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## Local second graders to attend Body Walk at Bismarck

DANVILLE—Hoopeston and Rossville grade school students will be among nearly 300 Vermilion County second graders who will take an amazing journey through the human body at the Provena United Samaritans "Body Walk" at the Bismarck-Henning School gymnasium.

Students throughout the county will be bused to Bismarck on October 12 to take the walk. Tours will start at 8:15 a.m. and end at about 1:30 p.m.

### Briefly

#### Alley cleanup

City of Hoopeston alley cleanup began October 3. This is for yard waste only; no concrete, brick, lumber, landscape material, plastic, etc. Please put brush in the alley.

#### Haunted house project

Hoopeston Jaycees invite any Jaycee who would like to help with the 2011 Haunted House to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the former Wellington Grade School (Migrant Head Start), 530 E First North Street. Anyone interested in joining the Jaycees is also welcome to attend. Hope to see some Roosters and new members!

#### Lions Candy Day

Hoopeston Lions and volunteers will hold their annual street corner collection for Candy Day on Saturday, Oct. 8. Lions will give away rolls of candy for monetary contributions to be used in helping the visually and hearing impaired. People can show their support by giving generously, helping underwrite the price of a case of candy, or volunteering for a few hours on Candy Day. Those wishing to join the Lions in their fight against the effects of vision and hearing loss should contact the Hoopeston Lions Club or the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Other schools participating in this Body Walk are Potomac, Danville, Armstrong, Liberty and First Baptist.

The Body Walk is an experience where each child pretends to be shrunk into a small particle and walks or crawls through a larger than life size model of the human body. They learn about body parts and functions, as well as visit other information stations with instruction on nutrition, head lice, tobacco and smoking, humor and health, and more.

Employees and volunteers from several departments of the medical center, the HALO Project, and the community work at this event with the help of DACC nursing and radiology students, the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, Chittick Family Eye Care, and the office of Dr. Randall Ashton, DDS.

The Body Walk is coordinated by members of the Partners in Education Committee at Provena United Samaritans.

"The Body Walk is an educational way for children to have fun while motivating them to build their knowledge base, skills, and positive attitudes about

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## Letters to the Editor



### Great leaders

I am recalling the contributions to this column by Mr. Norris and Mr. Morgan, regarding the current situation in our country. I have to believe in most of what they both had to say. However, like Mr. Morgan, I do take issue with the attack on the Republican Party and Tea Party. I also question if most Americans still have trust, confidence, and faith in our president. There was a lot of trust, confidence and faith in him before he was elected but I believe over the first three years of his presidency, support has almost completely eroded.

Those that first lost trust in this president are the people that fund manufacturing with their trillions of dollars. I am not sure if he can ever reclaim their confidence, thus stagnating our high unemployment rates. I do not think, if he were given 10 more years as president, that he could improve our job problem appreciatively.

Three years ago, he had no track record or experience in the job he was to undertake. As the American voter always has to do when they have to choose from candidates that cannot be properly vetted, they must put trust, confidence, and faith in that unvetted candidate, hoping that what he says will be done. I do not consider TV commentators who have their own agenda and political persuasions as a good source to follow when a candidate is being vetted. Right now that is all you have to go by.

American voters need to learn what a good or great leader really is. That is easier than it sounds. In your library, and on the internet there are volumes written about every person of interest that you can read about. That is history! It is available to anyone who wants to take the time to learn who and what some of our great leaders in history were, and why they were considered to be great. That is personal vetting, or investigation. If you don't seek to read your history, then mistakes that happened in history will be repeated. When there has been success in history, it would be in our best interest to try to emulate these successes.

Values and characteristics of our great leaders have not changed since we gained our independence in the 1700s. What has changed is our perception of what we believe to be great values and characteristics which, in the case of candidates without a record, we can only assume, or believe in one of these TV commentators. That is leaving it

to someone else to do your vetting. You end up voting for people you didn't vet, but for someone else's vetting or opinion.

When we began to seek our independence, there was an enormous amount of people in the colonies that did not want to leave Great Britain. Some even fought against our colonial soldiers. Even from the beginning, we had to vet on the issue that was about to begin on our own.

Once the official has served three-fourths of his term, he surely must be considered properly vetted. He can't keep pointing to a previous administration for mistakes made in the present. That dog won't hunt anymore. There is record to judge the incumbent on. That is why any time an incumbent seeks reelection, we ask the age old question: are we better off now than we were when you took office?

I think we really need to do something about our economy and our unemployment situation now. We cannot wait for another 14 months to fix these things.

Our infrastructure must be repaired, rebuilt, and fixed. Our water supply and drainage are in very dangerous condition (how much bottled water do we use? - How much of our sewage is contaminating our water sources?)

How many of our bridges, dams, levies, and super highways are near collapse? In what condition are our electrical grids and our gas lines? We cannot control natural disasters, but we can keep manmade disasters created by crumbling infrastructures from happening.

### ***Walk*** continued from other side

health. Hopefully, their Body Walk experience will help them to improve and maintain their health by practicing positive lifestyle choices and avoiding risky behaviors throughout their lifetime," said Kathy Richard, HALO director and Body Walk co-chair. "It's a great way for kids to have a lot of fun while they learn these important lessons about their health."

Provena United Samaritans takes second graders on this amazing adventure three times each year—one time each in northern Vermilion County, in Danville, and in southern Vermilion County.

Again, history is the answer. Maybe a lot of the population today don't realize what took place that many years ago.

Seventy years ago, Franklin D. Roosevelt faced some of the same problems that we have to face today, to help recover from the great depression. What did he do? He encouraged the government to establish programs that would put Americans to work. Yes, the government created jobs. The programs involved building or rebuilding our infrastructure, and many other projects that helped citizens across the country. The funds invested by the government put people to work, these projects created the necessity for lots of materials, which in turn created jobs to manufacture these materials, which in turn necessitated people with finances investing in manufacturing companies, and that created money for the employed people to buy houses, cars, food, and other necessities of life - a lot of things American citizens can't afford today. Folks this isn't rocket science. It is simply economics (the law of supply and demand).

Some say it is too expensive, we can't afford to fix our infrastructure now. I say we can't afford not to fix it. The longer we wait, the more costly it will be to fix. Just how many disasters could be avoided?

A stimulus package was approved for millions of dol-

### Obituaries

**BARTRAM** - Catherine Loretta (Wilson) Bartram, 94, of Danville, died at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Hawthorne Inn, Danville. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Chestnut Street Church of Christ, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, 709 E. Chestnut St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Among survivors is a son, Rex Wilson, of Hoopeston. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

### Weather



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lars, and how many jobs did it provide? If our government established projects and programs to fix our infrastructure, jobs would be created, materials to fix the infrastructure would be needed, necessitating big business (holder of \$2 trillion investment dollars) to make these materials, which again creates more jobs, and that is a perpetual cycle that can defeat joblessness.

Maybe, some of these foreclosed homes could be returned to the people that were put out in the cold, maybe some of our retired military people won't have to live on the streets of our big cities and waste away, maybe some of the 25% of kids living in motels, homeless, and under poverty levels can be given a change to live a normal life. There are a lot of maybe's, that we can't just stand by and let happen.

If what worked for FDR 70 years ago, why can't it work now? It is going to take a big move such as this in order to regain this country's investors and our sanity.

Tom Evans  
Hoopeston

### Court Dispositions



#### September 1

**Angelo Zamora**, Hoopeston, new initial appearance October 6.

**Heidi Snyder**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to theft, fined \$180; status hearing November 3.

**Daniel Lile Jr.**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to theft, fined \$180; status hearing November 3.

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