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Exotic animal breeder Dan Breeding demonstrates how a female gibbon would carry its young by carrying two-year-old Leeza, above left. Right, Leeza makes herself comfortable atop Hoopeston Area teacher Rich Stipp. Breeding displayed his animals for Hoopeston Area grade and middle school students.

Friday, it was a jungle in Hoopeston Area grade, middle schools

Dan Breeding, exotic animal trainer and former Hoopeston resident, gave local students some face time with some of his critters Friday.

Students got to meet Leeza, a gibbon; Prickles, an African crested porcupine; a Eurasian eagle owl named Eugene; and Auggie, an American alligator, during performances Friday.

Prickles got the most time on stage for Hoopeston Area Middle School students, as Breeding talked about the highlights on her quills - "and she didn't even have to go to the beauty salon," Breeding told the students.

Breeding explained porcupines' quills and told stu-

dents that the animals really don't shoot them at enemies. "That only happens in cartoons," he said. "Don't get your information from cartoons."

Eugene, the eagle owl, tethered to Breeding by a rope, spread his wings and flew a bit for the crowd, and Auggie's appearance drew several concerned sounds from students.

It was Leeza that drew the most smiles from the crowd as she hung from Breeding's arm and even perched on teacher Rich Stipp's head as Breeding walked her throughout the high school auditorium.

See JUNGLE on other side

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Police News



Brandyn R. Calloway, 22, of 426 N. Washington, Danville, as arrested at 5:36 p.m. Thursday at 201 E. Main. He was charged with violation of sex offender registration and failure to notify address change.

Calloway was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Christopher D. Huddleston, 23, of 18123 E 4200 North Rd., was arrested at 7:02 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of West Penn. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Huddleston hit him in the head while he was riding a lawn mower.

Huddleston was released on \$100 bond with a city

court date.

Timothy R. Boots, 45, of 477 N. Second St., Wellington, was arrested at 7:10 p.m. Saturday in the 100 block of East Lincoln.

Boots, wanted on two Vermilion County traffic warrants for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

Jarred I. Stone, 26, of 215 E. Penn, was arrested at 9:13 p.m. Saturday at Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market. He was charged with possession of cannabis, over 30 grams.

Stone was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await a bond hearing.



Court Dispositions




September 20

Matthew S. Ray, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to two cases of disorderly conduct, trial set for Nov. 15.

Matthew S. Ray, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to assault, requested a trial; set for Nov. 15.

Todd C. Longest, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to assault, requested a trial; set for Nov. 15.

Mary C. Vaughn, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$230; status hearing Dec. 20.



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Briefly

Alley cleanup

City of Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Oct. 15, weather permitting. It is for yard waste only.

Parent/teacher conferences

Hoopeston Area schools have set parent-teacher conferences for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 and 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 26.



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Taco/soft shell, salad, pudding, peaches

THURSDAY: Beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, hot roll, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, baby carrots/dip, fruit cocktail.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, tri-tator, applesauce;

Jungle continued from other side

The presentation was a reward for students for their hard work at the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), said middle school principal Anne Burton.

Breeding, who attended Hoopeston schools, encouraged students to work hard and follow their dreams.

He and his wife, Debbie, also a certified animal trainer, have four children, Taylor, Rachel, and Logan and baby Ethan Zachary born September 15.

He and his family live in Raleigh, N.C., where he has a ranch for his animals. He has appeared on numerous television shows, including David Letterman, Jay Leno, Good Morning America and Inside Edition and he filmed an episode of “The Jeff Corwin Experience” for Animal Planet.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 77. Tonight, thunderstorms. Low 55. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 68, low 50.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Parents of kindergarten-sixth grade students need to make appointments with teachers to insure time available for their conferences. Parents of students in grades 7-12 do not need to make appointments.

Those who cannot attend during the set times are urged to call their’s child’s respective school and arrange an alternate time. Grade reports must be picked up by the parents at their child’s attendance center.

Choice: ham & cheese/bun.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears; Choice: Chicken patty/bun.

WEDNESDAY: Ham slice, au gratin potatoes, green beans, peaches; Choice: country fried steak.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, pineapple; Choice: burrito.

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich, California blend/cheese, fruit cocktail; Choice: fish/bun.

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Chopped steak, baked potato, green beans, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

TUESDAY: Lasagna casserole, Caesar salad, grape juice, apple, Italian bread.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casserole, peas, raisins, wheat bread.

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Ground sirloin steak, hominy, broccoli, peaches, wheat bread.

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