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July 28: Jason Warf, Golden Gate, Fla.

July 29: Debbie Dixon, Hoopeton

July 30: Myrtle & Wayne Hitchens, Mendota (\$200)

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4 p.m. Thursday. A 1983 Kenworth tractor driven by Clark R. Johnson, route 3, Hoopeton, struck a parked 1987 Buick owned by Joyce Dukes, 326 W. Elm. The accident occurred in the alley behind 221 E. Main.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10 a.m. Friday. A 1988 Chevrolet, driven by Bradley E. Glover, 501 E. McNeil, struck a 1988 Ford owned by Gordon Stipp, 802 E. Honeywell, while it was parked at Hoopeton Area High School. Glover was at fault for improper backing.

Joseph Cannon, 21, of 621 S. Fifth St. and Noel Gonzalez, 35, of 1366 Henderson Dr., Naples, Fla., were arrested at 1:31 a.m. Saturday on charges of disorderly conduct. According to police reports, officers were answering a burglar alarm at 102 N. Market when they found the men arguing with each other. Both were released on notices to appear, with court set for Aug. 18.

William Pancake, Lot 13, Baer's Trailer Court, reported Saturday that someone cut the front and rear passenger side of his 1988 Buick while it was parked at his home.

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dent at 10:50 a.m. Saturday. A 1982 Chevrolet driven by Adam C. Burge of East Lynn, struck a 1976 International Scout owned by Bradley Misner, 419 W. Washington.

According to police reports, Burge was backing up when his vehicle died and kept backing up, striking Misner's vehicle.

Lynn Hudson, 428 E. Main, reported Saturday that someone threw eggs on her 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The driver's side was also scratched and the air let out of the driver's side tires.

Dallas Beaty 301 S. Market, reported that someone took a license plate, number DL1799E, from his business.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:40 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of Bank St. A 1965 Chevrolet driven by Donald F. Christensen, 217 E. Lincoln, was backing up and struck a 1992 Ford driven by Darrell L. Sheppard, 842 E. Washington.

A 16-year-old boy was arrested at 9:04 p.m. Saturday, charged with auto theft after he took a truck from North Front St. The boy was released to an adult.

The truck was recovered at 221 N. Market.

The Hoopeton Fire Department was called to an electrical fire at 3:05 p.m. Sunday at Lot 15, Baer's Trailer Court. Damage was minimal.

Weather



Partly sunny today with a 40 percent chance of showers. High in the mid to upper 80s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the upper 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 81, low near 64.

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Fishing stories: fabrications firmly anchored in fantasy

What is it about fishing?

What is it about putting a piece of string in the water and waiting for a fish to bite, all the while getting eaten up by mosquitoes?

It seems I'm the only one in these parts who has missed out on the glory of fishing. Almost everybody I know talks about spinners (not the music group from the 70s), rods, reels, bait, boats, etc.

Just the other day, I was talking to a woman (whose name I won't disclose to protect the innocent) who went fishing with her husband.

She got to do important jobs, like dropping the anchor. Unfortunately, the other end wasn't attached to anything, so it didn't do any good.

Then, she was doing something and managed to step in the minnow bucket, sending the bait all over the boat. Her job then was to catch minnows when her husband needed more bait.

She did manage to catch a fish, but it was a small one, so her husband told her to throw it back.

The hook, she said, got caught in the fish's lips (something I was unaware fish had). This prompted a disagreement between husband and wife. He says the fish was dead by the time she threw it back. She maintains that it did not float belly up, and therefore was still alive.

I've been told fishing is peaceful, but it's obvious fishing is not good for a health marriage. There are enough issues to fight about without adding fish lips to the list.

I've been told I don't understand fishing because I'm not experienced at it.

In all, I've been fishing - and I use the term loosely - twice.

The first time, my grandfather took me and my younger sister fishing. She got a hook caught in his finger, which was the end of that.

The second time, there weren't enough poles to go around.

The thing I understand least about the sport is why fishermen are such liars.

Case in point: a local man was telling me about a fishing trip where he caught one itty bitty fish. It was so small, he threw it back.

But when he was talking to a fellow fisherman about the same trip, the story sounded more like the feeding of the multitude with the loaves and fishes.

In this version, he'd caught five fish, all whoppers.

I innocently asked if he was talking about the same trip he'd just told me about, and got a glare in response.

Did you ever notice how the biggest ones always get away? Fishermen will come home with strings of puny fish and spend an hour regaling each other with tales of the one they almost caught.

I think there's something fishy about that.

While I've heard of writers taking poetic license - and even done it myself a time or two - nothing can compare with fish tales. It's a different sort of fishing license.

Since it seems everybody who's ever put a line in the water has a tale to tell, it seems only fair to share these tales with the general public.

So, we at Just the Facts are having the first annual Something's Fishy contest.

This has nothing to do with the biggest fish or the most fish. This has to do with those fish stories everyone is so fond of.

Send us your best fish story. Embellish a little. Lie a lot. Just make it legible.

The winner will receive some neat fishing stuff from Sportsman Bait and Tackle and the winning story will be printed in Just the Facts.

The rules are simple: stories should be 500 words or less and must be in our office by Aug. 15.

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