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You start getting calls and email messages from friends, family and people you have never heard of saying you sent them an email with an attachment. But you didn't send the email and why would you attach your checkbook file?

Most likely your computer is infected with a virus. Many times I have responded to messages sent to me with viral attachments to let users know they have a problem only to have them respond that it cannot possibly have been their computer, they have anti-virus software installed. I am glad to hear that they have taken one step towards protecting their computer from the myriad computer viruses floating around the Internet. The problem is making sure your software is up-to-date. Most anti-virus software packages work by having a database of virus signatures that enables the software to identify which files on your computer are infected. The virus signature is a small sequence of computer code that is unique among all other programs and viruses.

Every time a new virus is discovered the anti-virus software manufacturers analyze the viral code and create a signature that allows their software to detect this virus in the files you are downloading from the Internet or receiving in email messages. If the anti-virus software installed on your computer does not have an updated signature file it cannot detect the newest viruses and is almost useless. It may detect viruses from last year; however, this does not help much since people with updated software have mostly eradicated older viruses.

Updating anti-virus software is a relatively easy process. Most software packages come with an update program. All you have to do is connect to the Internet and then run the update program. The program will then connect to a site on the Internet and download the newest signature database. After rebooting, the program will rescan your hard drive. It is important to be patient with the hard drive scan and allow it to complete before clos-See VIRUS on other side





The winner is...

A combination effect of ghosts, ghouls and skulls made the Kevin Tyler family this year's winners in the Hoopeston Javcees Halloween Yard Decorating Contest. The family's yard has featured prominently in Jaycee contests for the past several years. The contest was cosponsored by Just the Facts.

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10th annual Hickory Grove Volunteer Fire Department Ghill Support Saturday, Nov. 3 4-8 p.m. (Indiana time) Ambia Fire Station Tickets: \$5 available at door or call (765) 869-4463



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Fall Pasta Dinner Pasta-Salad-Bread-Drink-Dessert Friday, Nov. 2 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$6 Children 3-8: \$3 Under 3 Free

(; † ;) Lunch Menus mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail. Hoopeston Area grade schools MONDAY: Pork riblets, tri-tator, graham crackers, fruit TUESDAY: Waffle stix & sausage patties or fish/bun, tricookie. cocktail. tator, scrambled eggs, oranges. TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, pretzels, fruit. WEDNESDAY: Chicken alfredo fettucini or breaded pork/ WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, max stix, peach slices. bun, corn, peach slices. No salad. THURSDAY: Mini burritos, salad, pineapple. THURSDAY: Burrito or chicken patty/bun, salad, pineapple. FRIDAY: Pancakes, sausage links, Trix yogurt, applesauce. FRIDAY: Submarino, vegetable or cheese soup, crackers, rots, peaches, bread, butter. Hoopeston Area Middle/High School applesauce.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Taco, soft shell, corn, pineapple, chocolate chip ookie.

TUESDAY: K-5: French toast, sausage patty. 6-12: Sausage gravy/biscuit, hash browns, apple juice, yogurt, milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger, tator tots, pears, yellow cake. THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas & car-

FRIDAY: Pizza squares, salad, baby carrots/dip, applesauce. All meals include milk.

Bowling Scores									
Hoopeston Women's Bowling League			5. R&R Body Shop	13	8	11. Weber's Drug Store	8	13	
Standings 10/29/01			6. Family Circus	121/2	81/2	12. Yaden-Rethelford	71⁄2	131/2	
1. Beertenders	15	6	7. No Name Just #14	10	11	13. Family Affair	7	14	
2. Easy Sliders	15	6	8. Gillins Oil	9	12	14. Community Bank	7	14	
3. B.J.'s Pump	14	7	9. Kankakee Federal	8	13	High Team Game: Kankakee Federal 1,076, R&R Body Shop			
4. Main Street Travel	13	8	10. Pin Pals	8	13	1,040, BJ's Pump 1,029. High Team Series: R&R Body Shop			
		3,058, Kankakee Federal 3,055, Community Bank 2,985; High							

Police News

Doming N. Reyes, 25, of 323 E. Maple, was arrested at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, charged with criminal damage to property over \$300.

MONDAY: Country fried steak/roll or ham & cheese/bun,

Police said Reyes damaged businesses in the 100 and 200 blocks of East Main, including Pizza King, Hall's Garage, China King, Der Scrheiner and Weber Drugs. Reyes was taken to the Public Safety Building in Dan-

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ing it.

Several anti-virus manufactures offer subscriptionbased services in which you buy the initial software and then for a small fee get unlimited signature and program file updates. These subscriptions or usually paid for annually or monthly by credit card either over the Internet or by phone. Although there are fees associated with keeping your anti-virus software current it is well worth it. Consider that it usually takes at least an hour for a qualified computer technician to return your computer to normal operations after a virus has infected it.

James Eyrich is network administrator for Hoopeston Area schools and the Hoopeston Public Library and offers private consulting. He may be reached at eyrich@eyrich.com. ville to await arraignment.

The Lion's Club shelter, restrooms and a chlorine holding building at McFerren Park were all spray painted Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:12 a.m. Thursday at 214 E. Penn.

Police said Teanna L. Lambert of 720 E. Honeywell, pulled her 1992 Buick from Neal Tire and hit a 1986 Chevrolet driven by George Cornelius, 607 Trego Dr. Lambert was at fault for failure to yield the right of way.

In the Hospital

Due to changes in privacy regulations, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will no longer provide lists of admissions and discharges.

Weather

Chance of showers early then partly sunny today. High 65. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 44. Tomorrow and Sunday, partly sunny. High Saturday 63, low 42. Sunday's high 58, low 40.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston** Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

Classifieds

Individual Game: Patty Cappellano 216, Glenda Reed 207, De-

nise Bray 204: High Individual Series: Glenda Reed 564. Patty

Cappellano 552, Karen Porth 532.

HOUSES FOR RENT

Available Nov. 1: Cozy 3 bedroom ranch, double Bullock garage, basement. \$350/mo. Deposit required. (217) 283-6888/ (217) 260-5729.

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