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Governor signs Myers'-sponsored family farmer support act

A bill designed to help family farmers, sponsored by state Sen. Judy Myers (R-Danville) has been signed into law.

Gov. George Ryan signed Senate Bill 72, the Family Farmer Support Act, which allows family farmers to form cooperatives to produce or market their goods.

"Farmers need our support," Myers said. "In cooperatives, smaller farmers can form groups to get better prices for their crops or livestock and to purchase goods at lower prices. Hopefully, these cooperatives will make individual farmers more competitive and productive."

Under the new law, the University of Illinois will cre-

ate a Cooperative Development Board which will establish, assist and enhance the development of local and regional cooperatives for the benefit of family farmers. The university and the board will provide standardized material about cooperatives for farmers across the state.

The bill is effective immediately.

Two other Myers-sponsored bills were also signed into law.

A crime victim and witness notification bill, signed by Ryan last Thursday, will provide a comprehensive notification system comprised of files from throughout the state. The statewide system will download all necessary information from participating officials. The information will then be disseminated by public officials to victims and witnesses, Myers said.

A bill setting statewide consistent standards in addressing domestic violence victims was signed by the governor Friday, Myers said.

Under this law, hospital and nursing home workers will be trained to assess the needs of domestic violence victims, collect and retain materials to be used as evidence, notify appropriate law enforcement and refer victims to agencies providing evaluation and care.

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— Briefly —

B&PW winners

Winners in the Business & Professional Women's monthly drawing were: \$25, Rose Cress, Hoopeston; \$15, Rose Cress, Hoopeston; and \$10, Shannon Reynolds, Hoopeston.

Bowling meetings

❑The Tuesday Nigh Men's Classic League will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3 at Pla-Mor Lanes.

Any person or team interested in bowling should have a representative there. Those unable to attend should call Pla-More Lanes, (217) 283-5195; Doug Wagoner, 283-6541; or Randy Hiltz, (815) 889-5472.

The league is open to any four-man team.

❑The Association meeting for all women bowlers will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, also at Pla-Mor Lanes. The Monday Night Women's League meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone who has a team formed or is interested in bowling is asked to attend. Bowlers are needed for Monday night, Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Those unable to attend should call Pla-Mor Lanes, 283-5195; Helen Taflinger, 283-5141 or 283-5730 or Leona York, 283-6803.

❑Thursday Night Men's City League meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Pla-Mor Lanes.

❑The Friday Mixed League will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 also at Pla-Mor Lanes.

For more information, call the bowling alley, 283-5195.

Neighborhood Watch

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the municipal building. This month's speaker will be Mark Murphy, an Illinois State Police polygraphist



Police News



A **girl's 15-speed** Savoy pink and blue mountain bike was found Tuesday at the Little League field. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Lee Edward Haislip, 34, of Vincennes, Ind., was arrested at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday on a Clinton County warrant. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Julia M. Wooten, 37, of Baer's Trailer Court, turned herself in to police at 1:25 p.m. Tuesday. Wooten, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$100 cash bond.

A **pager** was reported stolen Tuesday from McFerren Park.

Tonia J. Lawson, 33, of 105 S. Dunavan, Wellington, turned herself in to police at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Lawson, wanted on a Logan County warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$75 cash bond.

Ramon Martinez, 42, of 204 E. Young, was arrested at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$229 cash bond.

A **girl's 26-inch** bicycle was taken Wednesday from a back yard in the 500 block of East Main. The bike is red with chrome fenders and a chrome rack

on the back.

A **blue Murray** 18-speed mountain bike was found Wednesday in the 300 block of North Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **20-inch light** green bicycle was found Wednesday on West Washington. Police notified the owner.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 27

Admitted: Maryann Ward.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Heat advisory today. Sunny. High 95. Tonight, clear. Low 75. Tomorrow, sunny. High 97, low 78.

For the current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

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