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Hoopeston Area High School's cross country team. Pictured are front, from left, Emily Warner, Sherri McCormick and Abby Newman and back, Belinda Cohen, Erika Ramos and Ashley Houmes

## Hoopeston Area cross country girls earn top county honor

Hoopeston Area High School's girls cross country team kicked butt Tuesday at Kickapoo State Park. The six-member team brought home the Vermilion County Championship, defeating the rest of the field with their score of 33, said coach Rich Stipp. Their closest competitor was Bismarck-Henning with 50. Erika Ramos was the meet champion with her best

time in the Kickapoo course of 20:57, followed by Ashley Houmes who finished third at 21:29; Belinda Cohen, the first freshman to finish, at fourth with 21:39; Abby Newman, 12th at 23; Emily Warner 13th in 23:15 and Sherri McCormick, 19th in 25:11. Sarah Bock was unable to attend.

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## Council learns of new website, hears resident complaints

Hoopeston has a new face on the Internet.

At Tuesday's regular Hoopeston City Council meeting, economic development director Shannon Ruh said the new site is up and running. The site, at [www.hoopeston-il.gov](http://www.hoopeston-il.gov), contains information on city departments and services, council agendas and minutes, community data, including available buildings, and community events.

The site was designed by Allan Simpson of Hoopeston. Visitors to the former city site, [www.cityofhoopeston.org](http://www.cityofhoopeston.org), will automatically be directed to the new address.

In unrelated business, a citizen unhappy with the city aired their grievances to the council.

Lowell Null, owner of M&N Pallets, said he was cited by former zoning administrator Truman Page for building materials in a residential area. The wood is not building material and his business is not in a residential area,

### Obituaries

**GARRISON** - Thomas R. "Tom" Garrison, 68, of Hoopeston died at 2:05 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

### *Honor* continued from other side

"It was a great effort by all the girls," Stipp said. "They have worked so hard and deserve all the awards they are winning. Some were running hurt, some had been ill the day before, some developed blisters while running but they all persevered and did a fantastic job."

The title comes on the heels of the girls' first-ever conference win.

On the boys side, Hoopeston Area finished fourth with 83 points. Georgetown/Ridge Farm/Chrisman won the meet with 19 points.

The first Hoopeston Area runner was Patrick Sheppard, who finished 12th. Fifteenth place went to Peter Ellsworth; 24th to Cody Leemon; 25th, Vincent Watson; 28th, Eric Ellsworth; and 29th, William Plaza.

he said adding "this is the second or third time I've been charged with same offense."

Null said previous complaints about his business resulted in him fencing in the back part of the operation and that after the fence was erected, someone broke into his business through the fenced area.

M&N Pallets hires about 20 people. "Maybe that doesn't mean anything to Hoopeston," he said. "You guys either want the business in town or you don't. If you don't, I'll move."

Null is set to appear Thursday in Hoopeston Municipal Court.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a bid of \$4,304.20 from Ervin Construction for a new overhead garage door at the water department. Silver Bros. also submitted a bid, for \$5,285.

The cost of the 12'x14' door will be offset by \$3,050 in insurance money from damage done to the previous door.

- Heard from Ruh that the city is negotiating with property owners near the site of the proposed motel to have them abandon their wells. Ruh said EPA officials have said the agency will issue a No Further Remediation letter for the motel property if there is no danger of contaminants seeping into residents' wells. However, she said, some property owners are not willing to abandon their wells so alternatives are being discussed.

Motel owner Bhupendra Naik will not build the motel without the NFR letter.

This was the first year of cross country competition for all the boys. "They have all worked extremely hard and have dropped considerable time since the first meet of the year," Stipp said.

"I am so privileged to be coaching such a fine group of young people," he said.

### Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 56. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 37. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 56, low 37.

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