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One-vehicle accident claims life of former Hoopeston man

A former Hoopeston man died Saturday morning of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident.

Joseph Watson, 25, of Potomac, was pronounced dead at 2:59 a.m. Saturday in the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital emergency room, said Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson.

Mr. Watson died of injuries he received

after his vehicle hit a tree at Rt. 1 and Lover's Lane Rd.

According to the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, deputies were called to the scene at 1:39 a.m. Further details were unavailable from the sheriff's department at press time.

An inquest will be held at a later date, Johnson said.

Health officials cancel flu clinics in wake of vaccine shortage

With last week's announcement that British health officials have halted Chiron Corporation flu vaccine shipments to the United States, local health officials are alerting Vermilion County residents that flu vaccine is not expected to be available this year.

"As of today, we have cancelled all flu clinics we had scheduled in Vermilion County," said Vermilion County Health Department Community Health Director Lynn Galloway. "At this point, any flu vaccine that we may locate will go to our most at risk people."

The Illinois Department of Public Health identifies those at risk for flu complications to include people over age 65, children 6 months to 23 months, people aged 2 years to 64 years, with underlying health conditions, long term care individuals, health care workers, children on aspirin therapy, and caregivers.

Galloway advises Vermilion County residents to check with their healthcare providers for vaccine availability, or to check the health department's website for new information. "But the reality is," Galloway said, "this will be a difficult year in which our residents will have to rely on good, old fashioned preventive medicine." As the flu season

approaches, public health officials reminds people to use greater care in washing their hands frequently and correctly. Galloway urged parents to take the time to teach their children to correctly wash their hands often to reduce the spread of germs. In addition, people are urged to keep alcohol-based hand cleaner for a backup if hot water and soap are not available.

Other tips to stop the spread of the flu virus include:

- cover your mouth when you cough, but not with your bare hand;
- clean and disinfect surfaces at home and work;
- avoid contact with people who are sick;
- do not go to work or school if you are sick;
- avoid visiting hospitals and nursing homes if you do not feel well;
- if you feel sick, call your doctor.

Symptoms of flu include fever, headache, tiredness (extreme), dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, body aches.

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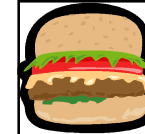
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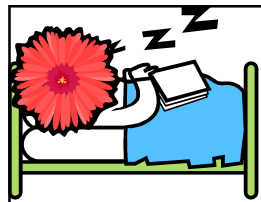
Police News



An 83-year-old woman reported Thursday that someone took a Dalmatian yard ornament from her home in the 500 block of West Washington.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:46 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of East Main.

Police said Larry L. Farrell of Hoopeston, in a 1996 Cadillac, backed from a parking space into an east-bound 2004 Buick driven by Barbara Unger, also of Hoopeston.



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A 44-year-old Hoopeston man reported Thursday that his brown Huffy 26 inch mountain bike was taken from a yard in the 700 block of East Main.

The bicycle was found Friday by a resident of the 700 block of East Main and returned to the owner.

James C. Russell, 17, of 846 E. Seminary was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. He was charged with hate crime and battery after police allege he had an altercation with a 14-year-old Hoopeston youth.

Russell was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A 15-year-old Hoopeston boy was arrested at 3:48 p.m. Thursday, charged with hate crime and assault after police allege he had an altercation with a 14-year-old Hoopeston youth.

The 15-year-old was released to his guardian and a juvenile petition filed.

Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, closed; Tuesday, Covered Bridge Festival, Rockville, Ind. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283 -5544.

Obituaries

WILSON - Richard Ray Wilson, 58, of rural Hoopeston died at 1:50 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial with military rites will be in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

ZOLLER - Bertha Marie Zoller, 102, of Hoopeston died at 3:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hugo Lugo, 24, of 514 W. Lincoln, was arrested at 7:45 a.m. Friday in the 500 block of West Chestnut. Lugo, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A key ring with several key was turned in to police at 12:45 p.m. Friday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 32-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Friday that someone took two bicycles from her enclosed porch in the 800 block of East Seminary.

A 16-year-old girl reported Friday that someone took a cell phone from her car during a volleyball game at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.

Andrew J. Robinson, 23, of 108 S. Chicago, Rossville and seven teenagers were arrested at 11:45 p.m. Friday at 606 S. Fourth St.

Community center activities include: Monday, closed; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., community potluck and men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Oct. 11, Shirley Reed; Oct. 12, Tricia Walder (donated back); Oct. 13, Matt Reich; Oct. 14, Christie Goodrum; Oct. 15, Dolores Crabtree.

The Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school chorus room. Everyone is welcome.

Open house

Hoopeston Area will hold an open house for Rossville-Alvin High School students at 7 p.m. Wednesday to allow students to view opportunities at the school

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 45. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 65, low 45.

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Police were called to a complain of a large underage drinking party at the address. Initially, 11 people were taken into custody but two had not been drinking and were released.

Robinson was issued a notice to appear in court for purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor for allegedly supplying the alcohol. The teens were charged with acceptance of alcohol by a minor and were released to parents and guardians.

A 46-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Saturday evening that someone illegally gained entry to a home in the 200 block of

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