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## ICC may act if CSX fails to fix rail crossings in township

A representative of the Illinois Commerce Commission reportedly told a Grant Township official that the ICC will take action if township crossings are not fixed soon.

At Tuesday's Grant Township Board meeting, Supervisor Bill Boose said Henry Humphries of the ICC said paperwork is ready to levy fines against the railroad if promised repairs are not made.

Boose said Humphries reported that work on 3650 N., the crossing at Mann's Chapel and those at Maple and Lincoln streets in Hoopeston are supposed be repaired starting April 20.

Rural township residents John Hathaway and Tom Schmitz attended Tuesday's meeting to learn the status on the crossing repairs. The men were at the board's March meeting to complain about how long the railroad has left the crossing on 3650 unusable to local traffic. "It's basically OK unless I want to go somewhere,"

## Citywide cleanup set Saturday

If one man's trash is another man's treasure, it will be a win/win situation for Hoopeston residents Saturday during the annual citywide cleanup day.

This year's event begins at 7 a.m. with a free-cycle program at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Until 4 p.m., residents can take clean and usable or fixable items to the civic center to find a home for them with other residents.

Those who have large items, such as appliances, who wish to free-cycle them, may call organizer Kristi Hudson, who will take pictures of them to post at the civic center.

Hudson will also be photographing items considered hazardous that residents want to dispose of, such as paint, lawn chemicals and usable tires.

See CLEANUP on other side

Hathaway said.

Along with possible ICC action, township officials are considering filing a complaint with the ICC against CSX, similar to one filed last year by Milford officials.

Road Commissioner Gary Weinard said he, along with commissioners from Ross, South Ross and Newell townships met two weeks ago with a CSX safety officer who said that townships in other areas have made agreements with rail track masters concerning crossing repairs. "This was news to me," said Weinard, who said last month that government bodies cannot fix rail crossings.

Part of the reason for the holdup, Weinard said, is that CSX is waiting on hot patch to do repairs. However, he added, last fall, cold patch was used. "They've said all the right things but nothing seems to get done," he said. "It's the same song and dance only it's the 14th page of it, rather than the second."

Attorney Bill Nelson agreed. While railroads cannot close crossings without public hearings, "they've de facto closed (the crossing at 3650) by not fixing it," he See TOWNSHIP on Page 3

# Local Charter Cable bills had clerical error, company rep says

Hoopeston customers of Charter Cable should see a credit on their bills to make up for a billing error.

At the April 3 Hoopeston City Council meeting, residents complained about an increase in their bill. According to Sharifah Williams, Charter public relations manager in St. Louis, the increase was not a hike in rates or the city's franchise fee but rather was a "clerical error on our part."

The increase, ranging from about \$2 to \$5, will be credited to customers' accounts, she said.

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### **Police News**

Zacaria C. Sage, of 720 E. Honeywell was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident and reckless driving after an accident at 5:09 p.m. Tuesday.

Sage was released on notices to appear in Danville court.

A 40-year-old man reported Tuesday that someone damaged his property in the 500 block of North Ninth Ave.

A girl's purple Huffy Glitter bicycle was found at

12:15 p.m. Wednesday at 100 N. Sixth Ave. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Jamie M. Johnson, 32, of 411 N. Tenth Ave., was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:54 p.m. Wednesday in the 900 block of South Second Ave.

Johnson was charged with driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a traffic control device. She was released on \$100 cash bond.

be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoop-

eston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.

Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Thursday at Fricke-Calvert-

Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln and 1-3 p.m. Saturday at

Anderson Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to

American Cancer Society, Hospice Care of Illinois or

American Legion Auxiliary.

### **Obituaries**

PICKETT - Stanley "Ray" Pickett, 67, of Hoopeston died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2007. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston

YOUNG - Charlene Sue (Compton) Young, 59, of Lincoln, formerly of Wellington, died at 12:48 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at home. Funeral service will

### *Cleanup* continued from other side

Anyone participating in the Drivin' the Dixie rummage sales may have items that have not been taken to sell at their rummage sales, Hudson said. Anything left will be disposed of.

Another part of the day is "Keep the Scene Green," where residents are encouraged to "do whatever you can at your house," including spring cleaning and yard work, although "God only knows what the weather will be."

Trash items collected during cleaning may be taken to two Dumpsters that will be at the civic center from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

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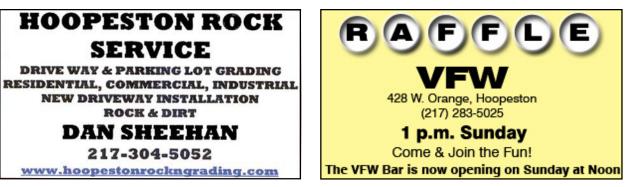
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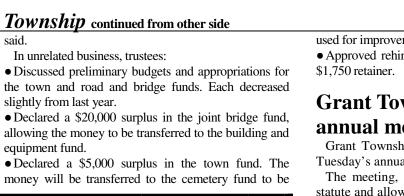
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Yard waste will be collected by city crews beginning Monday, weather permitting, during the annual spring allev cleanup.

A third part of the day, a cigarette butt scavenger hunt, has been postponed due to expected rain on Saturday, Hudson said.

Organizers are still looking for residents or businesses to donate money to help feed volunteers during Saturday's efforts, as well as for prizes for the scavenger hunt. Donations may be made by calling Hudson at (217) 772-1064 or Shannon Ruh at 283-7873.





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### **Hoopeston Shell**

Yes, we are open now. It's your shell Gas Station located on the corner of Rtes 1 and 9. You have tried the generic brands, now try a brand name gas. Please visit our store for promotional items, such as: if you purchase \$25 in gas, you get a free can of pop or a medium cup of coffee. Additional items available in store. Check our low prices and our friendly staff! **Ruby Nell's** 

Daily lunches served from 11-2 Monday-Saturday, dinner served 5-8 Monday-Saturday, 5-9 Friday & Saturday. Enjoy steak, prime rib, shrimp, chicken and pork chops. Be sure to book your 2007 parties with us! used for improvements at Red Top Cemetery.Approved rehiring Nelson for the coming year for a \$1,750 retainer.

## Grant Township officials hold annual meeting Tuesday

Grant Township officials were just plain folks at Tuesday's annual township meeting.

The meeting, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, is mandated by statute and allows township residents to act on issues facing the body. Officials were the only attendees at the 10-minute session.

Action taken included:

• Approving a \$20,000 surplus in the joint bridge fund and \$5,000 surplus in the town fund. The surpluses were discussed at the board's regular monthly meeting earlier in the afternoon.

• Setting the next town meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008.

• Ratifying all actions taken by the board of trustees during the preceding year.





# PRICE LESS FOODS

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# This Week's HOT Buy!

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### Meat Dept.

USDA Angus Choice Beef
Boneless Round Steaks\$2.69/lb.
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BonelessSirloin Pork Chops\$1.99/lb.
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Bone-In Chicken Breast\$1.29/lb.
Fresh Ground Round\$2.49/lb.
1 lb. pkg, Reg or Thick
Bar S Sliced Bologna99¢ pkg
16 oz pkg, Assorted Varieties
<b>Tennessee Pride Sausage Rolls</b> \$1.99 ea

### Grocery Dept.

6oz can, in Water or in Oil, Chicken of the Sea
Chunk Light Tuna59¢
<b>Ragu Pasta Sauce</b> 16-28 oz jar, Asst. Var. <b>2/\$3</b> 12 ct pkg, Regular rolls or 6 ct pkg Double Rolls
Angel Soft Bath Tissue\$2.99
12 pk/12 oz cans
RC, Diet Rite or Crush3/\$9
6 pk/.5 ltr btls, 7-Up, A&W or Dr Pepper 2/\$5
Aquafina Water 24 pk/btls\$4.99 10 ct pkg Variety Pak, 18 oz box Ricke Krispies, 19.1 oz box Apple Jacks, 19.7 oz box Froot Loops or 23 oz box Frosted Flakes
Kellogg's Cereal3/\$8
14-15 oz can, Shellie Beans, Green Beans, Corn or Peas
Stokely's Traditional Vegetables10/\$5 18.2-18.9 oz box, Assorted Varieties
Pillsbury Cake MixBuy 1, Get 1 FREE

### Produce Dept

Red, Ripe Strawberries 1 lb clamshell Vine Ripened, Jumbo	<b>\$1.99</b> ea
Slicing Tomatoes	99¢/lb
10 oz bag, Creamy Garlic Caesar, Fat Free or	
Dole Caesar Salad	2/\$5
3 ct pkg Earthbound Farms	
Organic Romaine Hearts	2/\$5
Dairy Dept.	
Kraft Velveeta Slices 12 oz pkg	2/\$4
Prairie Farms Fruit Drink Gallon	99¢
Prairie Farms Fruit Drink Gallon 24 oz ctn	99¢
24 oz ctn Prairie Farms Cottage Cheese	
24 oz ctn	\$1.99

### Frozen Dept.

4 qt pail, Assorted Varieties **Prairie Farms Ice Cream......\$4.99 Laurel Farms Orange Juice** gallon.....**\$3.49** 1 lb.Sweet Cream Salted or Unsalted

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## Lunch Menus

### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, bread/oleo, apple-sauce, cookie.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears. WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak sticks, mashed pota-

toes, gravy, hot roll, peaches.

THURSDAY: BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, fruit cocktail, cupcake. FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, crackers, fruit cocktail.

### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, potato wedges, cheese sauce, applesauce; Choices: turkey/bun, ham & cheese/bun.

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, pears, cookie; Choices: chicken patty/bun, pork egg roll.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, garlic bread, corn, pineapple; Choices: pizza, rib/bun.

THURSDAY: Beef & cheese burrito, Spanish rice, salad, salsa, peaches; Choices: chicken nuggets, BBQ/bun.

FRIDAY: Chicken salad wraps, pasta salad, fruit cocktail; Choices: hamburger/bun, fish/bun.

### **Rossville-Alvin Grade School**

MONDAY: Lasagna, green beans, mixed fruit, cheesy breadstick.

TUESDAY: Chicken patty, cheese slice, California blend, pears, pumpkin bar.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger, pickles, tater tots, banana. THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, cheesy biscuit.

FRIDAY: Corndog, baked beans, mac & cheese, apple crisp.

### Weather

Partly cloudy today. High 52. Tonight, rain. Low 37. Tomorrow, rain, then partly cloudy. High 48, low 33. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 54, low 35.

#### Hoopeston Area School Board Vote on April 17th, 2007 for Stephen P. Highfill -Work in town can be reached anytime! - Des Shield/Storm Veteran. - Former Rotary Exchange Student. - Currently serving on youth football and bas boards.

- Currently have children in Hoopeston Area School System.

 Care about the school system's current standing and future standing in the state.







### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for Program Support Coordinator for Wellington; Disabilities Coordinator to work in both Wellington and Ludlow; and Teachers for both sites. Send resumes to P.O. Box 136, Wellington IL 60973; email to joanmoser@hotmail.om; or fax to (815) 984-4500. Call (815) 984-4718 with questions. EOE

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