



Hoopeston Gun Show

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 9 & 10
McFerren Park Civic Center
 For information, call
(217) 283-6857

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters Hog Roast

Friday, Sept. 8 HAHS football field
Serving 5 p.m.-varsity game halftime
\$3 includes chips and sandwich
 Carryouts available
All proceeds to HA athletic programs

The Grill

At BJ's Pump
 is temporarily closed
 It will be open Monday, Sept. 25
 for Ranchburger Night and
 Wednesday, Sept. 27 for Tacos.

North Fork Conservation Club Adult Fishing Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 9
 6:30 sign-up, fishing 7-noon
\$10 entry fee

Winner will be determined by total weight. Cash prizes based on
 number of entries and 50% broken down into 1-3 places.
 Trophies will also be awarded.



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Rossville to hold public hearing on fire station request

ROSSVILLE—Village residents who favor—and oppose—the proposed site of a new fire station will be able to air their views this month.

The village board will hold a public hearing on the issue at 7 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Rossville-Alvin Grade School gym, 350 N. Chicago.

Danville attorney Tim Smith will serve as the hearing officer. He will hear comments from the public on whether a special use permit should be granted to construct a fire station on North Chicago. The property, which abuts the northernmost homes in Rossville, is zones R-1 residential.

An earlier petition asked the property be rezoned from R-1 to B-1 commercial. The village board voted not to consider that change.

Fire chief Lloyd Smith has said the property is the only site available in the village that will meet the fire

department's needs for a new station. Fire district officials have looked for other sites but none are available, he said.

Some residents have expressed concern that allowing a zoning change would alter the residential area, decreasing property values significantly. Residents, such as Mr. And Mrs. Ed Perkins, whose property adjoins the proposed site, have hired attorneys to represent their interests in the matter. Hoopeston attorney William Nelson attended the May village board meeting on behalf of the Perkins.

The issue has come before the village zoning board several times. A zoning review hearing board was also named to hear the issue. Comprised primarily of church officials, two members of the committee came under fire for ties to the fire district. The committee was disbanded before it heard the issue.

Heartwalk to be held in memory of Maple School student

DANVILLE—This year's American Heartwalk will honor the memory of some special Vermilion County residents.

Maple Elementary School student John Barr died last year from heart disease. The 2000 Vermilion County American Heartwalk will be held in memory of the six-year-old Hoopeston boy.

John experienced heart disease early on in his young life and by the time he entered kindergarten, had a pace-maker in place and was living a fairly active, normal life. John's kindergarten teacher, Denise Ried, said John loved dinosaurs and fire trucks most of all. He participated in Maples' 1999 "Jump Rope for Heart" just days before he died. In his honor, Maple students raised \$7,600 during the fundraiser.

Local organizers of this year's Heartwalk have chosen to dedicate the September walk in John's memory.

In addition to the youngster, the annual walk will be made in memory of former Danville coach Joe Ward and former newspaperman Dale Foster.

The Vermilion County 2000 Heartwalk will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. Teams are currently being organized for the one- or three-mile walks scheduled to set off from the old Win C. Smith garage in the 400 block of North Vermilion.

Funds raised from the walk will go to heart disease research, some of which is currently being done at the Veterans Medical Center in Danville.

Anyone wishing to join the walk or donate may call Ted or Maryellen Baer at (217) 431-7206.



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 Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
 At the club
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 plus 2 sides **\$5.50**

