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Computer classes ongoing at Hoopeston Public Library

More than 30 area residents have signed up for the free online classes offered at Hoopeston Public Library. Some are brushing up on their computer skills, others are preparing for future job changes, and several are challenging themselves by learning new skills.

Courses include computer basics, internet basics, email basics, using Windows, Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point and access). Successful completion of the Microsoft Office classes will also earn participants continuing education unit credits. Other courses available are internet safety, Google, Microsoft Outlook, Internet Explorer 8, Mozilla

Firefox and using social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Besides computers being accessible to those taking the free online classes, the library's free public access computers are available to all according to the terms of the internet use agreement. To find out more or to join others in their quest for computer knowledge and skills, stop by the library, 110 N. Fourth St., or call (217) 283-6711.

Funds for this program are made possible by an "Eliminate the Digital Divide" program grant awarded to the Illinois State Library by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.




Photo by Kevin Young

An ill wind

Saturday evening's storm hit part of Rossville hard, knocking down a tree on Stufflebeam Drive and knocking out power for a while.

Small Wonders Preschool
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Letters to the Editor

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We should help neighbors, not government

This dire situation in the U.S. is a wake-up call from God. Most of us are to blame for it, too much materialism, letting governments get so bloated, etc. The mentality the last few decades for too many has been "the government needs to do something." What about The Church? Pewsitters arise!

The amount of tithing in this country is a shame, embarrassing. It has dwindled down to below four percent! There are so many here in Hoopeston and elsewhere who work hard doing God's work. They already donate time, money, material goods to help their neighbor and community. As the saying goes: "10% of the people do 90% of the work and 90% do 10%! How true.

Did not Jesus say to give clothes to those who lack, feed the hungry, visit those in prison and the ill? God also tells us to help the widow, orphans, the needy and to be careful how we treat the stranger (be nice!). We are supposed to love the Lord Our God with all our heart, mind, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. Does your neighbor need help with a power bill, medical or need food? Put out the hand with \$10, \$20 or more. Bring some food. If you don't have the money, help them find where to get help, encourage them, lend a listening ear. Pray! We can all do that. "The fervent prayer of a righteous person is powerful."

If we all pull together in Hoopeston and each community as our ancestors did, no one would go with-

out the basic necessities. Do you have indoor plumbing, running water, a roof over your head, something to eat? Be thankful! We have become so glutted with materialism, too many have too much things, etc. And this has brought us to our knees. The handwriting on the wall has been coming for a long time. Be thankful we can go to God's house because a day may be coming here to us that we cannot.

Let's pull together, Church. The less government help we need the less interference. There are always strings attached to any government help. Homes need fixed, can you help? Early town settlers did it before and WE CAN DO IT AGAIN. 'WITH GOD, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.' GO, DO AND BE BLESSED.

Alice Lawrence Fink
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Chase Miles, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; three cases to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Weather

Sunny today. High 83. Tonight, clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 86, low 68.
 For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.