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## Census Bureau releases information on local participation

Vermilion County is sandwiched between Iroquois and Champaign when it comes to census return rates.

As of Monday morning, Vermilion County had a return rate of 43 percent, compared with 48 percent in

Iroquois and 35 percent in Champaign, according to U.S. Census figures.

More locally, Ross Township is leading the way with a return rate of 51 percent, followed by South Ross with 50, and Grant, 47.

Forty percent of Butler Township residents have returned their forms. In Middlefork, the rate is 49 percent.

In Iroquois County, Lovejoy Township leads with 53 percent returned, followed by 43 percent in Prairie Green and 36 percent in Fountain Creek.

Census workers canvassed the entire country from April to July 2009 to update addresses and maps. In March census forms were received at every address either by mail or in person from a census worker. April 1 is Census Day. Forms should be mailed by that date. Information on forms cannot be shared with anyone, even other federal agencies or law enforcement entities.

Addresses that do not respond will be visited in person by a census worker from April through July. Census workers will have a census badge and a census bag and a handheld device. Ask to see their identification. You should not have to allow them into your home.

Census numbers in a particular area or town provide  
 See CENSUS on other side

CENSUS YEAR	2010	2000
U.S.	34	72
ILLINOIS	38	73
VERMILION	43	77
GRANT	47	83
ROSS	51	84
SOUTH ROSS	50	48
IROQUOIS	48	76
FOUNTAIN CREEK	36	80
LOVEJOY	53	76
PRAIRIE GREEN	43	84
CHAMPAIGN	35	75

# No Appointment? NO PROBLEM.

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**Saturday:** Prime Rib & Ribeye  
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# Emerald ash borer damage found on trees near Loda rest area in Iroquois County

SPRINGFIELD—A destructive pest that feasts on ash trees has been discovered in Iroquois County. An infestation of emerald ash borer (EAB) was found just north of Loda at a highway rest area along Interstate 57, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced today.

State and federal EAB field workers made the discovery. They observed about a dozen distressed ash trees near the rest area on the southbound side of the interstate and notified their superiors, who collected larvae from the trees and submitted them to the USDA's Animal and Plant

Health Inspection Service, which then confirmed the specimens as EAB.

"Ash trees on the other side of the highway also show signs of infestation. We'd like to see them all removed and chipped before adult beetles begin to emerge later this spring and have a chance to spread," Warren Goetsch, IDOA bureau chief of Environmental Programs, said. "Plans are to place surveillance traps throughout not only Iroquois County, but also neighboring Ford, Champaign and Vermilion counties to determine whether this infestation is isolated."

The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic-green beetle native to Asia. Its larvae burrow into the bark of ash trees, causing the trees to starve and eventually die. While the beetle does not pose any direct risk to public health, it does threaten the tree population. Since the emerald ash borer was first confirmed in the Midwest in the summer of 2002, it has killed more than 25 million ash trees.

All or parts of the 21 counties in the northern and central parts of Illinois currently are under quarantine to prevent the accidental spread of the beetle. The quarantine prohibits the intrastate movement of potentially-contaminated wood products, including ash trees, limbs

and branches and all types of firewood.

"Iroquois County is just outside the current quarantine boundaries," Goetsch said. "The quarantine includes McLean and Livingston counties to the west and Kankakee County to the north, but not Iroquois. An adjustment obviously will need to be made to account for this new detection. We'd like to make that decision in the next few weeks so the new boundaries are in place before adult emergence begins near the end of May."

Iroquois is the twelfth Illinois county with a confirmed EAB infestation. Previous detections were made in Bureau, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, McLean and Will counties.

The emerald ash borer is difficult to detect, especially in newly-infested trees. Citizens should watch for metallic-green beetles about half the diameter of a penny on or near ash trees that are showing signs of disease or stress. Other signs of infestation in ash trees include D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk or branches and shoots growing from its base.

Anyone who suspects a tree has been infested is urged to contact either their county Extension office or village forester. For more information, visit <http://www.illinoiseab.com/> on the internet.

Do not give your social security number, credit card number or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the census. That information is not necessary for census taking.

There is a possibility that a census worker could contact residents by phone. Do not give out the personal information listed above. Only tell them the number of people living in your home.

Census Bureau workers will not contact you by email. If you get an email from Census Bureau delete it immediately without opening it.

## Weather



Sunny today. High 62. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 42. Tomorrow, sunny. High 72, low 48.

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

# Classifieds

## HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for the following positions:

**Families Service Coordinator**, this applicant must be bilingual spoken and written, have social work education but a degree is not required. Some work experience and familiar with migrant families. This position is full-time during the season.

**Education Coordinator** must have a degree in early childhood education or a minimum of a CDA or State equivalent credentials. Have knowledge and experience of Head Start philosophy and practices, Spanish speaking preferred but not required. Must be healthy which does not interfere with responsibilities and have the education or experience in collaborating with parents to educate their children. This position is full-time during the season. **Assistant Coordinator** must be bilingual spoken and written, assist in the operations of the center. This position is part-time during the season.

**Bus aides**, this is a split shift position, part-time during the season. Age requirement for all positions is 18, due to the requirement of passing the background check. Please fax resumes to 815-984-4500 or send to HMHS, P.O. Box 136, Wellington, IL 60973, or call 815-984-3706 and leave a message. Accepting applications until 4/30/2010 EOE.

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## Census continued from other side

federal funding for many things from healthcare and senior centers to school improvements, better roads and better services in general.

Founding fathers mandated a census in the Constitution as a means of apportioning Congressional voting districts.

Now, more than \$400 billion annually is distributed by the federal government based on census data for such things as hospitals, schools, public works projects and emergency services. By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for Hoopeston and the entire area.

There are 10 questions on the census form which takes about 10 minutes to complete. Questions include the number of people living in the home, whether the home is owned outright, mortgaged, rented or occupied without payment; phone number, and information on those living in the household.