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### *A measure of two men*

Randy Lusk, left, and Dale Tweedy, make measurements on the site for a new fire station in Rossville. Site preparation, including drainage work and leveling, are underway, said Rossville Fire Chief Lloyd Smith. While ingress and egress work may begin this fall, Smith said construction on the building is not expected to start until next year. The fire department has receiving a special use permit for the property but final construction plans must still be approved by the Rossville zoning board.

### **Fun events and activities await Farm Progress Show visitors**

You don't have to be a farmer to enjoy the Farm Progress Show. All of agriculture's latest high tech products and services plus the best practices for agriculture are the main attractions at this big event and people from most walks of life find fun and interesting things to do

and see there. Anyone can enjoy the Farm Progress Show experience.

This month's 50th Anniversary Farm Progress Show has an expanded lineup of attractions and activities. Here's how to have some fun at the show.

#### **Eat Well**

It's not haute cuisine but it sure is good eating. Come hungry enough to try several items from the food tent menu – including smoked chops, walking tacos, barbecue, desserts and other satisfying finger foods.

#### **Foot Stomping Music**

Outdoor twilight performances from the Morton stage are scheduled for two evenings of the show. Platinum

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### **Phone line problem cuts city**

An unknown phone problem near Henning cut Hoopeston off from the rest of the world Monday morning. Long distance and many cell phone services and Internet connections were suspended.

Official information was unavailable at press time.



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recording country music star Brad Paisley appears Sept. 23 followed by the rocking country duo Montgomery Gentry on Sept. 24. Concert tickets are available at the event (\$12) or in advance (\$10) at Big R Stores, the 1st National Bank of Danville, Ill. or call toll free (866) 279-7469, or online at [www.FarmProgressShow.com](http://www.FarmProgressShow.com).

### **Farm & Fireside Tent**

Ample seating is ready under the Farm & Fireside big top tent. The Farm & Fireside's daylong programming features clean family comedy, music, cooking, sewing, gardening, and square dancing. Humorist Captain Stubby will appear noon daily. Stubby is the only staff member to participate in all 50 Farm Progress Shows.

### **Craft Exhibits**

About 30 artisans and crafters will display their handiwork at the show. Exhibits will feature hand made furniture, stained glass, collectibles, handmade brooms, appliquéd clothing and home items, lithographs, candles, floral arrangements, and other crafts.

### **Horses and Cattle**

Renowned horse trainer Craig Cameron, our "horse whisperer," educates and entertains equine enthusiasts

twice daily. Cameron's programs feature working sessions with locally owned untrained horses. His audiences learn the basics of overcoming a horse's natural fears and earning the animal's trust. Also, live cattle handling demonstrations are featured daily in the Farm Progress Show Livestock Tent.

### **Celebrating the Past**

A number of displays and attractions will celebrate agriculture's heritage at this 50th Anniversary event, the most notable being the massive antique equipment display along Tenth Street. A number of tractor restoration clubs are participating,



and there will even be rare items on display from the Smithsonian Museum collection.

### **Potpourri of Surprises**

It's traditional for many of the Farm Progress Show's exhibitors to surprise and delight the crowd. Over the years, visitors have been treated to racing pigs, professional cheerleaders, game shows, celebrity appearances, and an array of activities designed to attract attention and provide amusement.

### **Half Century of Progress**

The Half Century of Progress Show is a small-scale reproduction of the 1953 first Farm Progress Show with

vintage tractors, equipment and other products. This antique event is held the Saturday and Sunday before the Farm Progress Show and kicks off with a tractorcade of old and new tractors, built from 1953 to 2003. The tractorcade starts at the I&I headquarters (the old Penfield Grade School) and heads cross-country to the 1953 Farm Progress Show site, and then to the 2003 show site near Henning, Ill., about eight miles away.

### **Ticket Information**

The show sites are located 3 miles north of Henning, Half Century of Progress Show admission is \$3 for adults, ages 12 and under admitted free. Farm Progress Show admission is \$7 (advance purchase \$5) for ages 18 and older, ages 13-17 \$3, ages 12 and under admitted free. Parking is free.

For additional information visit [www.FarmProgressShow.com](http://www.FarmProgressShow.com).

## **Briefly**

### **Tiny Tots**

Tiny Tots story program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. "A story, a snack in a sack" is the theme. The program will be repeated at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Tiny Tots is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### **Energy assistance**

East Central Illinois Community Action Program will be at the Hoopeston Multi Agency from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7 to take energy assistance applications only for senior citizens and the disabled only and those whose gas and electricity have been shut off.

Applicants must bring proof of income and Social Security cards for everyone in the household; current power bill and rent receipt, if applicable.

Applications without this information will not be processed.

For more information, call the Multi Agency, 283-5544.

## **Police News**

A **51-year-old** woman reported Sunday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from her home in the 600 block of South Fourth St.

**Ronald E. Leppard**, 32, of 204 E. Honeywell was arrested at 10:41 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of East Honeywell. Leppard, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/rule to show cause, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

**Joseph A. Musk**, 19, of 712 E. Chestnut, was arrested at 1:13 a.m. Monday at Third St. and East Young. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and no red taillights and was released on his driver's license.

**Wanda J. Kitchens**, 66, of 919 W. Penn, was arrested

at 6:05 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of West Penn. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and no valid driver's license after police said an officer found her slumped over the wheel of her vehicle. She was released on \$300 cash bond. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

A **lawnmower** was taken from the 600 block of South Fourth St. The theft was reported Monday.

## **Weather**



Mostly sunny today. High 79. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 53. Tomorrow, sunny. High 81, low 55.

For current weather conditions, call (217) 283-6221.

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### **HELP WANTED**

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for bus aides. Must be 18 or older. Salary range \$6.94-\$10.41. Please fax resume, with references, to (815) 984-4500 or call (815) 984-3706. EOE

### **LOST & FOUND**

Found Monday near Star Motors: orange female kitten, approx. 2 mos. old. Call (217) 283-5131.

**Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad.**

**Hoopeston Multi Agency**

## **Ham & Bean Dinner**

**Oct. 2, 2003 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Tickets \$4**

**206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston  
Pay-at-the-door Carry-out meals  
available. Cost: \$4.50  
Dinner includes ham & beans,  
cornbread, drink & dessert**