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Letters to the Editor

Animals should wear tags

Hoopeston Animal Control is asking the people of Hoopeston to please purchase city pet licenses and have rabies vaccination tags affixed to their animals. City ordinance dictates a city pet license must be readily viewed on all pets kept within city limits. Animal Control will then be able to alleviate the stress of retrieving your animal at Vermilion County Animal Regulations in Danville by simply returning your pet home.

Purchasing a city pet license will provide the information necessary to compile a database of the city's pet population. City pet licenses are available at the Hoopeston Water Department window located in Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

The cost of pet licenses range from only \$2 for vaccinated dogs and cats to \$10 for unvaccinated dogs and cats. Owners must provide their pet's rabies tag number at the time of purchase. A rabies vaccination tag affixed to your pet will assure a safe return home for pets and their owners.

Vermilion County Animal Regulation maintains vaccination records by the numbers engraved on the animal's tag. Those who need a tag may visit or call the Regulations office at 14775 Catlin/Tilton Rd., Danville, IL, (217) 443-2660 to acquire one or ensure the office's records show the updated information.

Thank you for your help and hopefully, together we can make Hoopeston a better place for our furry friends.

Neil Seymour
Animal Control Officer

How safe are consumers now?

We have been inundated with a whole bunch of recalls this year in our country - everything from toys, drugs, meat, vegetables, vehicles, etc. When do we need to get

concerned as consumers about these products? As with most other aspects of our lives, this is just one other important item that we need to become educated on in order to protect ourselves.

Some of these recalls are from products manufactured in this country, but the vast majority are produced in foreign countries, of which, at this time, we have very

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Sleeping princess

Brooke Nicole, six-week-old daughter of Lisa Gay and Mike Malone of Decatur, sleeps through her debut as a fairy princess for her first Halloween.

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little control over. Many ingredients that are incorporated into the drugs that we rely on come from foreign countries ((India, China, etc.) which do not have very good inspection procedures of what they export. As a matter of fact, China has a very bad track record of killing their own people with bad drugs.

I think what concerns me the most is if our foreign suppliers become unable to sell us safe products, are we going to be able to start producing these things ourselves, or are we going to become reliant on them no matter what they sell us? I guess that would also be true of all the things manufactured in foreign countries now, that used to be made here.

Do you feel safe buying toys for your children, that were made in China?

Are you concerned about American-made medication you have to take that includes ingredients from foreign countries that do not inspect their exports?

We inspect most of what is made in this country whether it is bought here or exported to another country. China and India do not inspect their exports, at least not very well. The problems are caught here in this country.

Unfortunately, a very small amount of imports can be inspected by us. We just don't have the manpower. There are 3,249 pharmaceutical chemical manufacturers in foreign countries and two thirds of them have never been inspected by our FDA (that is 2,133 companies that we know nothing about). China has 714 companies of which the FDA will inspect 13 (1.8%) next year. India has 410 and the FDA will inspect 65 (15.8%) next year.

Why should we have to inspect them anyway? They are the ones exporting the goods, it should be their responsibility. I don't understand why we don't insist that they do a better job of inspection, and require them to stamp an approval of each item. If we find something

that they missed, penalize them like we do American companies. We have such labels like UL listed, FDA approved, etc. It is appalling that we do business with people that do not take on responsibility.

I am for free trade, but it requires that all participants take on responsibility if they want to become a member of world trade. At this point, China has proven that they are not yet among the nations' better exporters. How many illnesses or deaths have to happen before something is done?

Most of this contribution is excerpted from Thursdays MSNBC's web page.

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Briefly

Flu clinics
 The next seasonal adult flu clinics will be held at the Vermilion County Health Department, 200 South College St., Danville:
 Tuesday November 6th 8:30 am to 12 noon
 Wednesday November 7th 12:30pm to 4pm
 Wednesday November 14th 12:30pm to 4pm
 Thursday November 15th 8:30am to 12 noon
 No appointments are necessary. Cost is \$30.

For more information, call the health department at 431-2662, or visit their website at www.vchd.org.

Tiny Tots

"Curious George Goes to the Hospital" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets 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.

Obituaries

JONES - Betty Jean Jones, 90, of Hoopeston, formerly of Gilman, died at 4:20 p.m. Saturday Nov. 3, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home, Hoopeston. Private family graveside service will be held Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Wolfe Funeral Home in Hoopeston is coordinating the arrangements.






Classifieds



NOTICES

Village of Rossville accepting sealed bids, minimum bid starting at \$4,000 for a 1997 Chevy 4X\$ truck until Monday, Nov. 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at village office. Bids will be opened at board meeting at 7 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 19, 2007. Village reserves right to reject any or all bids.

Chris Pearson
Village Clerk

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Police News

Jose L. Lopez, 19, of 208 E. Washington was arrested at 8:17 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of East Washington.

Lopez, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Patricia L. Benison, 33, of 528 N. Fourth St., turned herself in to police at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Wanted on a Ford County warrant for failure to appear for reckless conduct, Benison, was released on \$500 cash bond.

Weather

Breezy today. High 42. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 46, low 32.
 For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.