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# Local deputy circuit clerk charged with misconduct, theft

A Hoopeston woman was charged Tuesday with allegedly taking money from the Hoopeston branch of the Vermilion County Circuit Clerk's office.

Sally Porth, 52, was charged with 20 counts of official misconduct and one count of theft over \$300 for alleged incidents between July 1, 2001 and Jan. 1, 2003. The charges are Class 3 felonies punishable by up to five years in prison.

The circuit clerk's office is responsible for, among other duties, collecting bond and fine money.

Porth worked in both the Hoopeston and Danville offices but was the only employee at the Hoopeston

She resigned her position on Sept. 20, said Susan Miller, Vermilion County Circuit Clerk.

Miller declined further comment on the matter but did say bookkeeping changes were made in both the Hoopeston and Danville offices in 2002-03 to help keep better track of funds.

In January, Porth was recognized by the Vermilion County Board for her 30 years of service to the circuit clerk's office.

Porth was released on \$5,000 recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 26.



Miller is currently staffing the Hoopeston office. Hours have been changed to 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The office will be closed Mondays and Fridays.

Anyone with questions about paying fines or their cases may call Miller's Danville office at (217) 554-7702.

### Local man charged in stabbing

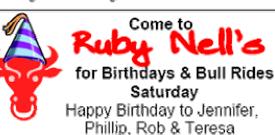
A Hoopeston man has been charged in connection with an early-moming stabbing Thursday at Parkview Court.

Henry J. Rodgers, 46, was arrested after an incident at 12:16 a.m. He was charged with home invasion and aggravated battery for alleged stabbing an unidentified 47-year-old man in the back.

The man was airlifted to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Rodgers allegedly entered a Parkview Court apartment, stabbed the man and was forced from the apastment.

Rodgers was arrested without incident at his home on West Washington. He was taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.



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THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, animal crackers, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter & jelly, tator tots, pudding cup, fruit cocktail.

#### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: No school. Columbus Day.

TUESDAY: No school. Teacher institute.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, whipped potatoes, hot roll, com, peachesl: Choices: pizza, rib/bun.

THURSDAY: Taco soft shell, salad, pineapple; Choices: chicken nuggets, BBQ/bun.

FRIDAY: Toasted cheese, chili, crackers, fruit cocktail; Choices: hamburger/bun. fish/bun.

#### Rossville-Alvin Grade School

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TUESDAY: No school. Teacher institute.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, mixed fruit, cheesy breadstick, chocolate brownie.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pineapple, roll, butter.

#### Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday in the 100 block of South Market. An unidentified vehicle hit a parked 2001 Chevrolet owned by James L. Bowers of Hoopeston.

Two men were arrested at 3:47 p.m. Wednesday, charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct.

Donald E. Underwood, 49, and John E. Hensley, 46, both of 827 E. Seminary, were charged on a complaint from a 45-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged the two had been harassing him all day.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

### Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 57. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 37. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 59, low 40. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 65. low 43.

FRIDAY: Corn dog, mac & cheese, pears, apple crisp. All meals include milk.

#### CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Site closed.

TUESDAY: Boneless BBQ ribs, creamed potatoes, green beans, comdust bun, cherry cake.

WEDNESDAY: Charsteak, whipped potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, applesance, white bread.

THURSDAY: Chicken patty/cheese, baked beans, mixed vegetables, orange juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Swedish mearballs, white rice, winter blend vegetables, apple juice, white bread, granola bar.

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