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Survey important in determining current, future needs

I was going to start this out by talking about how important the housing survey is to the future of Hoopeston.

It is and I'll talk about that in a minute, but I decided to start with what I think you might think is the most important thing and that is....

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yet, question 35 asks you to choose an income range for your household. I know a lot of people are leery to include that information so I thought it best that you know upfront that if you get rid of the label, nobody will know who filled out the survey.

Address labels are on the surveys because originally, they were going to be mailed. However, task force volunteers are now hand-delivering them and will pick up completed forms on Thursday.

See SURVEY on other side



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Police News

Pamela S. Crose, 49, of 111 E. Lincoln was arrested at 9:10 p.m. Sunday at her home. Crose, wanted on an Iroquois County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$310 cash bond.

Jackie E. Winchester, 30, of 304 Gilbert, Rossville,

was arrested at 9:10 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Seminary. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, he was released on \$500 cash bond.

A 39-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 9:21

RCO seeks names of soldiers serving in Iraq/Afghanistan

Rossville Community Organization is seeking names of Rossville area active duty military who are currently or have served in Iraq or Afghanistan since 9/11. RCO, working with the Rossville Sons of the American Legion, will create wooden plaques to hang on the village's historic lamp posts to honor them.

Qualifying personnel must reside within Rossville/

Alvin School District. Those wishing to submit names should do so in writing, with full name, service branch, rank, deployment dates, and local address. Information should be sent to the Rossville Military Service Project, RCO, PO Box 144, Rossville, Il 60963. Deadline is Sept. 1, 2008 although new plaques will be put up if additional service personal are deployed.

p.m. Sunday that several children apparently wrecked at least one bench at Honeywell Grade School.

Obituaries

RUMBLE - Minnie Rumble 71, of Hoopeston, died at 12 p.m.. Sunday July 29, 2007, at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

WINEGARDNER - Claude Winegardner, 96, of Bismarck died at 3 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville.

Survey continued from other side

It's important that the housing task force get an accurate picture of the income of Hoopeston citizens because if the income part of the survey shows that Hoopeston has many low income families, the city will be more

eligible for grants and other help.

In order to get that help, residents don't have to be dirt poor. Based on a mean income of \$31,900, a family with a gross income of \$25,520 is considered to be low income.

Based on the results of the housing survey, city leaders will plan for Hoopeston's housing needs but the information gained from the survey can also be used in other ways.

For example, the infrastructure committee, of which I am a member, is concerned about several problems including flooding and the condition of water mains and sewer lines. The housing survey will give us accurate information on how many people currently are on city water and sewer, whether services should be expanded and, based on the financial information, whether the city will qualify for grants to help fix these problems, including flooding.

Please take the time to fill out the survey and please answer it honestly. If your family actually makes a gazil-

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