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Rossville man to teach DACC course on history research

Rossville resident Kevin Young will be teaching a new course this January at the Danville Area Community College on how to research and write history. The six week course is designed for those who would have an interest in history but would like to learn some of the strategies of research, looking at source materials, interpreting historical viewpoints, and how to format research into a readable article & book.

"A lot of folks like to read and do independent historical research," noted Young, "but often get stopped by roadblocks in source material. There is also a tendency, particularly in local and area history to fall into traps set by others writers. This course will help people not only enjoy doing the work, but be able to turn it their work in a contribution to historical study."

Young, who has worked in the history field over

the last 30 years, is a published author, and has presented papers at historical conferences in the United States and Mexico. He operates Anderson MacIntyre Historical Services. He will also be teaching three more classes at DACC this semester including one of the pre-1858 history of Vermilion County. The other two courses will look at how Hollywood has dramatized history. One will focus on the films, "Braveheart", "Zulu", "The Alamo" (1960 John Wayne version), and "Rough Riders." The third course will focus on the Civil War in film.

How to Research and Write History will be held on Thursday evening from 6-7 p.m. from January 18-February 22. Classes will be held at the DAAC Corporate & Community Education Office at the Village Mall in Danville.

For more information or to register call 217-443-8800.

Sheldon man leaves scene of accident on Antioch Road

A Sheldon man walked away from an accident early Saturday.

James Light, 45, was driving a Jeep Cherokee on 1900 East Road, Rossville at about 7 a.m. Saturday when his vehicle hit two trees in the yard at the home of Joe Gee, said Capt. John Howard of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department.

According to unofficial reports, Light crawled from the vehicle, then called a friend to pick him up from the scene.

Photo submitted

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Police News



Zacaria C. Sage, 18, of 720 E. Honeywell, turned himself in to police Sunday.

Police said Sage was in an accident at 8:56 p.m. Saturday at Rt. 9 and First Ave., when his 1986 Chevrolet hit a stop sign.

Sage was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident and was released on a notice to appear.

Police reported Sunday that someone broke a window at the Vermilion Iron Little League field and entered the building. Nothing appeared to be missing.

The damage was caused at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Spring A. Minier of Danville was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after an accident at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Police said Minier, in a 2000 Toyota, was stopped at North Sixth Ave., when she entered the intersection at West Thompson and collided with a 2003

Ford driven by Tammie A. Pentecost of Stockland.

No tickets were issued.

Marvin Michael Hofer, 51, of 528 W. Elm was arrested after an incident at 10:57 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of East Main.

Hofer was charged with hate crime and telephone harassment on a complaint from a 45-year-old woman. He was taken to the Public Safety Building

in Danville to await arraignment.

Jerry L. Hargrove, 28, of 852 E. Honeywell was arrested after an incident at 1:51 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Main.

Hargrove was charged with home invasion on a complaint from a 20-year-old Hoopeston man. He was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await arraignment.



Court Dispositions



December 7

J-Matt Inc., Hoopeston, failed to appear on nuisance vehicle and found guilty by default; sentencing Jan. 18.

Bradley E. Cress, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to battery; trial set for Jan. 4.

Aaron K. Wallace, Hoopeston, failed to appear, found guilty by default; sentencing Jan. 18.

Raquel Torres, Hoopeston, status hearing, continued to Jan. 4.

Elijah L. Hunt, Danville; status hearing continued to Jan. 4.

Tax preparer: tax filers may claim telephone excise refund

Tax filing season is here and H&R Block, at 110 E. Main, is happy to announce there is a tax refund for this year only. Called "Refund of Federal Telephone Excise Tax," it is a refundable credit, meaning taxpayers will receive the amount of money or reduce by this amount what is owed for taxes.

The excise tax was implemented during the Spanish-American war to help pay for the war and was never repealed.

Refunds cover federal excise taxes on long distance billed by telephone companies after February 28, 2003 and before August 1, 2006. For individual taxpayers, the government will allow a standard amount so that everyone will not have to go through 41 months of old phone bills. For those who use the standard amount, interest is included in the refund.

The IRS studied telephone data to determine the amount of the refund. Since data showed that the amount spent on long distance was linked to the number of people in the household, the refund will be based on the number of exemptions claimed on the 2006 income tax return. For those who use the standard amounts, the scale is \$30 for one exemption, \$40 for two, \$50 for three and \$60 for four or more.

Those who opt not to use the standard amount must gather all phone bills during the set time and add the amounts for federal excise tax paid on long distance. Amounts paid for local service are not eligible.

Small business or non-profits with its own phone lines may claim the refund for business using the actual method.

Those who do not have to file a tax return, such as those who receive Social Security, disability or nontaxable income, but did pay the long distance excise tax need to file Form 1040EX-T, a simple form just for the telephone tax refund.

H&R Block in Hoopeston is offering a package deal, doing the 1040 EX-T, Illinois Circuit Breaker plus county tax freeze for \$15.

The special will begin February 15 until the end of the tax season.

Weather



Breezy today. High 33. Tonight, clear. Low 20. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 41, low 32.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Frankie L. Irvin, Hoopeston; status hearing continued to Jan. 4.

Wade E. Pickett, Hoopeston, sentenced to 18 hours of public service work in lieu of \$120 fine.

Michael A. Mills, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

John E. Hensley Jr., Hoopeston, status hearing continued to Feb. 1.

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