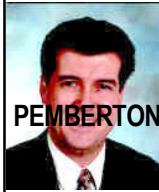


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### Putting his back into it

Grant Township Supervisor Bill Boose cleans up cigarette butts on East Main as part of Saturday's Great American Clean Up in Hoopeston. Boose was one of several volunteers who helped pick up trash. The day was sponsored by Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, coordinated locally by Kristi Hudson.

### Statement says former officer 'voluntarily resigned' position

A statement issued by the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital board of directors said CEO Frank Caruso voluntarily resigned his position.

The statement was released Friday, following a board meeting Thursday night.

Board president Russ Leigh confirmed last Thursday that Caruso was no longer CEO as of Wednesday.

Officials will not comment on whether Caruso's resignation is tied to an investigation into a \$1.2 million construction and remodeling project at the hospital.

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department has been investigating possible criminal activity regarding questionable expenses.

Earlier this month, the board halted construction pending an investigation from an independent construction specialist and engineer.

Both investigations began after the board heard rumors about the appropriateness of expenditures and quality of construction. The board then examined documentation, questioned the contractor and architectural firm representative and hired a private investigator before turning those findings over to Gary Miller, sheriff's department chief investigator. A grand jury was used to subpoena documentation.

Stratum, Inc., of St. Louis is the project contractor. Some work on the project was done by local subcontractors.

Caruso came to the hospital as chief financial officer in February 1998, under former CEO Darryl Wahler. In August 1998, Caruso was named CEO after Wahler retired.

Current financial officer Terry Paligo has been

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### Police News

**Timothy A. Burke**, 35, of 416 S. Market, was arrested at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of East Seminary, Burke, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$200 cash bond.

**Amanda L. Garman**, 28, of 422 E. Seminary, was arrested at 4:55 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of East Seminary. She was arrested on a charge of battery on a complaint from a 37-year-old Hoopeston woman. Garman was released on a notice to appear.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 5:15 p.m. Friday at Sixth St. and East Main. Police said an unknown vehicle hit a parked 1989 Chevrolet owned by Lester Paul Roberts of Hoopeston. The vehicle broke the mirror on Roberts' car.

### Briefly

**Multi Agency van schedule**  
This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, no van service; Tuesday, Bloomington (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

**Music Booster winners**  
This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: April 28, Claudia Carter; April 29, Gloria Marshall, Mt. Zion; April 30, Mike and Mac Conolly; May 1, Lonneta David; May 2, Tanner and Colby Burton.

**Winners**  
April winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$25, Orla Wilson and Ted Goodner; \$15, Ted Goodner; \$10, Minnie Crothers.

**Special performance**  
Hoopeston Area senior citizens are invited to attend a 9 a.m. high school show choir and jazz band performance Monday, May 5 in the middle school gym.

Coffee and rolls will be served in the cafeteria starting at 8:30 a.m.

The show choir and jazz band will also perform for the grade schools and Rossville-Alvin students.

**Driving class**  
The Hoopeston Multi Agency will hold a 55 Alive safe driving class from noon to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, June 9-10. Tom Jenkins will be the instructor.


There is a small fee for the class, to cover workbooks and a map. Many insurance companies offer class graduates a reduced auto insurance rate.

To sign up, call the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544 by May 2.

The class is limited to 25 participants.


**Meetings**  
• Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library.

### Weather



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