





sory after finding rabies in bats. "Two bats have been submitted to the state labs so far and both tested positive for rabies," said Vermilion County Health Department Communicable Disease Coordinator Sherrie Shoe-

Vermilion County last identified rabies-carrying bats in the county during 2001, when two tested positive. The county reported nine bats positive for rabies in 1992.

According to Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Eric Whitaker, bats commonly become more active during the months of August and September. Whitaker urged caution anytime people come into contact with wild animals. He says any wild mammal, like a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote or bat can have rabies and transmit it to people. "The animal need not be foaming at the mouth or be exhibiting rabies symptoms," Dr. Whitaker says. He added there are some obvious signs to look for in bats that may indicate they are infected

unlikely places (your home or on your lawn), or bats unable to fly. State health officials say the only certain way to determine if a bat is infected is by submitting it to a state laboratory for testing.

Shoemaker said people should report all animal bites to Vermilion County's Department of Animal Regulations at (217) 431-2660.

Environmental Health Director Kolby Riggle also urges people to call Animal Regulation for assistance. "Never pick up a sick or injured bat - or any wild animal," he said, adding, "Call Animal Regulation for help."

The Vermilion County Health Department and state health officials encourage people to use care anytime they come into contact with wild animals; pet owners should keep their animals vaccinated; supervise pets so they do not come into contact with wild animals, call animal control to remove stray animals from the See BATS on other side

# Hoopeston Multi Agency to offer help with school supplies

From Aug. 1-11, the Hoopeston Multi Agency will take applications for assistance to receive school supplies for low-income families in the Hoopeston Area School District.

Income guidelines are:

maker.

Family Size	Income
2	\$1,504
3	\$2,012
4	\$2,420
5	\$2,828
6	\$3,236
7	\$3,644
8	\$4,052

For each additional person, add \$408.

All applicants must bring proof of income for the past 30 days, Social security cards for everyone in the household and, if you are receiving public assistance through the Department of Human Services, a medical card for each family member.

Supplies may be picked up from 9-11 am. And 1-3 p.m. Aug. 17. Due to limited finances, supplies will be given on a first-come, first serve basis.

All information must be provided at time of application or the application cannot be processed.

For more information, call the Multi Agency, 283-5544, from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.



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All Trips are based on Dbl. Occ. 8/13 BLACKHAWK, CO. \$415 5 NTS., \$30 Cashback, 2 Breakf.Buffets,2 Cont. Breakf. Tour of Denver w/step on guide & more! 9/11 Isle Of Carpri \$135 2Nts. \$70 back 10/16 GOLDSTRIKE, TUNICA, MS.\$179. 3Nts. 7 Buffets \$30 Cashback 11/16, 12/5 MESKWAKI, TAMA, IA. \$125. 2Nts. \$60 Cashback, \$9 Food Cpns. Call Carolyn 283-7406 for details.

# WALLY'S PUB & EATERY

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Wild Wednesdays \$1 drafts \$1 tacos Friday Nights: Audio Express DJ/Karaoke





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# More choices for Garden Walk photo contest

At left are three of nine entries in the photography contest, part of this year's annual Garden Walk sponsored by Jack and Sarah Miller.

Two more entries remain to be published. Once the final pictures are printed, viewers may vote for their favorite by calling Just the Facts, (217) 283-9348 or emailing publish@justthefacts.net.

### **Bats** continued from other side

neighborhood.

More information about rabies and bats is available on links from the Vermilion County Health Department's website at www.vchd.org, or the Illinois Department of Public Health at http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/ hbrabies.htm or from the CDC at http:// www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rabies/.

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### Lady Cornjerker camp

Lady Cornjerker Basketball Camp will be August 7-11 at Hoopeston Area Middle School. Camp for girls entering grades 3-5 will be from 5- 6:30 p.m., followed by girls entering grades 6 - 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Coach John Hardcastle at (217) 283-7456.

### **Midget Football signup** Hoopeston Midget Football will hold signups from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and noon-2 p.m. Sunday at the

football field. For more information, call Lee Curry, 283-7883 or (217) 304-1084.

#### **Budget available for inspection**

A tentative budget and appropriation for Ross/South Ross Cemetery District for 2006-07 will be available for public inspection at the Village of Rossville municipal building during regular business hours. Final action will be taken by the Cemetery Board at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 29.

### **R-A Grade School registration**

Rossville-Alvin Grade School students may register from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday. First day for students is Friday, Aug. 18 with a 10:30 a.m. dismissal.

2005 yearbooks are in and may be picked up at the high school office.

### **Obituaries**

**HEFFELFINGER** - Jeffrey D. "Hefty" Heffelfinger, 36, of Hoopeston died at 10:45 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2006 in Burlington, Wis. Arrangements were incomplete at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

## Weather

Heat advisory until 7 p.m. Wednesday. Hazy today. High 96. Tonight and tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 84, low 67.

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Newer small business complex has 1 unit available with full basement. Great location 260-2546

#### HELP WANTED

Part time office manager position. Min. 9 hrs./week. Flexible duties including light office, accounting and event planning duties. Send resume to Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 346, Hoopeston. Deadline Aug. 2

Manpower will be at Hoopeston Library, 110 N. Fourth St., on Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. We will be interviewing for psotions in Rantoul, Danville and Champaign. Please bring photo ID and SS card or proof of ability to work in the US. Process may take up to an hour and a half. Contact (217) 442-7844 for further information

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