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 Members of the Lady Cornjerkers cross country team pose after their eighth consecutive Vermilion County Championship. Picture are, back row from left, Sarah Houmes (mgr), Alyssa Graveline, Madie Brown, Olivia Huls, Karsen Root, and Coach Rich Stipp, and front, Maya Webber, Shania Goble, and Hannah Bray.

Eight is great, nine would be divine for HA XC runners

Hoopeston Area's Lady Cornjerkers cross country team did what few teams have been able to accomplish: their eighth straight Vermilion County championship and earning their eighth trip to sectionals.

The girls took the Vermilion Valley championship on October 16, with six members named All VVC, placing in the top 10, including Madie Brown, Karsen Root,
 See XC on other side

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A **28-year-old** Hoopeton woman reported at 6:30 p.m. Thursday that someone charged several hundred dollars of merchandise to her debit card.

Timothy R. Wernigk, 33, of Potomac, was arrested after officers checked out a suspicious vehicle at 8 p.m. Friday at Market and Rt. 9. He was charged

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with possession of controlled substance for allegedly having methamphetamine in the driver's seat.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.

A **set of keys** was found Friday and turned into the police department.

Obituaries

MUSHRUSH - Audrey Mae (Carter) Thompson Mushrush, 92, of Hoopeton, died at 12:43 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, at Heritage Health, Hoopeton. Celebration of Life service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeton. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeton. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral

home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeton United Methodist Church.

RITTER - Leland "Casey" Grant Ritter, 74, of Rossville, died at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at home. Cremation rites have been accorded by Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeton. There will be no service at this time.

XC continued from other side

Hannah Bray, Shania Goble, Olivia Huls, and Maya Webber.

Tuesday, the girls did it again, earning their eighth county championship despite the cold, damp conditions at Kickapoo.

Runners and their times were Hannah Bray 4th 22:50, Shania Goble 5th 22:51, Olivia Huls 6th 23:03, Madie Brown 8th 23:07, Karsen Root 9th 23:09, Maya Webber 13th 25:00 and Alyssa Graveline 14th 25:06.

The team was at Wimple Park in Tuscola Saturday for Class A regional action, where they shrugged off a windy, cold day to place sixth among 16 schools.

Brown finished 30th overall at 21:56, followed by Shania Goble at 39th with 22:33. Bray clocked in at

46th with 23:02; Root 47th at 23:14; Huls 48th at 23:21; Webber, 55th, 23:55; and Graveline 76th, 26:04.

Coach Rich Stipp said the team is tied for most consecutive county titles with Salt Ford, who did eight in 1992-99.

He's confident no other team has taken eight straight conference titles.

And, with no seniors in the group, all will return next year for a shot at nine, Stipp said.

Weather



Sunny today. High 61. Tonight, cloudy. Low 40. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 57, low 48.



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A 28-year-old Hoopeton man alleged that after a verbal altercation, Tools allegedly struck him with an unidentified sharp object. The man was treated at Hoopeton Hospital for his injury.

Tools was later arrested in Danville by Vermilion County Sheriff's deputies and taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.

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