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## Hoopeston, Rossville to take part in Drivin' the Dixie Days

"Drivin' the Dixie Days" is a way to get people to take a drive along Rt. 1 but people in Hoopeston and Rossville hope visitors will stop and spend some time in their towns.

Rossville has events planned for Saturday and Sunday while Hoopeston organizers are focusing on things to do on Saturday.

Hoopeston's schedule begins at 8 a.m. with yard/craft/flea market sales at McFerren Park. Residents throughout the town will also have rummage sales in conjunction with Drivin' the Dixie.

Also starting at 8 a.m., Countryside Mall will have a flea market at 217 E. Main. The sale will continue Sunday, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jerry's IGA will hold a produce tent sale from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

From 9 a.m.-2 p.m., downtown businesses will offer special sales.

Jack and Sarah Miller's annual Garden Walk will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets will be by donation only this year and will be available starting Friday at Flowers and Gifts by Molly, Ruby Nell's and Margarita's Restaurant. Money raised will be donated to the Hoopeston Beautification Project.

A Hoopeston Hospitality Tent will be available on Rt. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and the McFarland Museum will open at 9 a.m.

Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert is the official passport stamping site from 9 a.m. to close and will offer shop specials.

Henning's Root Beer Stand on Rt. 1 will have "Lemon Shake Ups and Poodle Skirts" beginning at 9 a.m..

Starting at 11 a.m., the Lions Club will hold a fish fry and Rotary Club ice cream will be available, as well as



Hoopeston's Generation II Band will perform in Rossville during "Drivin' the Dixie" Days this weekend. Band members include Alex Wilson, Andrew Hodge, Matt Morgeson and Patrick Shepherd.

tacos. A car show will also be held in the park.

Also in the park, children's games will be going on from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at 1 p.m., the VFW will have bingo in the Legion shelter. From 1-2 p.m., the Cowboy Church Band will perform at the park. People are invited to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the music.

From 4-6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to a Garden Party in Rotary Park in downtown Hoopeston for fun, games and entertainment. There is a \$5 ticket price for food.

Wrapping up the day's events is a performance by Michael Ingram and Kayla Brown, acoustic duo, at BJ's Pump from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. BJ's will also offer a ranch-  
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burger special, along with full menu beginning at noon.

In Rossville, the event kicks off with a Krispy Kreme Sales downtown followed by a days worth of activities in Christman Park. A community garage sale will be held downtown and all of Rossville's specialty shops will be open.

A highlight will be a magnificent display of antique trackers and gas engines show at the park on Saturday and Sunday. Food and other vendors will be on hand, including the Rossville Fire Department's famous pork burgers and plenty of homemade pies and ice cream. The Freeway Teen Center will once again hold its sale of strawberry shortcake on Sunday afternoon.

For those traveling on the Dixie Highway, historic Mann's Chapel will once again be opened for visitors with historical interpreters on site to answer questions. The 1857 prairie chapel - the oldest in Vermilion County - is usually only open for weddings. The Rossville Historical Society and the Danville Junction Rail Road Museum will be open for visitors as well.

Hoopeston's own Generation II Band will be on



tap to entertain visitors from noon-2 p.m. Saturday. The group's music includes a mix of country, classic rock, and modern contemporary with a youthful twist. The performance will be free.

The Highway 341 will make a return performance on Sunday. The band, which plays at the Opry in Wallace, Ind. on Thursdays and Saturday nights, will perform "country and a little bit of everything else" from noon-2 p.m. at the Cadle Shelter in Christman Park.

The performance is free and is sponsored by the Rossville Community Organization's Drivin' The Dixie Committee.

### Obituaries

**FERNER**—Vincenzo J. "Vinnie Rapuano" Wallace-Ferner, 26, of Meriden, Conn., formerly of Hoopeston, died Friday, June 9, 2006, the result of a vehicle accident. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, Meriden. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

He is survived by his brother, Leo Rapuano of Hoopeston, sister, Angie Rapuano, formerly of Hoopeston and adoptive mother, Maria Furlong, formerly of Hoopeston.

**RHODES**—Betty Ann "MeMa" Rhodes, 81, of Hoopeston died at 515 a.m. Monday, June 12, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

### Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 82. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 60, Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 84, low 62.

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

The grand finale of the event will be the second annual Dixie Duck Dash down the North Fork of the Vermilion River. For those who have yet to purchase a duck for the race, a new variety of specialty ducks are now available at the Harris Agency in Rossville.



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