TOURNEY**  
**Sat. April 16 at Hubbard Trail**  
**Sign in at 3 Cards 4-9**  
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Letters to the Editor

Reactivation propaganda violates federal law

I recently received some propaganda in my mailbox about the possible reactivation of Rossville-Alvin High School. It was some of the most irrational, rude, and insulting writing I have ever seen. There was no factual basis whatsoever. To boot, it was not signed.

To my understanding, this vote was to determine how many residents support further investigation of the possibility of reactivation. There are no guarantees that reactivation will happen. The board was simply evaluating the

interest of the community. That, to me, is a well thought-out plan. They asked for the voters' opinions.

This paper states that a survey was done at Bismarck-Henning among Rossville-Alvin students. Not to offend anyone, but as I recall, my opinion didn't matter when I was a teenager. Whether the students want to reactivate or not, it is not up to them. It is up to the adults of the community. When adults place their vote, it is not usually a heat-of-the-moment decision. Adults listen to the facts, then vote accordingly. Hallway surveys are not conducive of well thought out opinions.

This paper goes on to complain about the curriculum. If the board is in the early stages of discussing this, how is there a solid curriculum in place? Once again, it sounds like non-facts taking precedence over truth. It also talks about co-oping sports. Oakwood and Armstrong-Potomac do it, as well as Jamaica and Catlin. Seems to me those co-oping teams have excellent programs. I believe that those school districts are doing fine educationally, as well. "Seat time on a bus driving around the countryside" seems to not affect the educa-

tion process.

By the time reactivation would possibly happen, who's to say there would only be a hundred students? Say, for example, there are approximately 40 children in each grade currently. That 160 students that would be in 9th through 12th grade. Someone's math skills have apparently taken a hit.

I do not believe students have "made wonderful strides to adjust to the deactivation". I feel that, though it was a decision that had to be made, it was not a wonderful, successful one. Rather, times were tough, and what had to be done was done.

I graduated from Rossville-Alvin. I feel I received a quality education. Class sizes were small enough that everyone got some individualized attention. There were no classrooms that had so many students that it was like a college lecture hall. It was a small, close-knit school where students could learn, not fall through the cracks. That is why my children attend this school. When it comes time to decide where my children will go to high school, if this school is not reactivated, they will not have a choice. They will not attend Bismarck or Hoop-eston. Nothing against either school, but I feel my daughters will not receive a quality education at either. I will research, as any good parent would, and find the appropriate school that I feel would best suit their needs. If we have to move, so be it. It would be well worth it for my children to receive a quality education.

To whomever wrote this sheet, I say this: you are enti-


tled to your opinion. It is your constitutional right. But, in the future, you may want to rethink your approach. First, gather facts, not opinions of a few 15 year-olds in the hall-way. Do not name-call, as this shows your obvious lack of intelligence. Lastly, be proud of your opinion if you present it properly. Sign your name at the bottom. So, maybe you don't lack all intelligence, because you didn't sign this sheet. You were obviously aware of how unedu-cated the whole thing sounded, and hopefully, you were as ashamed of what you wrote as I am that I have to take time out of my day to point out the error of your ways.

Finally, it is a federal offense to place propaganda of ANY kind in someone's mailbox without it going through the U.S. Postal Service. When you rethink your approach and make new, factual-based sheets, you may want to let the postman properly deliver them.

Brandi Britton  
Rossville

Obituaries

**NUSSEAR** - Doris J. (Powley) Nussear, 81, of Savoy, formerly of Hoopeston and Danville, died at 5 p.m. Fri-day, April 8, 2011, at Champaign-Urbana Regional Rehab Center, Savoy. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thurs-day at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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Music continued from other side

Allison Duncan, sixth grade, received a Division III rating for a piano solo.

Instrumental and vocal students are taught by Davina Dotson, of Rossville, who also served as accompanist for the instrumental and vocal students. Piano students are taught by Linda Turner, of Rossville.

Weather



Sunny today. High 64. Tonight, clear. Low 41. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 68, low 48.

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

Classifieds

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