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Bumper crop of friends harvest Rossville couple's grains

ROSSVILLE—Dick Wilson of rural Ross-ville has a good crop of friends and neighbors. A group of them gathered Tuesday east of Rossville to harvest Wilson's bean crop. Wilson, 58, is currently in Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana finishing up a second round of chemotherapy for leukemia, said Jim Weston, a neighbor who helped coordinate Tuesday's harvest. Usually, Wilson and his wife, Sandi, har-vest the crops but with his diagnosis about a month ago, both have been at the hospital. Mrs. Wilson normally runs the combine, Weston said.


Weston expected about 70 volunteers would turn out to pick approximately 600 acres of beans in eight fields in the Hoopeston-Rossville area. Some harvested, others operated augers or drove trucks filled with beans. Before the men could gather with their trac-tors, pickers, wagons and semis, clouds gathered, delaying picking. A heavy dew Monday night still lay on the plants but a steady breeze was drying it. Weston expected harvesting to begin around 10 a.m. and last four to five hours. "With multiple machines in each



Harvest volunteers wait for a break in the weather to begin harvesting Dick Wilson's beans. Wilson is hospitalized with leukemia.



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 Editor,

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It's hard for me not to sound a little mean when I recall some of the risks that people take while

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driving when they have had all the necessary training.

Once I was riding with a law abiding citizen on I-57 when a police car crossed the median and came almost head-on with us, forcing us off the road. We were fortunate that we came to a halt in a shallow ditch. After taking a deep breath, I was more than willing to express my civil liberties, but I was left without any

***Crop* continued from other side**

field, it won't take much time at all," Weston said. "If we don't get rain today, we'll get 'er done."

Weston wasn't surprised so many turned out to help in the work. "He'd be one of the first ones to step in line to do something for someone else," he said.

Coordinating the harvest started about three

Hoopeston woman dies in one-car accident near Veedersburg

VEEDERSBURG, IND—A Hoopeston woman died a single-vehicle accident at about 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Martha Kaeb, 50, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident on Interstate 74 near Veedersburg, according to a Fountain County Sheriff's Department spokesman.

Two other women, Mrs. Kaeb's daughter, Jennifer Hedges, 22, and Lisa Hillary, 42, both of Danville, were injured.

Hedges was treated at St. Clair Medical Center in Crawfordsville. Hillary was flown to Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana where she was listed in stable condition, the spokesman said.

According to reports, Mrs. Kaeb was west-bound in a Mercury Mountaineer when she struck the median. The vehicle then went back on the roadway, then struck the median again and rolled several times, coming to rest in the eastbound lane.

Police do not suspect alcohol or drugs were involved. An inquest is expected to be performed in Lafayette.

The sheriff's department was assisted by po-

days ago when Weston, a seed dealer, began calling area farmers to help. "I know most of these people and they know me," he said. "More importantly, they know Dick."

Individuals were not the only ones who joined in the cause. Monical's offered to provide pizzas at each of the fields being worked. Crop Production Service loaned people to the cause and Ar-ends Brothers donated a John Deer combine which volunteers have been using on the Wilsons' corn crop.

The volunteer effort shows not only how his neighbors feel about Wilson but display the willingness of neighbors to help neighbors. "It's neat to be

Police News

Roger D. Catron, 46, of 706 S. Third St., was arrested at 8:21 a.m. Monday in the 700 block of South Third St. He was charged with between 100-400 grams of a controlled substance. Police allege Catron had more than 300 grams of methamphetamine.

The arrest came after an ongoing investigation. Hoopeston police were assisted by the VMEG and a hazmat team.

Catron was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Weather

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proof or "documentation" to backup my anger about such a life-threatening and lawless act.

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Vera Crozier

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