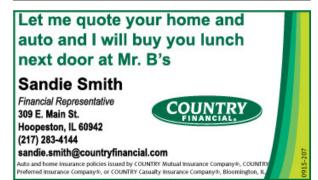
Tune in at 5 p.m. tonight-**Hoopeston Happenings** Pat O'Shaughnessy on Balloons over Vermilion on WHPO!







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Rock on: Rocks being decorated, hidden, found around town

A game that has young and old alike scurrying around Vermilion County towns doesn't require batteries and doesn't require a GPS system to navigate it. In fact, you might say that the game pieces are as old as dirt.

Hoopeston residents, along with those in Rossville, Rankin and are painting plain rocks, hiding them and

other Vermilion A rock that reads "Anna" and a County communities, crocodile rock are just two of hundreds of rocks being hidden around Hoopeston.

hunting for rocks done by others.

No stone is left unturned in the hunt for rocks. A pair of senior ladies can be seen surreptitiously checking out the flowers on McDonald's patio. The eyes of a couple of teen girls furtively scan the sidewalk while walking downtown. A group of children traverse McFerren Park

inch by inch looking for treasures.

People find rocks of varying shapes and sizes and take them home to decorate. Most are painted, some are covered with a clear coat to protect the design. Designs range from those done by very young children to more complicated and colorful creations by older children and adults.

Some rocks contain bible verses, while others promote local businesses. Others have cartoon characters or the name of the person who painted the rock.

The decorated rocks are then taken and hidden around

See ROCKS on other side

Here's what's showing at the

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Summer Snaps Photo Contest

Whether your passion is events, kids, pets or something else, snap it and enter it in the

Summer Snaps Photo Contest June 20-September 20

1 photo selected each week to compete for a \$25 monthly prize. One photographer will win a

\$100 Grand Prize!

Open to amateur photographers only. Limit 1 photo/week/person. Decision of the judges is final. By submitting photos, photographer gives Just the Facts all rights to photos. Entries must be less than 2 MB in size.

Email photos to publish@justthefacts.net and include "photo contest" in subject line, names of subjects in photo (if applicable), location and photographer's real (not screen/alias) name.

Obituaries

BILLINGSLEY - Ronald H. "Ronnie" Billingsley, 68, of Rossville, died at 5:20 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2017. He was cremated. Visitation will be 1:30 p.m. until the 2:30 p.m. memorial service Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

HOUMES - Sharon Eugene Houmes, 84, of Acworth, Ga., formerly of Hoopeston, died Thursday, June 29, 2017. He was cremated. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Saturday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery, followed by a celebration of his life from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Hubbard Trail Country Club. Memorials are suggested to WellStar Foundation Hospice Program, 805 Sandy Plains Rd., Suite 100, Marietta, GA 30066 or wellstar.org/

Rocks continued from other side

town for others to find. Every place is fair game for rock hiding - the downtown area, around Hoopeston Public Library (where teens are doing their part to decorate rocks) CVS, First Church of God—have all been sites where rocks were found.

And find them they do. A Facebook page, <u>Vermilion</u> <u>County rocks!!!!</u>, tracks who found what where, with pictures of new rocks getting ready to be hidden and pictures of people who find them to hide them again.

To accommodate people not on Facebook, some rock artists are putting their creations in plastic bags with a slip of paper so those who find and again hide them can sign in so others will know where the rocks have been.

Still others are putting rocks in plastic bags along with special treats, like a certificate for miniature golf or bowling, or pieces of candy.

What is meant to be a fun game for people has been tainted a bit by people who have painted vulgarities on rocks or banded rocks with items not suitable for children. Organizers of the Facebook page are asking the public to refrain from such activities as the rock game is meant to be a family-friendly activity.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today. High 87. Tonight, chance of storms. Low 67. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 81, low 60.

givetohospice or Hoopeston United Methodist Church 403 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

KING - Burnette A. (Munsterman) King, 98, of Cissna Park died Monday, July 10, 2017 at Prairieview Lutheran Home, Danforth. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Woodworth. Memorials are suggested to the church, Prairieview Lutheran Home or Iroquois Memorial Hospice. Arrangements are by Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park.

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