

Mayor's Youth Council Fundraiser

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## Economic development to sponsor customer service workshop

Local businesses will be able to offer their employees training in customer service at a free workshop slated for next month.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, economic developer Dana Goodrum said her office will work with Vermilion Advantage to find speakers for the workshop. Vermilion Advantage held a similar seminar before the holidays, she added.

The topic of the seminar was selected from surveys sent to local businesses. Customer service and e-commerce were the two most-named topics, Goodrum said.

More than one session of the customer service event may be scheduled, based on attendance.

An e-commerce seminar is being discussed for later this year, in partnership with Hoopeston Public Library, which is currently offering a series of workshops on e-commerce.

## Rossville firming up plans for 150th birthday celebration

ROSSVILLE—It will be a hot time in the old town when Rossville celebrates its 150th birthday in early August.

The village will celebrate its sesquicentennial in a big way, said Kevin Young at Monday's village board meeting.

Young is one of several people working on the event, which will be held August 6-9.

Actually, Young said, the event will kick off on August 5 with a Miss Rossville Sesquicentennial is named. The contest is open to girls ages 16-19. The winner will reign over festivities for the rest of that weekend.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, an opening ceremony will be held at Christman Park that will feature the Wabash Brass Band, speeches, cake and more music, as well as a

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that a manager, assistant manager, lifeguards and concessions workers will be needed at the city pool this year. Applications are available at city hall.

Lifeguards must have certification that is available from the YMCA, Ankenbrand said. Candidates must pay for the training but will be reimbursed by the city at the end of the season.

- Also heard from Ankenbrand that the city is seeking bids for spraying of local parks. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. February 10.

- Heard from Goodrum that the Mayor's Youth Council will hold a taco fundraiser from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hoopeston American Legion.

Twenty high school students are actively involved in the council and will be working that night, Goodrum said.

19th century fashion show.

Saturday events will include a 1959 street dance on East Attica, featuring Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. A living history encampment will be held, focusing on life from the 1750s to the 1940s, Young said.

A beard contest will also be held on Saturday. The contest will be divided into two categories: those who start out clean shaven on February 7 and grow their beards until the contest, and a preexisting condition for men who don't want to shave existing facial hair.

At the town's centennial in 1959, the village board approved an ordinance banning men from shaving, Young said, but that won't happen this year. However, for men who cannot have facial hair, due to work re-

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## Fish Fry

5-8 p.m. Friday

## American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston  
Also serving pork chops.  
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## Police News



A **38-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 11:28 a.m. Tuesday that someone took an item from her mailbox sometime after 5:30 p.m. January 16.

A **17-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, that someone broke out the back window

of her vehicle while it was parked at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.

**Renee Colunga**, 21, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for contempt of court, she was released

## Local candidates begin filing petitions for April election

Two Hoopeston aldermen and five candidates for Hoopeston Area school board have filed petitions to run in the April 7 election.

Fourth Ward Alderman Bill Goodwine and Carl Ankenbrand of Ward II have filed to run to retain their seats, said Loni Gress, Hoopeston City Hall office manager.

Seats up for reelection also include those currently held by Bill McElhaney, Jeff Johnson and Bill Cruserberry.

Two petitions have been taken out for the office of mayor, but neither had been returned by 11 a.m. Wednesday.

In races for Hoopeston Area School Board, three incumbents and two newcomers filed as of Wednesday morning.

Incumbent Lawrence Jahn and newcomer Steve Highfill have filed in the former Hoopeston School District, considered "in."

The seat currently held by Dwight Judy is also up for reelection.

### **Rossville** continued from other side

strictions or other circumstances, a shaving permit will be issued. Also, Mayor Terry Prillaman plans to issue a proclamation about beards.

Other events for the weekend include family Olympics, softball tournament, vintage baseball game, vintage car show, parade and battle of the bands.

A church service will be held on August 9 and a time capsule will be buried in the mini park to conclude the festivities.

Young said organizers hoped to have a carnival for the event but are having a difficult time finding a medium sized carnival company willing to come to Rossville.

"Fifty years ago, it was a nice carnival," said Prilla-

man, who said he attended with his then-young son.

The sesquicentennial is being sponsored by Rossville Historical Society which is selling calendars, ball caps, cookbooks, T-shirts and puzzles to raise money to pay for the party. A picture book is also in the works, Young said.

Four people had picked up petitions for the outlying district, Richards said.

### **Briefly**

#### **Men's basketball**

First Baptist Church has open men's basketball from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. All area men are invited.

#### **Blood drive**

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 at First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 915 E. Orange.

To schedule an appointment, call Yolanda Woods at (217) 283-9556.

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### **Weather**



Mostly sunny today. High 40. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 33, low 11.

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

on \$300 cash bond.

**Kurtis J. Simpson**, 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:21 p.m. Tuesday at his home in the 600 block of West Elm. Wanted on a Coles County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Coles County.

## **Rummage Sale**

to benefit

**Mustard Seed Christian Daycare**

**8 a.m.-Noon**

**Saturday, January 24**

**Rossville United Methodist Church**

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