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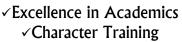


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# Annual citywide cleanup planned for Saturday, May 1

Hoopeston's annual citywide cleanup will be held Saturday, May 1.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. said organizer Kristi Hudson. Volunteers may sign up in a tent at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main.

Equipment will be provided to volunteers who will then walk the streets of Hoopeston picking up trash.

The effort is part of Keep Vermilion County Beautiful and will be the kick-off for this season's Trash



## **Express Lube has new manager**

Harlie Huckleby of Hoopeston has been named the new manager of Hoopeston Express Lube.

Huckleby began his duties April 5. He replaces Luke Greenwood who was promoted to manager of the company's Lafayette, Ind., store.

Huckleby previously worked for Ravens Trucking in rural Milford.

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Trash Walkers is a group which meets from 9-10 a.m. each Saturday to clean a particular area of the city, Hudson said.

This year, businesses and organizations are being asked to sponsor Trash Walkers each week. Unlike most sponsorships, however, the group is not looking for funding. "What we need is bodies," Hudson said. She is asking businesses and groups to provide manpower to help during the Saturday cleanups.

For information or to volunteer, call Hudson at (217) 283-4012.

## Rossville approves 2004 budget

ROSSVILLE—Trustees unanimously approved a village budged of about \$1.25 million at a reconvened meeting Monday.

Expenses are up slightly from last year, said Mayor Terry Prillaman, adding that revenue has remained approximately the same.

Despite income not increasing, trustees were able to make budget cuts to allow about a \$10,000 reduction in a deficit Prillaman said he inherited when elected. "We're still whittling away at the general fund deficit," he told trustees. The deficit was \$180,000, he said. This fiscal year will end with it reduced to \$60,000.

In related action, the board approved a loan of slightly more than \$17,000 from the gas fund to the Tax Increment Financing fund to pay for TIF-related expenses including consultant and legal fees.

Consultant fees will cost more than \$25,000 for a three-year period, he said. Additional costs have been incurred in leveling and running water and gas lines to Holmes St., which is part of the TIF.

The board may eventually have to consider

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## Reigning Royalty

Members of the court of Hoopeston Area High School's Prom pose at Saturday's event. Pictured are, from left, Rey Acosta, Michael Drollinger, King Alex Hurt, Travis Taylor, Dustin Leslie (2003 King) Shala Bartley (2003 Queen), Oueen Erin Spaur, Sarah Franklin, Liz Coon, Jamie Silver

#### **Obituaries**

GOODRUM - Linda (Linn) Goodrum, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 6:40 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2004 at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospital Cardiac Rehab

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### Rossville continued from other side

increase but Prillaman hopes to hold that off as long as possible. "It's the most unpopular thing you can do," he said. "We want people to move to Rossville, not chase them out."

Trustees also approved salaries for village workers, giving them an average increase of about

& Natrecor Clinic, 200 E. Fairman, Watseka, IL 60970 or Chestnut Street Church of Christ, Hoopeston.

**PRATT -** Dorothy L. Pratt, 72, of Hoopeston, died at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, April 25, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. There will be no services. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### Weather



Windy today and tonight. High 78, low 55. Tomorrow, breezy, chance of thunderstorms late. High 77, low 55.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-

# **Classifieds**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wellington's Maxwell Street Day Sat., May 1, 8-? Methodist church serving breakfast & lunch, bake sale & rummage sale. Rummage sales all over town. Something for everyone! Enjoy your day!

#### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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