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Police News

Jessica A. Stipp, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested Thursday in connection with a hit-and-run accident at 11:31 a.m. March 16 in the 700 block of East Honeywell.

She was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after Stipp, in a 2004 Dodge van, allegedly struck a parked 2001 Ford F-15- owned by Ron Cappellano, of Wellington.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:33 p.m. Thursday in the 700 block of East Main. Police said Deanna Schaumburg, of Hoopeston,

backed a 2008 Chevrolet truck from a driveway and struck a parked 2007 Ford owned by Lester Robers, also of Hoopeston.

Rodney D. Hamrick, 58, of Cissna Park, was arrested at 6:54 p.m. Thursday at Route 9 and Seventh Ave.

Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/sentencing and an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/aggravated DUI, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment before a judge and extradition from Iroquois County.

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Letters to the Editor

Action need to be taken on causes

I see by the Facts that at the recent city council meeting, two concerned citizens made their voices heard about the Downtown Motel. And there is much what I call "chatter" on our "telephone party line," Facebook. That is a good thing. In fact, many are bouncing on and off each other thoughts, suggestions on what to do about it.

Most wise are the ones who know it is not the motel that is the real problem. Illegal activities, such as drug use, are widespread and have been for a long time. I won't mention what else folks say or think they know what goes on there because, well, we just don't know 100%, that is to say probably some are correct. And that is part of the problem. If so many "know" these things then why, as they ask, is something drastic not done or should have been long ago if, as it is said, "the police practically live there?"

As a famous cartoon character said, "We have met the enemy and it is us." Yes, we are and have been fed up with watching the death of Hoopeston. We have about 70% of our schoolchildren on free or reduced lunches, numerous domestic batteries and fights, (usually the same people) break-ins and illegal drugs seem rampant.

We need a concrete plan of action for the whole town, perhaps starting with the motel. Sad to say, it

may be that we pull together now after someone is shot to death. It is past time to "put up or shut up." If so many know about the drug issue, who, or more than one who, is the snake behind it all at the top? Who is going to "blab," and keep blabbing to the proper authorities?

Police officers have to follow the law, concrete evidence is needed. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, many would say the police are not all that trustworthy. Do we have honest people in authority or just some?

Who is going to stand and accuse, and get the town cleanup "show on the road?" Talk is cheap and hopefully, we have finally gotten to the point to quit gossiping, spreading rumors and instead, map out a plan to save our town and make it better. I am not accusing anyone of anything; merely trying to relate what most folks feel - and some know.

I, and others, have said before that we need a drug rehabilitation place it town instead of all the problems making a round trip to Danville. That would bring jobs, counselors and whatever positions a place like that needs.

We need to separate drug addicts/alcoholics from our senior public housing so seniors and disabled may spend their days in peace (if there are drug addicts and alcoholics living at Centennial Manor)/ I know how public housing works. No one can be tossed out easily, regardless of their bad behavior. Keep in mind there is a great

difference between public housing and HUD housing, like Plaza Commons. Often folks get this confused. Unless there are extreme issues, public housing has to take anyone, HUD complexes do not.

Let us keep our cool, pray a lot and think clearly to be able to present concrete ideas that may formulate into a clear plan of action. WE CAN make this a better town where we would not be embarrassed for a visitor to cross the railroad tracks going east on Main St., where part of it looks like a slum in a big city.

God help us all.

Alice Lawrence Fink
Hoopeston

PS: We are seeing a slow spiritual reawakening here, aka "spiritual revival," and we pray it continues, that we awake from our slumber of "playing church" and get out being the Church at Laodicea.(Rev.3:14). We cannot be lukewarm. The man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Your detestable low-life "neighbor" may well be the next St. Paul, one never knows.

As Jesus pointed out, if we love those who love us, so what, big deal? So do the hypocrites. "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind" and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

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Obituaries

CHESNUT


Jean Wendell Chesnut, 97, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston, died Friday, March 21, 2014, at Hawthorne Inn, Danville. Celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Funeral Home and cremation Center, Danville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, Rossville.

McALLISTER

Marjorie Mae "Margie" McAllister, 74, of Hoopeston, formerly of Joliet, died at 2:47 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2014, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated. Burial will be at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Joliet. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

Weather

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