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Police News



A 13-year-old boy was arrested at 5 p.m. Thursday, charged with battery on a complaint from Teri Hargrove, 718 E. Young. Hargrove alleged the boy slapped her daughters.

David Davis, 907 E. McCracken, reported Thursday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from his home.

No tickets or injuries were reported in any of four accidents Friday.

The first occurred at 4:34 p.m. 150 feet south of Elm St., near the IGA parking lot.

Jimmie W. Sulser, 409 Louisiana, Champaign, driving a 1989 Kenworth, was backing into a loading dock at Jerry's IGA. Stephanie Cornelius, 705 S. Market, in a 1990 Dodge Grand Caravan, was southbound after turning from Elm.

As Sulser was cutting the trailer eastward, a mudflap on the truck struck Cornelius' vehicle

The second accident occurred at 6:12 p.m. in the 100 block of West Main.

Brenda E. Linares, 918 W. Washington, driving a 1985 Chevrolet Celebrity, and Cindy A. Dale, 219 W. Maple, in a 1991 Chevy Corsica, were both eastbound on West Main. Dale stopped for a vehicle in front of her and was struck by Linares.

The third accident occurred at 7:15 p.m. at Hoopeston Area High School.

Jamie Warner, 460 E. Main, Wellington, was backing from a parking place and struck a 1990 Plymouth Acclaim driven by Joie Torres, 320 E. Thompson.

Warner was at fault for improper backing.

The final accident was at 8:10 p.m. in the 100 block of West Main.

Dallas W. Wells, 424 N. Tenth Ave., was

backing his 1991 Chevrolet S-10 and, because of a topper, did not see a 1991 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Jose R. Barron, 421 E. Thompson. Barron was pulling into a parking space next to

Curtis O. Miller, 716 E. McCracken, reported Saturday that while he was drinking at 406 N. Front, he became unconscious. When he awoke, he found his clothing, watch and more than \$200 in cash was missing.

Miller found clothes at the residence and went to the police station on foot. He told police he believed he had been drugged.

Miller was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital by Hoopeston ambulance.

Ralph Keller, 222 E. Main, reported someone knocked a hole in a large plate glass window at his residence.

Court dispositions



Aug. 17: Jeffery Deck, Hoopeston, loitering, \$45, three months court supervision.

Sunday Eisenmann, Cissna Park, deceptive practice, \$45, three months court supervision.

Jason Fairchild, Wellington, loitering, pleaded not guilty, bench trial Oct. 5.

Jane Hurt, Hoopeston, loitering, pleaded not guilty, bench trial.

Mark Hewitt, Hoopeston, illegal possession, failed to appear, summons issued.

William Hockstra, St. Anne, no parking, failed to appear, summons issued.

Jason Johnson, Potomac, deceptive practice, failed to appear, summons issued.

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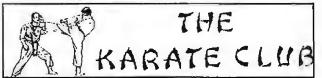
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Letter to the Editor



Editor:

Recently a friend asked what the subject of my next article would be. He told me he read each one and added he was glad to see someone speak up about the things happening in Hoopeston. I thanked him and told him I have never had the opportunity to write about one of the subjects that interests me most; the people and the city of Hoopeston.

I must begin by saying many of my Hoopeston friends, their families and of course, my family and I, are strange people. It's not strange in a bad sense; it's a strangeness built on sincerity, honesty and genuine friendship. Of course there are exceptions (those residents call themselves normal). The fact is, many residents only seem strange in comparison to ruthless, cruel people in today's society. Strange people seem to be the ones who reach out to others or people who do amazing things each day without any fanfare or accolades. If that is true then Hoopeston is filled with strange people.

Hoopeston has qualities defining it as a unique part of American culture. Where else does one find thousands of people gathering to worship the almighty vegetable, sweetcorn?

On a more serious note, many of my friends from SIU believe Hoopeston would be a great subject for a master's thesis or a Ph.d. dissertation. Now I know at this point many readers are thinking, "these guys have way too much free time on their hands." That's the farthest thing from the truth. The truth is many people are fascinated with the lifestyle, the corn and the history of this community. Having recently spent a week in Hoopeston mulling over my own memories, my friends' position has become easier to comprehend. Their fascination and love of Hoopeston, though bizarre, is understandable.

A woman I once dated often accused me of being overly emotional and too sentimental. Though she was basically wrong, when it comes to Hoopeston, she was right. The emotional part is when I ride my bike through the streets of Hoopeston. I see homes where friends used to live now occupied by strangers. Fields we used to play in are now cement and rock. Trees we used to climb are now cut down, used for firewood.

Some things remain the same. For example, I can still ride my bike down old brick streets and hear the familiar sound of bricks gyrating under the tires as they try to make themselves comfortable. And on Sunday morning, I can still ride past the old Singleton house and be greeted by one or two people working in their yards.

In the final analysis, it is not important whether we are strange, or whether we are addicted to sweetcorn, or even whether I am too sentimental. The fact is, none of us can forget a place we will always remember.

Matthew Parsons Carbondale

Obituaries

BURKERT - John L. Burkert, 87, of Rossville, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial was in Rossville Cemetery.

HUFFORD - Byron "Nightwatch" Hufford, 76, of Rossville, died at 2:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rossville. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High in the mid 70s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High near 74, low near 56.

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