





First Friday of the month **Hoopeston VFW**

Frog legs, fish, smelt 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-7 p.m. \$5.50/dinner, combo plates \$6.50 Includes cole slaw & baked beans



Area conservation police officer investigates fowl play

Officer Dallas Bowman investigates crimes most "fowl" - along with crimes involving fish and other wildlife.

Bowman, a conservation officer with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was the featured speaker at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Bowman, who has been in law enforcement for 21 years, spent five years with the Danville Police Department before becoming what was formerly known as a game warden. In 1985, conservation police became full-time statutory officers, granting them powers previously reserved for police departments. Bowman also carries a federal commission, allowing him to cross state lines for federal offenses.

Unlike most officers, conservation police have broader search powers. While a local officer would have to get a warrant to search an outbuilding, Bowman may do so without a warrant if he has probable cause that the structure has illegal game inside.

As a conservation officer, Bowman also oversees recreational areas, including lakes and rivers, in a



Honored

Maurice and Martha Leigh accept the Orval Kaag Citizen of the Year award from Hoopeston **Police Chief Mark Droll**inger. The couple, honored at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting, received the award for their attendance at Neighborhood Watch meetings and for their support of law enforcement and Hoopeston. The award was named after 35-year veteran, former Chief Orval Kaag. This is the second year Drollinger has given the award.

Photo by Lourdine Florek

702 W. Main, Hoopeston 283-5578 Open 7 Days North Fork Conservation Club Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. At the club Fish, chicken, shrimp & clam dinners



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county area. His territory includes Clinton Lake and Lake Vermilion, where he oversees boating safety, including watching for intoxicated boaters. "There's a problem when you take a boat and make it a floating cooler," he said.

Three state parks and three county parks are also in his territory. "We're blessed with parks in this area," he said. Those parks are enjoying an upsurge in



activity, in part because they have been made alcoholfree. The absence of alcohol has encouraged families and older county residents to take to the parks again, he said. "I haven't seek Kickapoo this busy in years," he said.

In the fall, much of Bowman's time is taken up investigating hunting violations, including "shining," where hunters spot a deer at night, using a spotlight, and then shoot it.

To catch these poachers, Bowman has a deer decoy he has named "Bullwinkle." When a hunter shoots at it, he is nearby to make an arrest.

Bowman is especially pleased that he made the first DNA deer case in the state last year. A hunter claimed a deer was shot in Indiana, and, in fact, had an Indiana tag on it. Through testing entrails found in the area and comparing DNA with the deer's DNA, Bowman proved the hunter got the deer illegally, resulting in a \$2,700 fine and the loss of hunting privileges for five years.

Vermilion County is a big deer-hunting



county, with many hunters going after prize specimens and, in turn, causing a lot of infractions. Some hunters, like those from Chicago, consider a having to pay a fine as "part of the day's activities," he said.

Being a conservation officer gives Bowman a perspective different from his law enforcement brethren. When a call comes in of shots fired in a wooded area, most officers would think someone has been harmed while Bowman said his first thought is of a hunter. Also, police officers don't normally deal with several men who are armed. Dealing with hunters, "everybody's armed," he said. "I'll walk up to five guys all carrying shotguns and say 'hi, how are you guys doing," he said. Bowman's training suits him well for dealing

Fire Calls

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:08 p.m. to a car on fire in the 800 block of East Semi-

-Briefly

Tree replacement

Hoopeston residents who had trees on city property damaged in last July's storm and who want the trees replaced are asked to call city hall, 283-5833. The city has a program to replace damaged trees at no cost to residents.

Clarification

Projected sewer rates listed in Wednesday's issue were for customers outside the city limits. Rates for in-town users will go from \$2.30 per unit to \$2.58 per unit.

Weather

Partly sunny today and tomorrow. Highs near 78, lows near 55.

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

Shop Hoopeston First!

Police News

A 46-vear-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone took her shopping cart. The theft occurred at 525 S. Market.

A 43-vear-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone broke the windshield of his 1981 Chevrolet truck parked in the 900 block of East

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

For Rent: nice 2 bedroom house w/garage. Available June 1 Must have references. \$400/mo. plus deposit. (217) 283-6025. 141-209

2 bedroom upstairs apartment. Stove, refrigerator furnished. No pets. 1st mo. rent plus deposit. (217) 283-9534. 142-210

HELP WANTED

Lorraine Theatre. Adults only. Call (217) 283-5311, leave name and number after message or email screen1@lorrainetheatre.com.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for part time seasonal help in the water department. Applications may be picked up at the municipal building, 301 W. Main, and must be turned in by June 14. EOE.

RUMMAGE SALES

Huge 2 family garage sale. 605 Judson Ave., Hoopeston. Saturday, June 8 & Sunday, June 9, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Items too numerous to mention in ad. Rain or shine.

525 E. Seminary, Hoopeston. Saturday, June 8, 8-noon. Crib, dryer, clothes (infant to adult), household.

728 S. Fifth St., Hoopeston (garage off Chestnut St.) Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m.-?? Furniture, electronics, kids & adult clothes and shoes, toys and more.

325 N. Eighth Ave., Hoopeston. June 7 & 8, 8-? Two families.

SERVICES

Will do garden tilling and plowing. Call (217) 283-4492.

All Types Rooter Service. Rod any Drain, \$50. 90-day guarantee. 20 years' experience. (815) 889-0108.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1989 Honda Shadow 1100. 17,000 original miles. \$5,000 OBO.

