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## RCO seeks artists for Drivin' the Dixie show, set duck sale

ROSSVILLE—Rossville Community Organization is looking for area artists to participate in "Art on the Dixie" a one day art show to be held Saturday, June 14 at Rossville's Christman Park.

The event is being held as part of this year's Drivin' The Dixie Days in Rossville.

The theme of this year's show should be subjects related to this area of East Central Illinois or Western Indiana, although subjects from other areas will be allowed. The format is a realistic visual art or photograph.

The entry fee is \$15 to exhibit up to three items. There will be a cash prize for the best in show.

The theme for next years show will be subjects that are located on the Dixie Highway.

For more information please contact Kevin Young at

217-748-6745 or visit [rossondixie.com](http://rossondixie.com).

RCO is now selling Ducks for the 4th Annual Dixie Duck Dash to be held Saturday June 14. Participants can purchase a designer rubber duck or rent a Dixie Duck that will be entered in a duck "race" down the North Fork of the Vermilion River. Cash prizes will be awarded for the first five ducks to cross the finish line.

RCO will have a Duck Sale Booth at Casey's General Store in downtown Rossville from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, May 30. More than 60 different styles of Designer Ducks are available. New ducks may be purchased for \$10 each. Those who have ducks from previous years may reenter them for \$5.

For more information, contact Duck Master Wendy Dunavan at 217-748-6435.

## County health department readies for mosquito season

Cool temperatures in the area have delayed the kickoff for West Nile virus prevention efforts in Vermilion County, but public health officials say they are getting ready for mosquitoes that accompany hot weather.

West Nile is transmitted by the bite of mosquitoes that picked up the virus feeding on infected birds.

Vermilion County received \$9,000 from the Illinois Department of Pubic Health for West Nile virus prevention in 2008. With the money, the health department offered training this spring to all local townships so employees could learn how to appropriately apply larvacide packets to standing water, reducing opportunities for mosquito breeding in communities. Only four townships accepted that training.

"We also are preparing to put out gravid traps across the county to collect mosquitoes for testing," said Kolby Riggle, VCHD environmental health director. Additionally, the health department will begin collecting dead

birds for testing June 1. "It has really been too cool yet to collect and test dead birds for West Nile," Riggle said, "but we welcome calls from people across the county to let us know about the locations of dead birds so that we can track the development of the virus and potential problem areas in the county, whether we send the birds in for testing or not." Funding only allows 10 birds to be sent to state labs for testing this year. Collecting mosquitoes and testing dead birds for West Nile allows health officials to track development of the virus.

Beginning June 1, anyone who finds a dead bird that has not suffered from any apparent animal attack or that is in a state of decomposition can call the health department at 431-2662. Only a limited number of the following birds will be accepted for testing: blue jays, crows, grackles, starlings, sparrows, finches, robins, cardinals, flycatchers, swallows, catbirds, mockingbirds, warblers, and wrens.

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Letters to the Editor

Truth and Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton has problems telling the truth. Now don't get me wrong, I have been known to lie, and, thank God, it wasn't broadcast on national television. My attention is fixed on Hillary's lies and I want to ask: Hillary, why are you misleading the voters in Florida and Michigan? Why don't you try the truth for a change.

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Truth goes something like this: "You know, I agreed with the rules of the DNC in the beginning when Florida and Michigan rescheduled their primaries (God knows why), but when I began to fall behind, I thought long and hard about you two. I decided that I wanted your voices to be heard and your votes to be counted, and I told the world that some folks (Sen. Obama) didn't care about you. I placed all the blame at the feet of the one who stood in my way ... the one who inspires voters. Now, if I wasn't worried about getting my whole family back into the White House again, I wouldn't give a hoot if your votes counted ... understand. Now go to my website, and you will see the big red word, 'DONATE.'"

Vera Crozier  
Hoopeston

Are we really free?

My fellow Hoopestonians,  
In regards to the proposed lawsuit against Terry Buhrmester by the Hoopeston City Council, I voice this opinion. I once was told by an influential person who works at the city hall that a man or woman's home is their castle. Evidently in this city, this is not so. In this city, you do what the city council dictates and live by the Ruh of law.

I support you, Terry, and wish you victory and strength in your battle against the monster who has all our heads in a noose, a monster that has no concept of fiscal restraint and spends money like there is no tomorrow.

As a citizen of this City of Hoopeston, I would like to know exactly how much money as been spent on this hotel endeavor? I think that there are other citizens out there that would like to know also. Who is going to pay for this lawsuit? The Hoopeston City Council members, Ruh or Manion? I think not! It is

Police News



A 30-year-old woman reported Tuesday that her son's blue Mongoose bicycle was taken from Honeywell Grade School. The theft occurred between 8 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. Tuesday.

going to be more money taken out of your pocket, the taxpayer.

How many mistakes have the Hoopeston City Council made and expect the citizens to live by them no matter what? I can think of at least two. The acceptance of the Willdon building and this idea of building this hotel come to my mind.

For those of you that would quell my dissent, this opinion is made possible by the first amendment of the United States Constitution and dear, sweet Lourdine.

Remember our military, the fallen and the ones on the field of battle that make it possible for you to be free.

John S. Palmer  
Hoopeston

Veterans organizations say thank you

The Hoopeston American Legion and VFW would like to take this opportunity to thank those who assisted in putting out the memorial flags at Floral Hill Cemetery in preparation for the Memorial Day service held Monday.

We will take flags off the graves on Thursday, May 30, for those who would like to volunteer.

I would like to apologize if we missed anyone's grave. If we did, please come to the American Legion or VFW and pick up a flag.

With the help of Maggie Copes' fifth grade class, we placed over 1,050 flags on veterans' graves this year.

Anyone who would like to purchase an American Legion grave marker may do so by contacting American Legion Post #384 at 283-6312. The cost is \$25 per marker.

Thank you for your help.

Robert Duffin  
Hoopeston

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 75. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 54. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 82, low 64. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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409 McKibben, Rossville. Sat., 8-? Green hope chest, old record player, sewing cabinet, Bigwheel tricycle, umbrella stroller, misc.

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