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## Vermilion County's unique shops featured in day long trip

People who prefer not to shop at the "big boxes" of retail have plenty of other choices in Vermilion County.

A group of retailers spent most of Friday touring businesses that are "Uniquely Our Own" and part of the Vermilion Advantage Retail Cluster.

Thirty businesses make up the "Uniquely Our Own" segment, said Vickie Stewart of Vermilion Advantage.

Friday's tour included stops in Rossville at Cobbler's Corner, Fancy That Bridal and Gift Baskets by Wilma. The group also toured Unger's Jewelry, Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert and Computer Works in Hoopeston.

A chartered bus took members of the tour to small shops in the county, allowing business owners to become familiar with similar businesses, Stewart said.

The tour and "Uniquely Our Own" designation is part of a larger marketing strategy encouraging county residents to "Think Vermilion County First" when it comes to their retail needs.



Claudia DeWitt, background, of Fancy That Bridal Shop in Rossville, discusses bridal attire Friday as Wilma Knight of Gift Baskets by Wilma, right, and Marilyn Unger of Unger's Jewelry listen. The shop was part of a day-long tour of "Uniquely Our Own" shops in Vermilion County.

## Briefly

### Teachers to go casual

Some Hoopeston Area teachers will be donning jeans on Fridays and raising money for a local group.

Casual Fridays will be held for teachers throughout the district. Teachers will pay for the privilege and all money raised will be donated to the Hoopeston Jaycees for their Christmas projects.

Casual Fridays will last until Christmas.

### Tiny Tots

"Halloween" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may come in costume.

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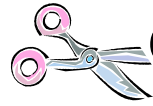
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## Two killed in hayride accident

WATSEKA—Two people were killed after a hay wagon on which they were riding was hit by a truck.

Illinois State Police at Ashkum reported that Robert Minard, 23, of Gilman, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred at about 10:45 p.m. The other victim, Victoria Kraay, 31, of Watskea, was taken to Iroquois Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, where she was pronounced dead in the emergency room.

Police said Jeff S. McIntosh, 34, of Donovan, was driving a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck pulling the unlighted wagon on County Roads 1278E and 2150N. The hay wagon, carrying 12 people ranging in age from an infant to adults, was hit by a 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Nicholas C. Aries, 21, of Watseka.

The accident is still under investigation.

## Obituaries

**McCALLA** - Donald R. McCalla, 83, of Rossville died at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Health Care. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

## Weather



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