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Annual city cleanup day gets few volunteers, lots of trash

Hoopeston's town-wide cleanup day Saturday drew few volunteers but a great deal of trash.

Only 11 people showed up to pick up trash in the city, said organizer Kristi Hudson. However, those who did take part gathered 35 bags of garbage from throughout the city. "They did a pretty good job of filling that 10-year Dumpster that was donated by Vermilion Waste," Hudson said.

Among those who volunteered were city council members Gail Lane and Nancy Stipp and members of Hudson's Trash Walkers group.

The low turnout was disappointing for Hudson, especially the lack of young people who took part. "We scheduled the date this year not only because it was Earth Day but also because it wasn't Prom weekend," she said. "Last year a lot of kids said they would have volunteered but couldn't because of Prom."

Along with cleaning up trash, volunteers also collected cans which were donated to the city skate park project.

Those who participated in clean up day cleaned up in more ways than one. More than \$500 in prizes were donated to the effort. "Those 11 people hit the jackpot," Hudson said.



Volunteers get equipment to clean up trash Saturday morning at the annual city-wide clean up day.

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sions, not only for our protection, but also for insurance and libel considerations?

Anyone that owns a scanner realizes that animal control in Hoopeston is no small matter. Almost daily, calls are made from areas around our schools in morning, afternoon, and during the day to remove an animal that might hurt one of our children. Many cats have been trapped and turned over to our veterinarian service for adoption. As a grandfather, I find this very reassuring for their safety, and I feel the cost of this service is well worth the price. If animals were well taken care of by their owners and not turned loose or actually trained to be vicious, then that would be another matter. Let's face

Briefly Tutor training

Danville Area Community College Adult Education Reader's Route will train volunteer tutors to help adults learn to read better. Sessions will be 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday May 3 and 10 at Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

Please bring a brown bag lunch. Snacks will be served.

To make a reservation, call Louise Free at The Reader's Route, (217) 443-8868 or the library, (217) 283-6711.

Police News

A bag of clothing was found Monday morning. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 28-year-old woman reported at 6:28 a.m. Monday that a domestic altercation happened in the 800 block of North Third St.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:25 a.m. Monday to #11 Parkview Court to clear smoke caused by a stove burner left on.

Firemen were called at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday to the 500 block of Dice to wash down a fuel spill caused when a city truck's fuel tank was punctured.

it, we don't live in a perfect world. Some people do not take responsibility for the animals they have, heck they don't take responsibility for themselves, that is why we need police officers. We need police officers to protect us from people, we need medical people to protect us from illness, we need fireman to protect us from fire/pull us from wrecks, and we need an animal control officer to protect us from unwanted and dangerous animals.

The city council was elected to make decisions that will make our city run effectively, but they also have a responsibility to ensure that each of our citizens, especially the ones that are too young or too old to fend for

Samet, Wagoner named royalty

Cassie Samet and Doug Wagoner were crowned at the King and Queen of the Hill tournament April 14 at Plamor Lanes.

Eight women and 23 men entered the tournament. On the women's low side, Dena Rush lost to Julie Spain, 127-126 but Spain fell to Samet, as did top seed Loni Gress, 191-125.

On the ladies high side, Jennifer Crawley was defeated 180-137 by JoAnne Gress. Karen Porth then topped Gress and top seed Patty Cappellano, 167-159. Porth lost to Samet 192-135.

On the men's low side, Kory Johnson bested Anthony Cappellano, 245-174 but lost to Ronnie Cappellano, 189-158. Michael Carswell defeated Cappellano 223-166 and top seed Dave Hughes, 215-194.

On the high side, defending King Brandon Hamilton fell to fourth seed Eric Gress, 233-215. Gress lost to Wagoner, 245-203, who then took out Tony Gress, 193-157. Wagoner then faced top seed Bob Bruens, who led all bowlers with a 760 series, but lost to Wagoner 200-190. Wagoner went on to defeat Carswell, 190-158.

In the night's final event, Samet and Wagoner bowled for overall winner where Wagoner won 212-148

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 65. Tonight, clear. Low 36. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 67, low 44.

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

themselves, are given even and adequate protection. Of course individual citizens can not have a say in most of what our city government has to decide on, but there are some issues that are too important. These issues, especially ones concerning our safety and our children's safety not only need, but require individual citizen input. After all if the city is sued it is not the council that has to pay for it, it is the citizens.

I want us to retain our present Animal Control Officer, so that my grandchildren can go to school without worrying about being attacked by an animal. I hope the City Council will reconsider their vote on this issue and check the pulse of the citizens that they represent to find out how their constituency feels about animal control.

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Countryside is now open weekends! Fri. & Sat., 9-5, Sun. 10-3. Craft supplies half off! Flea market! 217 E. Main, Hoopeston.

AUCTIONS

Antique, collectible, clean household, lawnmower, toys, marbles trees auction 10 a.m. May 6, Hoopeston Civic Center. For free consignment information or to schedule an appointment to consign items, call Jon Witvoet, (217) 748-6289 or (217) 304-0442

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