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Letters to the Editor



Fishing in lagoon is good experience for kids

We were disturbed when we read the letter to the editor on Tuesday July 17th suggesting “the kids go somewhere else and fish, so the ducks will have a place to play.” Take a look around Hoopeston, how many places do you see for the kids to spend their time? I see a lot of signs: “No bicycles, No skateboards, No this, No that...”. When do we ever say enough is enough we have taken too much?

The City Fathers just recently spent a lot of thought, money and effort to repair the lagoon so our community could once again use it. Many local fishermen release their daily catch into the lagoon in hopes that some young child will experience the same joy they did catching it. Yes, there are many fish in the lagoon and some rather large ones at that.

If I’m n+ot mistaken, it is illegal to feed wild animals (ducks); it is also unethical. Feeding the young fowl teaches them to become dependent on humans. They do not learn to fend for themselves and then when winter comes and no one is there tossing them bread every day they starve.

I’m glad the lagoon is there. I’m proud my children are falling in love with a great sport. It’s not always catching the fish that counts. It’s the planning, the

patience, and the learning behind the fishing experience. If someone thinks “not catching very many fish” is important, then they should see the look on a child’s face when they do catch a fish! If that doesn’t change your mind on how you feel about the children fishing at the lagoon nobody’s words will.

Yes, there is a trash mess around the lagoon, but that is not just the responsibility of the children fishing. It is everyone’s responsibility. I know that if I am in a public place and I see trash on the ground, I try to pick up the space around me. Every little bit helps. We have talked with our children and asked them to be more responsible and to teach other children and adults to take caution and please do not litter. (People do understand that wild animals - squirrels, opossums, and raccoons - do live in the park and get in the trash cans in the evenings too, don’t they?)

Our parks department personnel do a wonderful job. People are complaining and no one is offering a solution. I am sure if someone would make a suggestion for a solution to the park caretakers that they would take it into consideration. In short, if you see pieces of trash on the ground pick it up and throw it away.

Proud Parents of Junior Fishermen,
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Police News

Jennifer L. Gabehart, 27, of 311 E. Lincoln was arrested at 6:43 p.m. Wednesday at her home.

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AKERS - Edna M. Akers, 68, of Gibson City, formerly of Hoopeston died at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Heritage Manor-Gibson City. Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

LAYDEN - Elizabeth June "Betty" Layden, 91, of Hoopeston died at 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill

Weather



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