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Briefly

Coaches sought

Hoopeston Hornets is looking for coaches. Appli-
cations are at Razor's Edge or from Chris Inman.

Football and cheer signups will not be held at the
WHPO Expo but will be announced at a later date.

Breast cancer group to meet

The March meeting of Hoopeston Breast Cancer
Support Group will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17
at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-
4040.

Elder abuse workshop

A workshop on how to recognize and report abuse
on seniors and disabled adults will be held at 10 a.m.
Thursday, March 17, at Hoopeston Multi Agency,
206 S. First Ave.

The workshop is presented by CRIS Adult protec-
tive Services.

VFW seeks members

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member on how to join and what the VFW can do
for you, or call (217) 283-5025.

From the Blotter

Kenneth Sutherland, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested
at 5:10 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston Police Department,
where he allegedly confronted and threatened officers.

He was charged with threatening a public official and
was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to
await arraignment.

Nicole A. Mathews, 40, of Hoopeston, was arrested
after a 19-year-old Hoopeston woman alleged she was
attacked at 5:15 p.m. Saturday in Shopko's parking lot,
1020 W. Chestnut.

Police located Mathews at her home and arrested her
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Letters to the Editor

Don't be distracted by false Lacy comments

The door of opportunity to make critical changes in the Vermilion County State's Attorney's Office is closing. Who we elect to run the office will have implications on our safety for years to come.

While serving as Vermilion County Board Chairman, I had the opportunity to work directly with Ms. Lacy. She is a true professional who is simply unmatched.

When she became our Chief Public Defender and started working in the courthouse, she didn't know anyone. Five years later she is widely endorsed by office holders, county board members and law enforcement. We need someone who already has the confidence of law enforcement and the knowledge to drive crime out of Vermilion County.

Comments have been spread that she isn't qualified for the office because she isn't a lifelong resident of Vermilion County and doesn't understand the needs of our county. This is nonsense and a distraction from the serious nature of the office and its current problems. What is im-

portant is which candidate has more experience with not only the law but with organizational skills and office management. Jacqueline has proven herself in all three areas as our current Vermilion County Chief Public Defender.

Another concern has been conflict of interest. This is easily resolved with use of a conflict attorney who is already on retainer and part of the yearly county budget.

We are fortunate that Jacqueline chose to make Vermilion County her home. Join me in voting in the upcoming Republican Primary for Jacqueline Lacy for Vermilion County State's Attorney.

Gary Weinard

Lifelong Vermilion County Resident

Former Vermilion County Board Chairman

Mockbee brings professionalism, experience

I am endorsing Chuck Mockbee for Vermilion County

Maple celebrates Book Fair Week

Maple Grade School will hold a book fair from March 15-17 in the school library. Times will be 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, 2:30-5 p.m. Wednesday and 2:30-7 p.m. Thursday. The book fair is open to the public.

Students will celebrate Groovy Book Fair Week from March 14-17 with special events each day. Monday will be Bring Your Favorite Book to School Day; Tuesday is Tie Dye Day (wear tie dye shirt to school); Wednesday is Cornjerker Reading Day (wear your Cornjerker or Maple shirt); and Thursday is Flashlight Reading Day (teacher will read a book by flashlight).



Police continued from other side

on preliminary charges of battery and criminal damage to property. She was released on \$150 cash bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Bradley E. Thompson, 27, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 8 p.m. Saturday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/driving after suspension, he was released on \$575 bond and fees with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

State's Attorney. I've known Chuck for over 10 years and have the pleasure of working with him on a daily basis. He has always been responsive to our needs, professional in dealing with the public, and his courtroom demeanor is second to none. Chuck is respected by his peers and is trusted by everyone who knows him.

Chuck was born and raised in Vermilion County and is raising a family here and his goal has always been to be the states attorney. He will be a successful career prosecutor and run a professional office that will be aggressive on crime and compassionate to victims. Chuck is first and foremost a prosecutor and not a politician.

I'm convinced Chuck has the leadership skills to manage the office. I've read and seen some problems currently in the State's Attorney's Office and I'm sure every office has problems. It seems strange to me we never hear of any problems in the Public Defender's

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, bread., butter, milk

THURSDAY: Ham & cheese, Sunchips, baby carrots, sliced apples, milk

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, salad bar, green beans, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets or Hot Pocket, scrambled eggs, tri-tater, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Hotdog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Pizza Hut, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

FRIDAY: No school

Weather

Chance of showers, areas of fog today. High 62. Tonight, chance of showers, then cloudy. Low 49. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, thunderstorms. High 69, low 44.

Office. Could that be because there is never public outrage when a defendant is found guilty? And it seems odd to me that it's never seen as a "loss" for the Public Defender's Office when someone is convicted of a crime but the State's Attorney "loses" cases when a defendant is found not guilty.

Please join me in voting for Chuck Mockbee for Vermilion County States Attorney on Tuesday, March 15th.

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