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Agency has ordered an abandoned Hoopeston business to be sealed.

EPA officials on Friday ordered the former Hoopeston Fertilizer Company building at 317 W. Thompson Ave. sealed until further notice due to health and safety issues.

Jeff Stipp, former Hoopeston Fertilizer president, said he was unaware of the action until he read about it in an area newspaper. The article cited 14 drums in unlocked rooms on the property. Stipp said the drums were part of the former Joan of Arc

canning operation there. Hoopeston Fertilizer purchased the land from the cannery in the 1980s.

The order bars anyone from entering the property unless they are authorized personnel performing official duties and complying with federal health and safety regulations.

Sealing a site is uncommon, especially if chemicals are in a locked building or fenced area. However, according to reports, unauthorized people were at the fertilizer plant, collecting wood and metal for salvage.

See SEALED on other side





Resting in the Barnyard

Rachel Schmid and her calf. lie down for a while during Thursday's Barnyard Day at Rossville-Alvin High School. Meanwhile, "Thing," a four-year-old Duroc, York and Pietrain cross, ignores onlookers in favor of a nap. "Thing" is owned by Tyler Teare. Barnvard Day is an annual event sponsored by the North East Vermilion FFA chapter.

Wednesday's Early Bird Special

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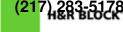
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Police News

Carrie M. Gray, 32, of 405 N. Market was arrested after an incident at 12:20 a.m. Saturday at Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market.

She was arrested on a complaint from a 23year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Gray hit her in the back of the head.

Gray was served a notice to appear. **Police reported** Sunday that a large plate glass window was broken in a vacant building at 104 N. Mar-

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A 22-year-old man reported Sunday that someone took a stereo system from his vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of West Lincoln.

Jesus J. Lopez, 17, of 602 E. Main was arrested at 11:45 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of East Main.

Lopez, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$114 bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:01 p.m. Monday at Lincoln and Second Ave.

Police said Donald E. Witty of Hoopeston, in a 2004 Chevrolet truck, was westbound on Lincoln, turned south on Second and hit a southbound 1995 Oldsmobile driven by Erma E. Cade of rural Hoopeston.

Witty was at fault for failing to yield the right of way.

A 37-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone shattered the driver's side

New Books at the Library

VHS Movies & DVD's

Hoopeston at Mid Century – VHS Vol.3 200 Block E. Main St.- South Side Vol.4 Pat Musk and Harold Cox

Obituaries

HAMILTON - Esther L. Hamilton, 86, formerly of Hoopeston died at 4:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005 at the Illinois Knights Templar Home, Paxton. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rossville Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 30. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 43, low 28.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-

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