

## Pork Chop Night

Friday 5-8 p.m.

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## U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson focuses on Hoopeston during break

That voice you hear on the other end of your telephone this week might just be U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson.

Johnson, home for the August recess, is spending much of his time contacting constituents to get their thoughts and opinions on issues facing the 15th District.

"This is our Hoopeston week," he said Sunday during a break at Henning's Root Beer Stand. "It's a good chance to find out what we can do individually and collectively. There's no better way to find out what's going on than one on one."

Over the weekend, Johnson called about 150 people. "So far, overwhelmingly, the majority has been receptive," he said.

Issues among local residents are the same as those facing Congress, including Social Security and Immigration and Naturalization Service concerns, the 2002 Farm Bill and the war on terror.

Saying the U.S. has been "largely successful" in Afghanistan, Johnson said while he favors ousting Saddam Hussein, he has questions about President Bush' plan to expand the war on terror to include Iraq. "We need to root out evil in the world," he said. "If that's all it was, it would be an easy vote."

However, not knowing how many troops would be needed, who our allies would be and who would take charge in Iraq if Hussein were deposed are questions that must be answered before action is taken. Johnson would not speculate on what his vote would be if he had



overwhelmingly, the majority has U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson, right, visits with Don Ervin at Henning's Sunday.

to cast one before knowing more facts. "I want to keep my mind open," he said.

Greed among corporate executives is also an issue. Johnson is happy with a corporate reform bill, calling it "a good piece of legislation" but "not a silver bullet." Corporate reform is an area that has been ignored for a decade or more but one that demands serious attention now. "We need to go after them the same way you would a robber," he said.

When Johnson returns to Washington, he and his colleagues will tackle the war on terror and several other issues including:

• an energy bill that is "tremendously important to this community because an integral part of it is renewable

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## **Yard Decorating Contest**

First Prize - \$100 Second Prize \$50 Third Prize \$25

**Theme:** "Corn Patriot"

To register your yard in the contest, call

Just the Facts at (217) 283-9348.

A list of all participating yards will be published in Just the Facts prior to voting on Aug. 29

For more information, call 283-9348.

## **HUGE SALE**

Wednesday, Aug. 28 6:30 p.m. **Used Items**: skillets, cookware, lots of glassware, furniture **New Items:** too many to list!

## **Huckleby's Auction**







Tuesday, August 27 **Vermilion County Fairgrounds** Route 150, Danville 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Passenger, Truck or Farm Tires (up to 1,000 - off rims) No industrial tires - No tire dealers Co-sponsored by:

- Vermilion County Farm Bureau
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This will be the LAST free collection held in Vermilion County.

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(217) 431-2662, ext. 249.

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#### **GED** review class

Free GED review classes will be held from 4-6:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 16 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Classes will also be held at Hoopeston Area High school from 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, call Gene Hanson, (217) 283-5785 or the Multi Agency, 283-5544.

### Players sought

Signup is underway for the third annual Hoopeston Hoops 3-on-three basketball tournament, to be held Sept. 21 in downtown Hoopeston. For information, call the Hoopeston Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

### Going away party

A going away party for Josh Bruens will be held from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes. Entertainment will be provided by a DJ.

Bruens will be leaving on a four-year tour of duty overseas.

### **Bowling meetings**

- Thursday night Men's City League, 7 p.m. Thursday. Two 5-man teams are still needed.
- Friday Night Mixed League, 7 p.m. Friday. Complete team roster information must be provided at this meet-

All meetings are at Pla-Mor Lanes.

### Police News



A 24-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone threw a brick through the front window of her home in the 500 block of East Wyman.

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fuels.

- reforming bankruptcy laws and dealing with appropriations and formalizing the Department of Homeland Security.
- working to get prescriptions covered under Medicare. The House passed a measure by the Senate did not, a move Johnson called "not only irresponsible but tremendously destructive to seniors."

While in the district. Johnson will hold town meetings. an ag information meeting and community college summit. His schedule also includes an end of summer reception at 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Shagbark Country Club in Onarga, sponsored by the Ford-Iroquois Committee to Reelect Tim Johnson to the United States Congress.

The event, featuring an Italian beef dinner, is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple.



## One down, 174 left

Students at John Greer Grade School board the bus after their first day of school Tuesday. Through the Labor Day weekend break, Hoopeston Area schools will dismiss early, at 2:05 for grade schools and 2:15 for the middle school and high school. Area motorists are asked to use caution while driving now that school is back in session.

Photo by Lourdine Florek

### Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. Today's high 90, low 70. Tomorrow 85, low 68.

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

## **Classifieds**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Remember, Sept. 4 is Carolyn's birthday. She's getting up there so give her a break!

#### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 bedroom downstairs apt. \$275/mo., includes water. Close to downtown. References required. (217) 283-6865. 233-235

#### AUCTIONS

Thinking of having an auction?

Go to www.jonwitvoetauctioneer.com or call (217) 748-6289!

#### HOUSES FOR SALE/RENT

For sale or rent, 2-3 bedroom home in Rossville, For details call (217) 748-6153 daytime or after 5, 748-6819.

#### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Dinette set, antique china & crystal goblets. \$1,000 for all. (217) 748-4215. 231-233

#### **RUMMAGE SALES**

637 Trego Dr., Hoopeston, Friday, 4:30-6 p.m., Saturday, 8-1 Crafts, games, toys, luggage, lots of nice misc. Several sales on Trego Dr.

863 E. Maple, Hoopeston. Saturday, Aug. 24, 7-noon. Huge 3 family sale. Countertops, like-new riding mower, electric treadmill, motorized rocking horse, tools, antique furniture, lots of clothes.

113 Benton, Rossville. Saturday, Aug. 24, 8-5. Microwave, car top carrier,300+ movies & games, clothes.

#### SERVICES

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