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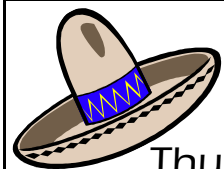
Round 4—Friday, June 9

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

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## Local man discovers peril of international travel in Russia

A Hoopeston man has more than the usual tales to tell about the perils of international travel.

Ryan Standifer was part of a team that spent two weeks in Russia, providing medical services and evangelism.

The team's planned flight included departing from Chicago, with stops in New York, Helsinki, Finland and Moscow. Changes rerouted the team from Chicago to London, England to Moscow, with their luggage trailing behind. "All of our stuff went all over creation," Standifer said.

The team, made up of approximately 12 members, took 31 bags of donated medical supplies such as bandages, cotton swabs and other items, with them. A few of the bags never caught up with the team and some of those that did were confiscated by Russian customs officers, Standifer said.

"Customs was a real challenge," he said. "Everything that had medical supplies with us was confiscated."

Team members proved ingenious in retrieving some of the bags, however. When customs officers were not looking, team members would grab a bag and take it to a waiting van. "I really didn't think the Lord wanted us to go that far to have stuff confiscated by customs police who were probably going to sell it on the black market," Standifer said. "By the time they caught on, we had most of our stuff in the van."

The team, based from a Bloomington church, visited Russia but spent most of the time working from a sister church in Vladimir, Russia.

The medical supplies were much needed in the small community. "Things in Moscow aren't that bad but outside Moscow, in the smaller towns and villages, they don't have anything," he said. Towns outside Moscow are comparable to American slums and even trained

workers are not well-paid. A nurse there makes the equivalent of \$15 per month, he said.

Team members worked in a small hospital with equipment dating back to the 1940s and 50s. "It wasn't in very good condition, to say the least," Standifer said. The missionaries worked in an orphanage and a TB clinic and made house calls to patients who could not attend clinics. The team ministered not only to the physical needs of the people, but their spiritual needs also, praying with each patient.

Craft items had been donated for the trip, which the volunteers shared with village children. "They really seemed to enjoy that," he said.

Despite the poverty of the area, Standifer found the residents of Vladimir "so loving and gracious. They were very generous." While the citizens do not have a wide variety of foods to choose from "our hosts put out quite a spread for us," he said. While in Russia, the team's diet consisted mostly of yogurt, sea food, bread, cheese and tea.

The lack of basic items led to a moment of embarrassment for Standifer, who skipped lunch one day and purchased a large box of juice to tide him over. During the course of the afternoon, Standifer sipped his juice, saw patients and suggested many of them drink juice to improve their health. "I found out later they couldn't afford juice and here I was drinking it in front of them," he said.

Drinks—cold ones—were one thing Standifer missed most on the trip. "It was really hard to find something cold," he said. "That was hard for me because I gotta have a cold pop."

The Russian culture is very different from that of the U.S., he said. People there are family-oriented, very pro-

**See RUSSIA on other side**

*These couples have registered their choices of dishes, flatware, crystal, linens & other things.*

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June 17

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June 17

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Appliance Recycling—white goods

May 15-June 17

Bryants Auto Parts (Danville & Westville)

Coultas Recycling (Hegler)

Mervis Industries (Danville)

**washers, dryers, air conditioners,**

**humidifiers, freezers, refrigerators,**

**dehumidifiers, etc. NO TVs.**

Used Tire Recycling

"Save the Date" Aug. 16

Vermilion County Fairgrounds, Rt. 150

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Questions? Call the recycling coordinator

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# Dad's Place

## Country Bar & Grill

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# Smoke River

Friday, June 9 9 p.m.-1 a.m.  
3 miles west of Milford at Bryce

# Wolfe

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(217) 283-5088

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# Russia

continued from other side

tective and subdued. “You don’t talk really loud in public,” he said. “you’d get some awkward looks.”

Most people wear dark-colored clothes. “If you wore a bright yellow Nike jacket, you’d stick out like a sore thumb,” he said. “You wear what reflects how you feel.”

Standifer was impressed with Russian church services. “There’s an attitude, you think they dance in circles or sacrifice chickens or something but that wasn’t true,” he said. “To see people worship in a different culture and a different language was really something.

According to Standifer, “it just wasn’t a happy atmosphere for (the people). They’re trying to recover from

# Police nab many in interdictions

Vermilion County Sheriff’s Police and Hoopeston Police arrested several people in two interdiction efforts.

The first, held May 20, resulted in eight people taken to the Public Safety Building; three charged with cannabis violations; 11 alcohol-related citations, one warrant arrest, two felony arrests and 13 other citations, said Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger.

A second interdiction June 2, netted three cannabis/cocaine arrests, three alcohol-related citations, one warrant arrest, three felony arrests, six people taken to the Public Safety Building and eight other citations, Drollinger said.

During interdictions, officers stop motorists for traffic violations, then ask permission to search the vehicles, when illegal items are sometimes found.

The police presence may have an effect on other crimes in the community, such as burglary. “It’s enough to make even the dumbest criminal think ‘Hey, I might get caught,’” Drollinger said.



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Communist rule” through “a slow rebuilding of their communities or their sense of status.”

Many Russian-made items are of poorer quality than those made in America, he said. Vladimir has one American house, where all materials were sent from the United States. The house is surrounded by Russian homes which may be newer but look older than the American structure.

Although the team’s mission was serious, the group managed time for fun, including tours of the Kremlin, Red Square, St. Basil’s Cathedral and the Moscow Circus, which Standifer deemed “excellent.”

# New Books at the Library



**Non-fiction:**

Perennials for Today’s Gardens by C. Colston Burrell

Think Like a Cat by Pam Johnson-Bennett

Cooking on Hector’s Bluff by Debra W. McNair

The Carbohydrate Addict’s Cookbook by Richard F. Heller

Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz

The Official Price Guide to Glassware by Mark Pickvet

The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World, 2000 by bob Sehlinger


Living on Fire by Virginia Adair

Fodor’s Europe’s Great Cities

Faith of My Fathers by John McCain

Jackie, Ethel, Joan by J. Randy Taraborrelli

# In the Hospital




Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 6

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Wilbur Bewsey.

# Weather



Mostly sunny today and tomorrow. High today 85, low 63. Tomorrow’s high 90, low 66..

For the current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Going on the missionary trip allowed Standifer to “get out of my safe zone.” The trip was “hard work but a good time” and Standifer said he would return if God led him to, despite all the problems. “The devil through everything he had at us in the book but I don’t think that would’ve happened if we weren’t going to have an impact,” he said.


Appearing at

# BJ’s Pump

Saturday, June 10 8-12

# Maui Club

No cover charge  
1023 W. Main, Hoopeston



# Classifieds

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## MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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## RUMMAGE SALES

Village of Rossville All Town Garage Sales. Saturday, June 10. 35+ sales. Maps at village office. 25¢ sale at The Opera House. Also 100s of books 1/2 price. 8 a.m.-?

428 W. Elm, Hoopeston, June 9, 10, 7 a.m.-? 13” color tv, boxes of stuff \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, craft items, tools, lots of housewares, toys & much more.

In alley, 415 W. Chestnut, Hoopeston. June 9, 9-4, June 10, 7-2. Lots of like-new clothing, lamps & miscellaneous.

501 Judson, in alley. Friday, June 9, 8-1, Saturday, June 10, 7-12. Multi family. Lots of good, clean clothes. All sizes—3X, treadmill, books, lots of miscellaneous.

8:00 am. Fri. & Sat June 9 & 10 312 Dice St., Hoopeston. Household items, clothing and misc.

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