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## RCO outlines 'Drivin' the Dixie' activities in Rossville area

ROSSVILLE—Rossville Community Organization will host its annual Drivin' the Dixie Days, June 15-17 at Christman Park.

This year's three day event will kick off Friday evening with an IPA sanctioned tractor and truck pull starting at 6 p.m.. Admission will be \$5 (under 12 free) and is co-sponsored by the North Vermilion FFA.

Festivities on Saturday will start early with the Sons of the American Legion sausage gravy breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Activities at the park will commence at 9 a.m. and will include an antique tractor show, display of vintage cars and trucks, a WWII static display, karaoke, a tractor parade and home-made pie and ice cream sale. Live entertainment, vendors and food booths will be open all day. Local groups performing will include Homeward Bound (gospel), Standard Issue (vintage rock and roll), and Highway 341.

Drivers participating in the day-long "Drivin' The Dixie" vintage car tour will arrive from Danville at 11 a.m. and continue on to Hoopeston, Milford, and Momence. Each driver will have his "passport" stamped at both Christman Park and at the Rossville Historical Society.

Rossville's downtown specialty shops will be open from 9 to 5 as will the Rossville Railroad Museum and the Rossville Historical Society.

New this year will be a program called "History on the Dixie" featuring living history personal recreating characters from the history of the Hubbard Trail and the Dixie Highway. These will include Gurdon Hubbard and Alvan Gilbert at the Hubbard Trail Monument on South Chicago Street, Uncle Joe Cannon at the Mini Park Gazebo, and Romanian Princess Ileana in front of the Presbyterian church. A

special visitor from the past will be Springfield lawyer Abraham Lincoln who will be greeting prospective clients at the Rossville Historical Society.

Later that evening there will be a hot air balloon glow as duck racing enthusiasts prepare to enter their LED ducks for a new event, Light Up The North Fork duck race, at 9 p.m. LED ducks are available for \$10 prior to the event.

Activities will continue on Sunday with a special Father's Day Dixie Olympics. A strawberry shortcake sale, and the grand finale, the third Annual Dixie Duck Dash down the North Fork of the Vermilion. Specialty ducks for the race are available for \$10.

Those wishing to reenter their ducks from previous years may do so for \$4. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first three places.

For more information on the event or to purchase a duck call Wendy Dunavan at (217) 748-6435. For tractor pull information, call Marilyn Danner at (217) 286-5058.

## Briefly

### Vacation Bible Schools

"Avalanche Ranch" Vacation Bible School will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. June 11-15 at First Christian Church, Hoopeston. Come join us on a wild ride through God's word.

Call 283-6691 to register.

New Life Christian Center invites all children ages 4-9 to join in the fun during Vacation Bible School June 11-15th from 5:30-8 p.m. at 2105 N. Bowman Ave., Danville. It will feature a water park theme.

For additional information, please call the church at 217-431-0018 or e-mail: info@newlifedanville.com

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## Letters to the Editor



### Dead dog draws concerns

On Sunday May 27 one of our police officers had to destroy an animal in my neighbors yard. While I am sure that it was a last resort for this to happen, I have a problem with the events that followed.

After the animal was put down, it was just left laying in the front yard of the home for everyone including the children in the area to see. There was a lame attempt to cover it with a plastic garbage bag that lasted about five minutes in the wind. When I called the police station to find out what could be done I was told that our animal control was out of town and nothing could be done until later in the week. I later found out that was not true.

After several phone calls and some 24 hours later I finally managed to get in touch with Carl Ankenbrand and he and an another office came and removes the ani-

mal. I feel that it was very inhumane and immoral and possibly a health concern to let that animal lay there for that amount of time. I am sure that if this incident had happened in the mayor's yard or an alderman's home, this would have been taken care of at that time. There should be procedures in place for this type of incident, that includes the removal of the carcass. Don't let this be a precedent in how we handle this type of problem.

As a homeowner and taxpayer in Hoopeston I feel we deserve better.

Thank you for your time,

Sharon Polson  
Hoopeston

### Chief responds to dog issue

The Hoopeston Police Department did in fact, shoot a pit bull on 5/27/07 after it tried to attack the responding

officer. The dog was covered up with garbage bags and they were anchored with rocks in the yard of the caretaker/owner, after relatives of the owner were made aware of the situation. Regarding the handling of this type of case involving the mayor or aldermen; I think it's safe to assume they would be, or are responsible pet owners.

There was only one officer on duty and he had pending calls to tend to after clearing the dog call. The squad cars carry a large amount of equipment, making it impossible to carry anything large in the trunks.

The animal control officer works an extraordinary amount of hours, despite making a small salary. He is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He is allowed time off, and took that weekend off to attend his nephew's memorial dedication services.

I understand that Mrs. Polson is upset, but I think her anger should be directed at the owner and caretaker of the dog who is responsible for caring, restraining, and ultimately; disposing of the animal.

Mark Drollinger  
Chief of Police  
City of Hoopeston



## Court Dispositions



May 17

**Jose A. Cardenas Jr.**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to theft, fined \$280; status hearing Aug. 2.

**Christopher T. Ford**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft, found guilty by default; sentencing June 21.

**Marshall D. Burton**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to assault; requested trial July 5.

**Eric A. Smith**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; status hearing June 21.

**Charles A. Adams, Jr.**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; status hearing June 21.

**Billy J. Carl**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for trespassing, found guilty by default; sentencing June 21.

**Dalia Granados**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to nuisance vehicle, fined \$280; status hearing Aug. 2.

**Charlotte M. Akins**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for disorderly conduct, found guilty by default; sentencing June 7.

**Charlotte S. Strawser**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to preparation and placement of garbage, fined \$180; status hearing Aug. 2.

**Pam S. Crose**, Chicago, failed to appear at status hearing; case will be registered with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

**Cyndi Houston**, Hoopeston, case dismissed.

**Christopher T. Ford**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case will be registered with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

**Heidi S. Snyder**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case will be registered with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

**Richard C. Strawser**, Hoopeston, new status hearing Aug. 2.

**Pam S. Crose**, Chicago, nuisance vehicle case continued.

## New Books at the Library

### Fiction

Jungle Bullies by Steven Kroll

The Little Drummer Mouse: a Christmas Story by Mercer Mayer

### Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 74. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 56. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 80, low 63.

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

## Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:07 a.m. Friday to Star Chrysler, 900 W. Orange, for a Dumpster on fire. No injuries were reported.

Firemen were later called to Vermilion Waste after the same Dumpster reignited after crews got it to the landfill.

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