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Hoopeston's Hamilton-Orr becomes Anderson Funeral Home

When Ryan Anderson was a youngster, Bill Orr hired him to mow the grass at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Now Orr is turning the keys over to Anderson.

Anderson is purchasing Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home and renaming it Anderson Funeral Home. The funeral home was started in

1922 by Harry Hamilton in a downtown store. In 1935, the business moved to its current location.

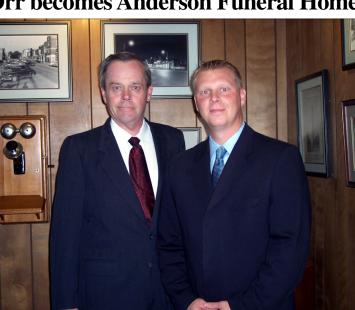
Orr's father, Eugene, took over the business in 1952 and, in 1989, Bill Orr took the reins of the business. Anderson said he became interested in the business by watching his uncle, Lyle Irvin, who was Vermilion County Coroner. His father, Dave Anderson, has helped at Hamilton-

Orr since 1991 and serves as a deputy

coroner. Anderson, 27, attended Worsham School of Mortuary Science in Chicago, graduating in 2000. For approximately the last five years, he has been in charge of operations at the funeral home.

One of the things Anderson likes best about his job is helping families and guiding them through a difficult situation. He credits his own family roots with his ability to understand each family's situation. "I feel my family background has helped me to understand that many families have various needs," Anderson said.

Anderson's family background has deep roots in farming. The family farm started in 1919. Anderson, along with his father, mother, Karen, and brothers, Todd and Nathan, continue to farm in the rural East



BILL ORR and RYAN ANDERSON

Lynn and Rankin areas.

"We're blue collar people," Anderson said, adding that that economic background guides him in his profession. "It's important in a time when people are struggling, to give them more services," he said. "We try to tie together that we serve every family."

Additional services available to each family include a family lounge, children's room, choice of registration books, customized memorial folders, a family and pallbearer vehicle, pictorial memory boards displayed in frames during visitation, pictorial album of all floral arrangements and accompanying cards and a DVD memorial tribute, where photos See ANDERSON on other side

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Whole Seedless Watermelon\$3.99 ea.
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2006 Little Miss Sweetcorn offers thanks at end of reign

Hello. My name is Abigail Foster and I am Little Miss Sweetcorn 2006. I would like to thank some people for all their help.

I would like to thank Angie Simpson for all of her hard work, great decorations and for being so helpful to everyone in the pageant. I would also like to the thank the judges for voting me this years Little Miss Sweetcorn. I would also like to thank the area businesses that donated gifts for everyone's gift bags. They were really nice!

I would like to thank my parents for being so helpful too. To my great cousin Samantha Tyler, thanks for making my hair look so pretty! My awesome friends Rhonda and Tracy Carter for being there to cheer me on and to all my other family and friends that couldn't be there, but were thinking of me, too.

Thanks to my Aunt Debbie and Uncle Kevin for driving me in the upcoming parade and for getting the signs for the car too.

This was an awesome experience for me. I had a lot of fun with all of the contestants and everyone looked so pretty. I feel so proud to have been able to share my first pageant experience with them all. Congratulations to all of the winners and I look forward to seeing everyone at the parade.

AnderSon continued from other side

of a loved one are placed on a DVD along with music. Future plans include doubling the size of the chapel, making handicapped-accessible restrooms and a family restroom and lounge. "It's important to make (the funeral home) more functional," he said. "We have a lot of space here; we've just got to change it around."

Another service Anderson will implement is creating a Christmas ornament in memory of loved ones of the families he serves each year. Each ornament will be placed on a special tree and, after the season, the ornament will be given to the family.

In a joint statement, Orr and Hamilton announced the sale to those with whom they have pre-need arrangements. "I would like to convey to you how pleased I am to be succeeded by a local resident rather than a "regional consolidator" or an "out-of-



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town" stranger," Orr wrote. "Area residents can be assured Mr. Anderson is a very conscientious and straightforward funeral director. His standards are high and his management of this funeral home will certainly be a reflection of those standards.

For his part, Anderson said his goal is to "provide a more personalized service to the families we serve," providing "not just the standard service" but "the service that sets the standard." He added he assumes ownership knowing the "time-honored traditions and standards set by Harry Hamilton, Eugene Orr and Bill Orr."

Along with his duties at the funeral home, Anderson is also president of the Vermilion County Funeral Directors Association and serves as assistant coach to the Hoopeston Area High School baseball program.



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Uniroyal Tire, Neal Tire & Auto team up to benefit Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer program

Uniroyal Tire and Neal Tire & Auto are teaming up this season to provide Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer with new soccer balls and funds. The donation is all part of a continuing commitment by Uniroyal and its key dealers to support youth soccer leagues across the nation.

Players from Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer will receive a certificate redeemable for a free soccer ball at Neal Tire & Auto beginning September 8 (while supplies last). In addition, Uniroyal and Neal Tire & Auto will present the league with a cash donation of \$2 for every Uniroyal[®] tire sold to the general public from September 8 to October 8.

Uniroyal Tire is now in its seventh year as a major sponsor of youth soccer. Since the program launch in 2000, Uniroyal and its tire dealers have donated more than \$9 million in funds and equipment, including a total of 657,500 free soccer balls.

"We are thrilled to play a part in fostering the growth of youth soccer. It's a game that can be enjoyed by kids of all ages and abilities and involves the entire family,"



said Kaz Holley, Uniroyal Tire brand marketing director. "The Uniroyal program is national in scope but implemented at the local level, so having solid support from dealers like Neal Tire & Auto is very important."

An exciting addition to this year's program is the "Win a Free Soccer Season Sweepstakes." a lucky winner will receive free soccer registration, a full set of tires, gas for four months and automotive services at the winner's participating tire location for the 2007 soccer season. The winner's soccer league will also receive \$1,000 from Uniroyal to put toward equipment, scholarships and other items as chosen by the league. Plus, each month from August to November, a first prize winner will be selected to receive free gas for the soccer season.

To enter the sweepstakes, any parent (ages 18 and older) can log on to www.uniroyal.com/sweeps or click on the sweepstakes banner on their participating soccer league's Web site between August 1 and November 30.

Supporting positive activities for children such as youth soccer is an ongoing initiative for Uniroyal Tire, which is one of the world's leading tire brands for passenger and commercial cars, pick-ups, light trucks, mini vans and sport utility vehicles.

To learn more about Uniroyal and its community initiatives, visit the Uniroyal Web site at www.uniroyal.com. To find out more about Neal Tire & Auto, contact Chuck Wallace, 217-283-5571, at 214 E. Penn St. in Hoopeston, or visit www.nealtire.com.

County health department plans first responders exercise

Vermilion County Health Department is testing its plan to ensure people who protect the county are themselves protected in an emergency. The health department is conducting a First Responders Exercise on Friday and Saturday to test plans for dispensing medications to critical personnel during an act of bioterrorism or other emergency that could impact Vermilion County residents.

"In a significant emergency within Vermilion County, public health is responsible for ensuring available medications are dispensed to first responders, critical personnel, local officials and the general public," says health department Administrator Steve Laker. He says the upcoming exercise will test the health department's ability to package medications and then dispense them to first responders and their immediate households. "For the first responders to put their lives on the line to protect us," Laker says, "They need to know their families are safe at home." Laker says first responders participating in the exercise have provided pre-screening information that will be used to package medications. "This plan only works effectively by pre-identifying the responders and their families, so we can ensure they receive the correct medications," he says.

The first test of the exercise begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the Vermilion County Health Department, when staff will package medications for distribution. The exercise continues Saturday morning as first responders are alerted to respond to pick up medications for their department personnel and immediate households.

The exercise will be evaluated by representatives from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Future exercises will test plans for distributing medications to area worksites and to the general public.

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Music Booster winner

The Aug. 25 \$100 winner in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing is Kim Fink.

Trash Walkers

Hoopeston Trash Walkers will hold their annual street corner drive Saturday morning, collecting trash from motorists and handing out trash bags to be used during the National Sweetcorn Festival parade.

Bowling meeting

A Wednesday Night Men's Bowling League meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at Pla-Mor Lanes. Bowlers are needed.

Sweetheart Pageant tickets

Reserved and general admission Sweetheart Pageant tickets will be available Aug. 7 at the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce office, in City Hall, 301 W. Main. It is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon. Call (217) 283-7873.

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Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, tri-tator, applesauce. TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears, animal crackers.

WEDNESDAY: Beefy cheesy nachos, salsa, peach slices.

THURSDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, cheese slice, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, tator tots, pineapple, cookie. Hoopeston Area High/Middle schools

MONDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy, tri-tator, scrambled eggs, applesauce; Choices: hot dog/bun, ham & cheese/bun.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears; Choices: chicken patty/bun, corndog.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak/bun, corn, peaches; Choices: pizza, rib/bun.

THURSDAY: Taco/soft shell, salad, pineapple: Choices: chicken nuggets, BBQ/bun.

FRIDAY: Toasted cheese, fries, fruit cocktail; Choices: hamburger/bun, fish/bun.

Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Soft shell taco, corn, peaches, crackers. TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, applesauce, pudding. WEDNESDAY: Sub sandwich, carrots/dip, banana, pretzel.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, pears, bread/butter.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Swiss steak, whole potatoes, mixed vegetables, plums, white bread.

TUESDAY: Shaved turkey/bun, baked potato, broc-coli, fig bar, fruit cocktail

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casse-role, peas, raisins, white bread.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 90. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 67. Tomorrow and Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High tomorrow, 87, low 67. Sunday's high 82, low 63.

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

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Meatloaf, new potato, carrots, pears, yellow cake, wheat bread.

All meals include milk.

Classifieds

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