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### Briefly

#### Music Booster winners

Winners in this week's Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: June 8, Elston and Jesse Klocke (donated back); June 19, Ashley and Levi Stebbins; June 20, Parents of Exchange Students Club; June 21, Cleo Strayer; June 22, Kim and Todd Burch.

#### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon.

Teen Reach activities for the week are: Monday, noon-4:30 p.m., 1 p.m., Dan, marijuana/games; Tuesday, noon-4:30 p.m., swimming; Wednesday, noon-

4:30, fishing; Thursday, noon-4:30, putt putt golf; Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Kennekuk with other Teen Reach sites.

If weather does not permit for outdoor activities at park, then games or movies will be held at the Multi Agency.

#### Survey meeting

The Hoopeston Visioning For the Future committee will announce the results of a community survey at 6:30 p.m. June 18 at the Hoopeston Area High School auditorium.

The community is invited to attend.

#### Meetings

Rossville village board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.  
Rossville-Alvin school board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library.

Hoopeston city council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

Hoopeston Area school board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library.

### Rossville man held in connection with strangling student

A Rossville man is being held in connection with the murder of a 21-year-old Eastern Illinois University student.

Anthony Mertz, 25, was charged with first degree murder Thursday in the death of Shannon McNamara of Rolling Meadows.

McNamara's strangled body was found Tuesday in her off-campus apartment by her roommate.

Mertz was arrested Wednesday on a preliminary charge of home invasion and was then charged with her murder, according to reports.

Mertz lived across the street from McNamara and was a maintenance man at the school.

Mertz was being held without bail at the Coles County jail. He is expected to appear in court July 2.

According to reports, one of Mertz' credit cards in McNamara's apartment and that there was a sign of forced entry into the apartment. A living room window screen had been cut.

Mertz graduated from Rossville-Alvin High School in 1994 and went into the military before attending Eastern Illinois University.

McNamara, a senior at the school, was majoring in physical education and was seeking teacher certification.

She was expected to graduate next spring.

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**Police News**

**Larry Brouger**, 22, of 122 E. Seminary, turned himself in to police at 7:05 p.m. Thursday. Brouger wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear for arraignment, was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Police are** investigating a hit-and-run accident reported Thursday. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1998 Chevrolet pickup owned by Debra K. Nosler of 822 McNeil, while it was parked at her home.

**A traffic stop** at 1:54 a.m. Friday at Main and Bank resulted in the arrest of two men.

Jarred I. Stone, 19, of 215 E. Penn, was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct stemming from an incident June 11 and was charged with possession of cannabis. He was released on a notice to appear.

Christopher T. Ford, 19, of 218½ E. Lincoln, was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:53 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Maple.

Police said Sally Porth of 623 E. Maple, backed her 1992 Oldsmobile from her driveway and hit a parked 1984 Chevrolet owned by Lucinda Cobb of 631 E. Young.

**Tammy L. Crozier**, 39, of #13 Parkview Court, was ticketed following an accident at 4:16 p.m. Friday at East Young and Fifth St.

Police said Crozier did not yield and pulled her 1985 Pontiac into the intersection where she was hit by a 1993 Chevrolet Blazer driven by David J. Ingram of 906 E. Young.

Crozier was ticketed for failure to yield, no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

An unidentified passenger in Crozier's vehicle was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital; the Hoopeston Fire Department was called to extricate a passenger in Crozier's vehicle.

**Daniel W. Bridgman**, 35, of 302½ W. Washington, was arrested at 9:30 p.m. Friday.

He was charged with domestic battery, resisting arrest, aggravated battery to a peace officer and disorderly conduct after police responded to a fight call in the 500 block of North Sixth St. Police said Bridgman became combative after he was taken into custody.

Bridgman was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Two people** were arrested following a traffic stop at 6:05 p.m. Saturday at East Thompson and North Market.

Larry L. Brouger, 22, of 824 E. Wyman, Apt. D14, was charged with driving while license suspended. Elizabeth Lopez, 20, of the same address, was charged with permitting an unauthorized person to drive.

Both were released on notices to appear.

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**Rep. Tim Johnson holds first of three meetings on ag issues**

The first of three agriculture meetings is giving an East Central Illinois congressman fodder for a new Farm Bill.

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (IL-15) met Friday with ag leaders from Vermilion, Iroquois, Kankakee and Ford counties to discuss the good and bad points of current agricultural policy.

After the meeting, Johnson said his goal is to do more listening than talking and that he is compiling thorough notes about the matters discussed in the meetings.

Future meetings are scheduled for June 18 in McLean County and July 2 in Douglas County. Johnson said views shared in the meetings will assist him when he returns to the House Agriculture Committee in July to write the next Farm Bill.

"I return home to my district every weekend and I extensively travel around the 11 counties that make up the 15th," he said. "I visit numerous ag groups, rural coffee shops and meet with farmers on a regular basis and I learn a lot about the deficiencies of federal ag policy. I decided to conduct these meetings, which include members of my agriculture advisory committee, so I could get more input from my constituents and confidently return to our nation's capital and help write the next

Farm Bill."

Friday's meeting included good news for farmers, Johnson said. "First he President denied California a waiver for the Clean Air act which bodes extremely well for ethanol producers," he said. "Then the Miami Indian Tribe dismissed their lawsuit against these landowners. I hope these are indications that times are changing for our lagging ag economy."

**New Books at the Library**

**Non-fiction:**  
 Collins Quotation Finder (reference)  
 Front Porch Tales by Philip Gully  
 Longaberger by Dave Longaberger

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