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U.S. Rep, residents discuss drugs, taxes, war at town meeting

Saying we've won the war in Iraq, U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (IL-15) said Thursday the U.S. needs to bring its service men and women home quickly.

Johnson made his remarks Thursday in Hoopeston.

The war hits close to Johnson, whose chief-of-staff Jerry Clark is serving in Baghdad as a fixed wing aircraft pilot.

"I supported us going in but now we need to extricate our troops as quickly and as wisely as we can," Johnson said. "I am anguished every day when I hear about Americans dying and being injured.

To continue to keep American troops there to be shot at is unacceptable."

Johnson believes weapons of mass destruction will eventually be found in Iraq but "whether we do or don't, we deposed a brutal dictator and brought stability to the area," he said, adding the U.S. cannot continue to "police the world."

Johnson said Congress has been working on issues including a comprehensive energy policy that may be a boon for Illinois farmers.

The planned policy will cover not only fossil fuels but renewable energy sources, including ethanol, boosting production from 1.6 to 5 billion gallons required per year, he said.



U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson meets with reporters after a town hall meeting in Hoopeston Wednesday.

Johnson also discussed prescription coverage, saying the House recommends an optional plan that would include a deductible for participants, pay 75 to 80 percent to a certain dollar level and provide catastrophic coverage.

The House plan would help states such as Illinois which have a Circuit Breaker prescription program by shifting some of the costs from the states to the federal government.

The proposal would also help senior citizens. "It's unacceptable in a civilized country to have senior citizens - or any citizens for that matter - have to choose between breakfast and their prescription drugs," Johnson said.

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Donald E. Underwood Jr., 18, of 827 E. Seminary, was arrested at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at the police station. He was charged with aggravated battery after he allegedly had an altercation with a 29-year-old Hoopeston man.

Underwood was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A **63-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Wednesday that two tires on her 2001 Chevrolet van had been slashed. The damage occurred in the 400 block of North Market.

Lunch Menus



SAMS meals

MONDAY: Baked ham, sweet potato patties, peas, wheat bread, pineapple chunks.

TUESDAY: Taco salad w/meat, cheese, mild salsa, fresh tomato, tortilla chips, orange.

WEDNESDAY: Baked chicken, whipped potatoes, California blend vegetables, white bread, gelatin w/fruit cocktail.

THURSDAY: Beef & vegetable stew, applesauce, biscuit, chocolate cake/icing (angel food cake - diabetic).

FRIDAY: Boneless BBQ ribs, potato wedges, green beans, corn dust bun, watermelon.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 82, low 62. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 82, low 62.

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Mary E. Cremonesi, 41, of 521 E. Main, was issued a notice to appear in court for noisy animal prohibited. She was cited on complaints from a 71-year-old Hoopeston man and 69-year-old Hoopeston woman.

A **37-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Thursday that her 1996 Pontiac was dented while it was at BJ's Pump, 1023 W. Main.

Freedom L. Landers, 30, of 977 Elm, Danville, was arrested at 2:15 a.m. Thursday in the 100 block of South Bank.

Landers, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear for jury trial, was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of \$3,000 bond.

A **mountain bike** was found Thursday in the 300

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RUMMAGE SALES

801 S. Fifth St., Hoopeston. Sat., Aug. 9, 7-1. Clothes, shoes, Beanies, knickknacks, misc. Come rain or shine.

728 S. Fifth St., Hoopeston. (garage off Chestnut) Saturday, Aug. 9, 7am-Noon Lots of clothes-kids, men's, women's; electronics; bikes; toys.

623 E. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 8,9, 7 a.m.-noon. Brand name clothes, brand name tennis shoes (like new), lots of misc.

Moving sale. 820 S. Fifth St., Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 8,9. Many household items, medical books, chair, TV, kitchen items.

715 E. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Sat., Aug. 9, 8 a.m.-noon. Toddler bed, twin size race car bed, toys, clothes, yard tools, lots of misc.

First house on Cissna Park Road west of Rt. 1. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Baby items, girls clothes sizes infant-12 years; boy clothes 6-12; lots of toys. Homemade jelly, household items.

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