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Long-time waste forces sealing of former Hoopeston shop

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has ordered an abandoned Hoopeston business to be sealed.

EPA officials on Friday ordered the former Hoopeston Fertilizer Company building at 317 W. Thompson Ave. sealed until further notice due to health and safety issues.

Jeff Stipp, former Hoopeston Fertilizer president, said he was unaware of the action until he read about it in an area newspaper. The article cited 14 drums in unlocked rooms on the property. Stipp said the drums were part of the former Joan of Arc

canning operation there. Hoopeston Fertilizer purchased the land from the cannery in the 1980s.

The order bars anyone from entering the property unless they are authorized personnel performing official duties and complying with federal health and safety regulations.

Sealing a site is uncommon, especially if chemicals are in a locked building or fenced area. However, according to reports, unauthorized people were at the fertilizer plant, collecting wood and metal for salvage.

See SEALED on other side



Resting in the Barnyard

Rachel Schmid and her calf, lie down for a while during Thursday's Barnyard Day at Rossville-Alvin High School. Meanwhile, "Thing," a four-year-old Duroc, York and Pietrain cross, ignores onlookers in favor of a nap. "Thing" is owned by Tyler Teare. Barnyard Day is an annual event sponsored by the North East Vermilion FFA chapter.

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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Feb. 28, Mary Korbus; March 1, Sue Williamson/Community Bank; March 2, Ron and Elsie Cloud; March 3, Colleen Dixon; March 4, Izzo McDaniel.

Tiny Tots

"Lions & Lambs" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may wear.

Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Police News



Carrie M. Gray, 32, of 405 N. Market was arrested after an incident at 12:20 a.m. Saturday at Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market.

She was arrested on a complaint from a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Gray hit her in the back of the head.

Gray was served a notice to appear.

Police reported Sunday that a large plate glass window was broken in a vacant building at 104 N. Market.

A **22-year-old** man reported Sunday that someone took a stereo system from his vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of West Lincoln.

Jesus J. Lopez, 17, of 602 E. Main was arrested at 11:45 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of East Main.

Lopez, wanted on a Vermilion County war-

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:33 p.m. Sunday for mutual aid in fighting a structure fire one mile east of Rankin on Route 9.

Weather



Chance of flurries today. High 30. Tonight, windy. Low 17. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 30, low 16.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-

Sealed continued from other side

The EPA will next proceed with removing materials from the site and recommend enforcement action against the appropriate entities.

Hoopeston Fertilizer closed in 2002 due to the sagging ag economy and bankruptcies among farmers. Stipp said printed reports that the company filed for bankruptcy are inaccurate.

After the fertilizer company closed, United Suppliers of Eldora, Iowa, took over the site. Company officials there did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment.

Classifieds

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