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Sheriff's department launches site on sex offender info

Vermilion County Sheriff Pat Hartshorn announced last week that his office launched a new program, Offender Watch, on the department website, www.vermilionsheriff.org.

Hartshorn said he is pleased to provide the service to Vermilion County citizens. County law enforcement uses Offender Watch to manage and monitor the whereabouts and compliance status of registered sex offenders in the county. This is the most accurate and timely information on sex offenders in Vermilion County ; now it is available to the public.

By going to www.vermilionsheriff.org and clicking on

the Offender Watch link, citizens can type in any county address to see where registered sex offenders and predators live, within a one-mile radius of any address they select. A map showing a diameter circle will appear, designating the residential location of each offender/predator. By scrolling to the bottom of the page, citizens can match the number of the offender in the circle with a name and address. If citizens want more information, they may click on the offender's name.

See OFFENDER on other side



The great pumpkin grower

Karla Bray, nearly two years old, displays her winning pumpkin Sunday at a get-together for tomato contest winners at Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert. A list of all winners will appear in Just the Facts.

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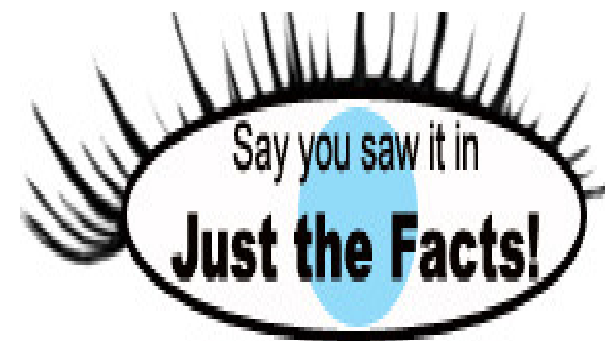
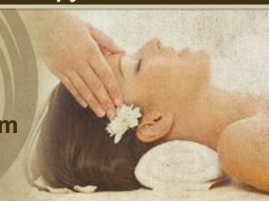
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A different view on President's failure to lead

In response to the letter written by Michael Norris from Colorado Springs, CO:

I have to agree with a lot of what you said concerning our President. He has failed to lead the people of this great nation time and time again. Not just with comforting words during terrible events, but on important issues like the economy, job creation, cutting spending, debt reduction, not even having a budget for over 800 days, a clear and decisive foreign policy, entitlement reform and many, many other issues. Even of the "accomplishments" the administration can lay claim to, he jumps in at the last minute to grab some glory after Congress has done the hard work of trying to get something passed.

You speak of "terrifying propositions" proposed by the Republicans and Tea Partiers. I don't think balancing the federal budget, cutting federal spending, overhauling entitlement programs which are obviously failing, closing the border to illegals, delivering a clear foreign policy and shrinking the size of our bloated federal government are

"terrifying" at all. I don't think reducing regulations to encourage job growth and promote a good economy, drilling for our own oil, and lowering taxes on working people, rich or poor are bad things for our Republic.

What is terrifying is what this Administration HAS accomplished. The take over of our health care system, 1/6th of our economy. Open borders that encourage ILLEGAL immigration by granting virtual amnesty for them when they get here. Basing our foreign policy on the political calendar, not what is the correct thing to do for our troops on the ground. Basically killing NASA. The nationalization of GM and Chrysler. Continuing to pump billions of dollars into Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac without any type of oversight or reform so that via mortgage, the federal government owns nearly half the houses in this country. Job killing regulations on companies that would otherwise grow, hire people and boost the economy. Failure to grant hundreds of permits to drill for our own oil in an effort to boost the failing solar and wind farm projects that are draining more tax dol-

lars. Meanwhile, energy prices are climbing, as is inflation. The President's willingness to subvert Congress on several occasions to get his agenda working while ignoring our Constitution. Printing trillions of dollars while borrowing trillions more. Failed stimulus plans that rewarded construction unions with temporary jobs. The list goes on and on.

What we need a President who believes we are the greatest nation in the world because of what the PEOPLE do, not what the GOVERNMENT does for the people. The old saying goes: "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day, teach a man to fish and he will feed himself for a lifetime". We became who we are through freedom and innovation. Through sacrifice and victory.

Obituaries

GLOVER - William "Bill" Glover, 72, of Pace, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, in Pace, Fla. He was cremated. No services will be held at this time. He is survived by a son, Charles Glover, of Shelbyville, Tenn., and a daughter, Julie Glover Roberts, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Offender continued from other side

After clicking on the Offender Watch link, citizens can click on the "Get E-mail Alerts" and sign up—at no cost—to receive email alerts advising of sexual offenders and sexual predators moving into their area, and other information about the offender.

Hartshorn said citizens wishing to familiarize themselves with more detail about the new program are welcome to review an online presentation by clicking on "presentation" on the Offender Watch site.

Hartshorn said the site also provides safety tips for citizens and their children.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 91, low 64. Tomorrow, sunny. High 82, low 59.

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

Through hard work and perseverance. Not from the redistribution of wealth, never ending entitlement programs and micro-regulating everything.

Thomas Jefferson once said: "'A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned- this is the sum of good government."

This is the America that we were in the past and can be again. An America that is free to improve ourselves and help our neighbors, not be told what to do and how to live by the government.

Matthew Morgan
Hoopeston

Police News



A 66-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12:25 p.m. Monday that someone took an assortment of power and hand tools from a garage in the 600 block of West Chestnut.

Fire Calls



Rossville Fire Department was called at 2:07 p.m. Monday to a fire about two miles west of Hubbard Trail Country Club on 3700 North Rd., for a trailer loaded with hay bales.

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