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Briefly

United Way to urge local shopping

The Grant Township United Way will encourage sports groups funded by the group to shop Hoopeston first.

A Hoopeston merchant, speaking on behalf of himself and another merchant, had requested that the United Way board ask funded sports groups to allow local businesses to bid on sports equipment, said United Way board member Bill Nicholls.

The board discussed including a letter supporting local bidding in grant packages next year.

In other business, changes in by-laws were distributed to members and will be voted on at the May 7 meeting.

BPW winners

March winners in the B&PW drawing are Randee Carter, Armstrong, \$25; Allison Larmann, Arkansas, \$15; and Lucille Klein, Rankin, \$10.

Pizza to bring smiles

The Rossville Women of Today are selling Pizza Hut fundraiser cards, good at Watseka, Hoopeston, Paxton, Gibson City and Monticello Pizza Huts.

Cards cost \$10 and, with the purchase of any pizza, allow the cardholder to receive a size smaller pizza of equal or less toppings free.

Cards are available from any RWT member or by calling Barb at (217) 748-6489 or Kim at (217) 386-

2453.

Proceeds from the sale are going to Operation Smile, a nonprofit volunteer medical services organization providing reconstructive surgery and related health care to needy children in the U.S. and in developing countries.

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at the Hoopeston municipal building. The course is free to anyone who wishes to attend. For information, call (217) 283-5833.

Easter coloring winners

Winners in the Hoopeston Jaycees Easter coloring contest were Taylor Lockhart, 5-year-olds; Alaina Burk, 7-year-olds; and Samantha Hundley, 9-year-olds. all of Hoopeston. Winners received Easter baskets, donated by Pamida, and gift certificates from Casey's General Stores, good for pizza or doughnuts.

Play ball!

Area boys are being sought for the Hoopeston Colt and Pony Leagues. Colt League members must be 13-14 years old by Aug. 1 while Pony League members must be 15-16 by Aug. 1. Cost to be in each league is \$25 per person with a \$50 maximum per family.

For more information, call Danny Danner, 283-6831.



Police News



Chris Coon, 633 W. Maple, reported Tuesday that someone scratched the side of his 1979 Chevrolet while it was parked in front of a garage at 618 S. Sixth Ave.

Ruth Highfill, 827 E. Penn, reported Tuesday that a black wallet containing miscellaneous papers and credit cards is missing.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:01 a.m. Wednesday at East Chestnut and South Fifth St.

Joseph A. Watson, 801 S. Fifth, was backing a 1984 Chevrolet from a driveway and struck an eastbound 1967 Nova driven by Page M. Wallace, 410 W. Chestnut.

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Letter to the Editor



Flood victims send thanks

Editor's Note: the following letter was sent to the Hoopeston Ministerial Association regarding local efforts for flood victims in Falmouth, KY. Flood relief organizers requested it be printed.

Dear Friends,
Just a not to express our sincere thanks for all the love and kindness your churches, schools, civic organizations

and individuals have shown to the citizens of Falmouth, Butler and Pendleton County, Kentucky. It is folks like you that give hope that there are more good people in the world than bad. Your efforts truly display what Christianity is all about.

Our small town of Falmouth and Butler, and homes along the Licking Rivers were hit very hard. Many families were left with just the clothes on their backs.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Jim, Gene, Tom, J.D. and the kind truck driver, Jim, for delivering the supplies. They are really a swell group of guys.

May God bless you for all your kindness.

Sincerely,
Marvin Sullivan, Clerk
Pendleton Circuit Court

Thoughts on election

An open letter to the people of Hoopeston:

I am writing this the day after election day, April 2, 1997. I was ashamed to be known as a Hoopeston resident for several weeks. The days before elections, there was the most mud slinging I have ever witnessed in a city election for as long as I have lived and worked in this community. The half truths and full-blown lies are the games people play to be in power of a city that has millions of dollars just lying around to be used and pay a mayor a full salary, instead of donations of time

and energy. One person made comments that he was the best choice because he would listen to the people of the town. In the next breath, he wanted to hire a \$60,000-plus city manager who runs everything and the employees have no direct contact with their employer.

I love to live in this town because it is a small community that is just right to raise a family in and feel somewhat safe from criminals driving by and shooting out car windows at each other. I grant the contestants the right to say that there is room for improvement in our town. But you can't blame the landfill on one person and/or a group of people. There are a lot of players and they set at the state level also.

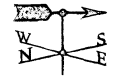
As for business growth, yes there is room to improve, but the days of companies like GM, Chrysler and that type are gone. Frankly, I don't want them here. The smell from those plants is far worse and health-wise worse than a little smell from canning corn or beans. I feel that Mr. Steele from Hoopeston Foods Inc. is a very brave man to take on a venture in a business world that is not very forgiving if a mistake is made. Yes, every town has its problems, but I never was so shocked at the letter I saw with my own eyes, written to Pillsbury years ago, about the spray fields, that they were the ones costing Hoopeston money from lack of land sales. Shortly after the letter appeared, Pillsbury left this town after trying to correct the problem. Sure, they will say things like downsizing, but it still makes you wonder what prompted the changes. Just remember two things

about those odors you may hate: one, they are jobs to our sons, daughters, husbands and families; two, the bring money to this town.

My final words I wish to say is congrats to the people of this fine community. You got the chance to show support in the people you want to represent you on the council. Not every country gets that chance to vote and elect their neighbor to a very thankless job. So, the next time you are on the street and pass the mayor or council members, tell them thank you for at least trying to do the best for our community. Yes, you have the God-given right to disagree with them, but don't treat them like an enemy of town. After all, they are our neighbors.

Thank you,
Tom Brookwalter
Hoopeston

Hoopeston's Current Weather Conditions



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72nd Annual
Hoopeston
Fireman's Ball
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Court Dispositions



March 20: Frank Longfellow, Hoopeston, stop sign, continued.

Michael Shipman, Hoopeston, reckless driving, nolle pros.

Obituaries

STEPHENSON - Gary Lee "Blue" Stephenson, 58, of Rossville, died at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 1997, at his home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 1, 1997

Admitted: Clara Mae Cox, Alvin; Raymond Good, Kenneth Dazey and Brian Bibb, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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