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# New manager is familiar face at Rod's Home & Auto store

More.

That's what Greg Bertram is offering at Rod's Home & Auto in Hoopeston—more Radio Shack products, more televisions, more items for less money.

Bertram is the new manager at the store, taking over after his parents, Porter K. and Mary Ann Bertram of Milford, purchased the business from former owner Rod Gaddis. The Bertrams took over operations on August 1.

Wednesday, the Bertrams held a daytime ribbon-cutting and evening Chamber After Hours to celebrate.

Greg Bertram began working in the store in

1996, when Gaddis opened it. Since then, he has worked in the shop, doing auto repairs, tuning up everything from mowers to snow blowers, and working with customers. "There's not much I don't do," he said. "All anyone has to do is ask. If I can't do it, I'll tell 'em straight up."

The Bertrams have brightened in inside of the business and added merchandise that they hope will bring local folks in their doors, including large screen televisions,

See ROD'S on other side



Greg Bertram cuts the ribbon marking the transition of his family as owners to Rod's Home and Auto. Pictured are, from left, Loni Gress, Bertram, Debbi Rayls, Porter K. and Mary Ann Bertram and Gail Lane.

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#### **Police News**



A four-vehicle accident Thursday sent two people to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Nancy Kester and Timothy Cannon, both of Hoopeston, were treated after Kester's 2002 Chrysler, struck Cannon's 2008 Chevrolet at 10:40 a.m. in the 400 block of South Dixie Hwy.

Cannon's car then struck a 2006 Chevrolet driven by Richard A. Crow of Hopkinsville, Ken., which struck a 2000 International tractor trailer, driven by Michael S. McMullen of Manville.

Police said McMullen was stopped in the southbound lane waiting to turn, with Cannon and Crow behind him.

#### **Obituaries**

**CRONKHITE** - Raymond Arthur "Spud" Cronkhite, 90, of rural Danville, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009 at Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Friday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Danville Alliance Church, 2509 N. Bowman Ave., Danville IL 61832.

**LAU** - Lyle Lau, 63, of Hoopeston, died at 5:21 p.m., Saturday Nov. 7, 2009 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**LEVERENZ** - Gwendolyn A. "Gwen" Leverenz, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

## **Rod's** continued from other side

Radio Shack products, cell phones, including pay-as-yougo phones, computer equipment, including flash drives, Christmas items, NASCAR novelties and kids' toys.

Bertram said the family purchased the corporation and will keep the same name, in part as tribute to the former owner. Gaddis, Bertram said, "considered me almost as his second sun. He wanted to see his dream live on."

Rod's Home & Auto is located at 300 E. Main.

Kester, 57, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

A 50-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Thursday that someone took a Playstation, several games and a video camera from her home in the 900 block of East Orange.

A 35-year-old Hoopeston man reported that someone took several items from his home in the 600 block of Chestnut.

**A 21-year-old** East Lynn woman reported at 3:13 a.m. Saturday that her cell phone was either lost or stolen in

the 700 block of Scott Dr.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:20 a.m. Saturday at 530 N. Fifth St. Police said Paul S. Green, of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Lincoln Towncar, hit the siding of Kim's House o Style salon at that address.

A 23-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 4 p.m. Saturday that someone cut the tires on her vehicle while it was parked outside her home in the 700 block of East Wyman.

**Michael V. Anderson**, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:26 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of East

Wyman. Wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant for parole violation, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Heidi S. Snyder**, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:44 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of East Wyman. Officers

were at the address to locate someone wanted on a warrant when they found foil packets of a substance that was tested and allegedly found positive for a controlled substance.

Snyder was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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## Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, cookie TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears, Goldfish WEDNESDAY: Turkey & noodles, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Mini burritos, salad, pineapple, chips & salsa

FRIDAY: PBJ, yogurt, mixed fruit, apple juice **Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools** 

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, corn, applesauce, pudding

TUESDAY: BBQ rib/bun or chicken salad wrap, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Taco or cheese quesadilla, salad, pears

THURSDAY: Turkey & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple crisp

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit

#### CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Corned beef patty, buttered potatoes, white rice, carrots, grape juice, pineapple, bran muffin

TUESDAY: BBQ chicken, hot pasta/sauce, corn, broccoli, fruit cocktail, pears in Jello, banana bread

WEDNESDAY: Meatloaf w/zesty tomato sauce, diced rutabagas, lima beans, mixed fruit, wheat bread

THURSDAY: Boneless pork rib, sweet potato casserole, peas, apple juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Vegetable lasagna, white rice/beans, apple crisp, apple juice, wheat bread

All meals include milk.

# — Briefly

### City slab hours

Hoopeston City Slab will be open from 7 a.m.-noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, beginning Monday, Nov. 9, except on holidays.

#### H1N1 vaccines

Vermilion County Health department staff will be at the Hoopeston Civic Center in McFerren Park in Hoopeston Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10 from 1-7 p.m. to provide H1N1 vaccines.

The public clinics are focused initially on those most at risk from the complications from the H1N1 virus, including pregnant women, healthcare workers and emergency medical personnel, those who care for infants under six months of age, children and youth ages six months to 24 years, and people ages 25 to 64 with underlying health conditions. Vaccinations will be offered to the general public in the near future.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 48. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 58, low 36.

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