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Young to present 'Before They Were Generals' at Fischer

Local historian Kevin R. Young will conduct a two-part class titled Before They Were Generals: Grant, Lee and Other Civil War Notables in the War With Mexico, 1846 - 48. Part 1: Tuesday, 6 p.m., September 27; Part 2: 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 4.

Participants will learn about the heroes of the Civil War back when they were starting their military careers as young officers. Vermilion County's role in the conflict will be included in the discussion. The Power Point presentation will include handouts.

Suggested reading material includes John Eisenhower's So Far From God; John Waugh's The Class of

1846; Martin Dugard's The Training Ground; and Jeff Shaara's novel, Gone for Soldiers.

Class times will be from 6 - 8 p.m. and will take place in the lobby of the Fischer Theatre.

Young is a writer and research historian with more than 30 years experience in the field. He is a published author and has appeared on several History Channel documentaries. A graduate of Eastern Illinois University, he is sixth generation Vermilion County resident who lives in Rossville. He is currently working on an illustrated history of the Mexican Army of 1846 - 48.

See GENERALS on other side

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Police News

An employee of LS Diesel Repair, 220 N. Tenth Avenue, reported at 9:14 a.m. Monday that someone took metal from the business during the overnight hours.

Man faces drug, gun counts
 RANTOUL—A routine traffic stop resulted in a Hoopeston man charged with drug and gun charges. Brian Swinford, 41, was stopped early Sunday morning in Rantoul. He was charged Monday with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, believed to be cocaine, and armed violence. According to police, Swinford was pulled over at 1:17 a.m. on U.S. 45 after an officer saw the truck he was driving weave from one lane to another. The officer became suspicious about the possible presence of drugs, so called for a police dog to come to the stop. When it arrived, the dog indicated on drugs, police said. In searching the vehicle, police allegedly found a loaded hand gun outside its case. Swinford was taken to the Champaign County Jail.

Jose Jaime Lopez, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:28 p.m. Monday in the 500 block of East Honeywell in connection with an incident at 4:33 a.m. Sunday where he allegedly entered the home of a 47-year-old Hoopeston woman and injured her, resulting in treatment at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Lopez was charged with home invasion and domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville. A 12-year-old Hoopeston boy was charged with battery at 3:25 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of South Fifth

Generals continued from other side
 Cost is \$25. Registration deadline is Monday, September 26. Make checks payable to: VHF (Vermilion Heritage Foundation). Sign up at Stage Presents-The Fischer Theatre Gift Shop, open 10-3 Thursday through Saturday, or contact workshop event coordinator Amy Chrisman at ChrismanStudio@aol.com, 217-497-4686. Upcoming Fischer Theatre workshops by Kevin Young are:
 The Real Dracula vs. the Reel Dracula. A historical discussion on the actual Dracula versus the fictional count created by Bram Stoker. A viewing of the 1931 classic film, Dracula starring Bela Lugosi, will follow. 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 18; and repeated 7 p.m., Thursday, October 27. \$15.
 Fallen Heroes of Vermilion County. A look at our county's "first fall" in the service of their country from the 1832 Black Hawk War to World War 1. Two parts. Part 1: 6 p.m., Tuesday, November 1; Part 2: 6 p.m., Tuesday, November 8. \$25
 The History of Christmas. A look at the history of the holiday and its development from religious event to a modern institution. Two parts. Part 1: 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 6; Part 2: 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 13. \$25.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 74. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 47. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 65, low 47. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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Obituaries

GARMON - Donald Garmon, 62, of Mapleton, formerly of rural Hoopeston and Rossville, died at 2:03 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Thursday at Davison-Fulton Bartonville Chapel, with memorial service at 7 p.m. Cremation will be accorded. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Research, American Cancer Association or Jill's House in Bloomington, Ind.

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