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### Tentative property tax equalization factor less than 2006

SPRINGFIELD—Vermilion County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Brian Hamer, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

### Hoopeston Public Library offers 'Food for Fines'

Library patrons who have overdue books can now return them and not have to part with Christmas cash for the fine.

Hoopeston Public Library is holding its annual "Food for Fines" program to benefit Grant Township Food Cupboard.

The library will accept tomato products - juice, diced, whole, sauce, chili tomatoes, etc. - to fill the need at the food cupboard through December.

Donations of tomato products will count towards payment of overdue fines.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one. If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third the market value, the equalization factor will be less than one. And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third the market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one.

Assessments in Vermilion County are at 33.52 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2007 taxes payable in 2008. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0448.

The tentative factor is subject to change if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue's estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased. The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.



### Weekend Sale

Saturday & Sunday

Beautiful Christmas ribbon

for tree toppers **10% off**

Demdaco Willow Tree Nativity **20% off**

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### Fish Fry

5-8 p.m. Friday

### American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

Also chicken breast & shrimp & grilled fish

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Friday, December 14 7 p.m.

McFerren Park Civic Center

Hoopeston  
Free Admission



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In consideration of others, please no infants.  
Thank you for your cooperation!



## Police News



**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 4:17 p.m. Tuesday at Jerry's IGA parking lot, 1030 W. Chestnut.

Police said an unidentified vehicle hit a parked 1995 Lincoln Towncar owned by Danner Construction of Rossville.

**Ashley N. Simpson**, 22, of 418 E. Young, was arrested at 5:24 p.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Maple. Simpson, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$160

bond.

**Kareem J. Marshall**, 27, of 902 Shasta, Danville, was arrested at 8:09 p.m. Tuesday at 426 E. Honeywell. He was charged with criminal trespass to state-supported property after he was allegedly banned from the property.

Marshall was released on \$100 cash bond.

**A 45-year-old** Milford resident reported at 1:56 a.m. Wednesday that someone damaged her vehicle while it was in the 200 block of West Washington.



## New Books at the Library



### Fiction

Sweet Revenge by Diane Mott Davidson (mystery)

Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade by Diana Gabaldon

The Accidental Time Machine by Joe Haldeman (science fiction)

The Dead Don't Lie: an Abe Lieberman Mystery by Stuart M. Kaminsky (mystery)

The Burnt House by Faye Kellerman

Fame by Karen Kingsbury (large print, inspirational)

Family by Karen Kingsbury (large print, inspirational)

Forgiven by Karen Kingsbury (large print, inspirational)

Found by Karen Kingsbury (large print, inspirational)

Lords of Folly by Gene Logsdon

The Intruders by Michael Marshall

The Careful Use of Compliments by Alexander McCall Smith (mystery)

The Widow's Mate by Ralph McInerney (mystery)

Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer (young adult)

Still Summer by Jacquelyn Mitchard

When the Cat's Away by Gilbert Morris (mystery)

Winds of Change by Gilbert Morris (inspirational)

Dangerous Admissions: Secrets of a Closet Sleuth by Jane O'Connor

Be Near Me by Andrew O'Hagan

Marion Zimmer Bradley's Ravens of Avalon by Diana L. Paxson (science fiction)

Bones to Ashes by Kathy Reichs (mystery)

## Court Dispositions



### November 1

Steven J. Akins, Danville, failed to appear at sentencing, fined \$380; status hearing Dec. 20.

## Weather



Sunny today. High 34. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 36, low 21.

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

# Classifieds

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Countryside will be open every weekend until Christmas, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays only. DVDs, CDs, PS1 games, 2/\$1; Spiderman throws, books 50¢; & so much more! Lots of changes! 217 E. Main, Hoopeston

## APARTMENTS FOR RENT

One bedroom upstairs apartment available. Utilities furnished. Call (217) 283-702B

## HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Express Lube has opening for full time lube technician. Will train. Drug screen required. Apply in person.

Local financial services industry seeks administrative assistant. Position available immediately. Part time, may become full time. Successful candidate will be able to deal with the public, maintain confidentiality and have excellent organizational skills. Common sense a plus. Send resume to Box D, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942

## HOUSES FOR RENT

Two bedroom house for rent in Hoopeston. Great Neighborhood! No Pets. \$425 per month, Deposit and References Required. Call 217-304-6547 for Application.

## HOUSES FOR SALE

Country Home south of Hoopeston. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch in a wooded setting. New custom kitchen, interior paint and carpets, maintenance free exterior, all on 1.75 acres. Asking \$179,900. Call 217-304-6547 for more info & a private showing.

## MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Electric lift chair. 1 year old \$1,300 new. Will sell for \$600. (217) 819-8102

Aspen deluxe 4-in-1 sleeper baby crib with Sealy Baby Post-turpedic mattress. Like new! \$175 OBO (217) 504-2012

Amana Washer 2speed, 12 cycle commercial quality and a Whirlpool 3 speed dryer. Both items are 5 years old. \$250 for the pair. 309-825-5939

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

The Village of Rossville will be accepting sealed bids for a 2 story home at 123 E. Attica St., circa 1900, newer roof, vinyl siding, some newer repl. windows, newer Trane furnace never used. Interior needs finishing. Approx 2450 sq. ft. Large lot. Zoned B-1, majority of rewiring completed. Minimum bid \$20,000. Redevelopment agreement with terms/conditions. Call or pick up details at Municipal office 748-6914 or call Mayor Prillaman 748-6900. Bids to be opened 7 pm, Dec. 17, 2007.

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