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**Man arrested in overdose death held for probation violation**

A Hoopeston man arrested last week in connection  
 with the death of another Hoopeston man is being held  
 for violation probation.

Thomas Dalton, 20, is being held in the Public Safety  
 Building on \$250,000 bond for allegedly violating pro-  
 bation he received after pleading guilty to burglary last  
 year.

Dalton was arrested Wednesday on preliminary  
 charges of drug induced homicide and delivery of a con-  
 trolled substance in connection with the death of 18-

year-old John Morgenroth of Hoopeston.

Mr. Morgenroth was found unresponsive Wednesday  
 morning and was pronounced dead at his home in the  
 300 block of East Washington. Coroner Peggy Johnson  
 said the suspected cause of death was drug overdose.

Vermilion County State's Attorney Frank Young has  
 not filed charges against Dalton in the case pending the  
 outcome of toxicology reports.

Dalton is expected to be in court June 25 for a petition  
 hearing.

**Hoopeston couple pleads not guilty to unlawful restraint**

A Hoopeston couple has pleaded not guilty to charges  
 that they chained their handicapped niece to a bed.

Barbara A. Schwartz, 64, and her husband, Ronald H.  
 Schwartz, 66, both of 724 S. Fourth St., pleaded not  
 guilty Thursday to unlawful restraint, a Class 4 felony,  
 in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

The couple were charged May 16 after police say they  
 had their niece chained to a bed in a second-floor bed-  
 room of their home.

Police discovered the woman, Paula Schwartz, on  
 March 30 after she called for help from a window in the

home. A neighbor heard her and called police. Accord-  
 ing to reports, Ms. Schwartz was home alone with a  
 chain padlocked to her ankle. The bedroom was locked  
 with no doorknob. Inside the room, Ms. Schwartz had a  
 bottle of water and a coffee can to use for toileting.

On April 19, an emergency hearing took guardianship  
 of Ms. Schwartz away from the couple and placed it  
 with the state.

The Schwartzes were named Paula Schwartz' guard-  
 ian in 1997.

The couple are set to appear at jury trial on Sept. 28.

**Police News**

**Brandon J. Sellek**, 24, of 200 E. Main, Apt. 16,  
 was arrested at 12:47 a.m. Thursday at the Down-  
 town Motel. Sellek was wanted on an Iroquois  
 County warrant for failure to appear for driving un-  
 der the influence and a Ford County warrant for two  
 counts of driving under the influence.

Sellek was taken to the Public Safety Building in  
 Danville in lieu of bond and to await extradition.

A **boy's chrome** and black Mongoose bicycle was

found at 10:30 a.m. Thursday on South Second Ave.,  
 between Maple and Lincoln. The owner may identify  
 and claim it at the police station.

A **45-year-old** man reported at 11:23 a.m. Thurs-  
 day that his stereo equipment had been taken from  
 Deano's on Main, 306 E. Main.

**Kaylee E. Andrews**, 23, of 323 E. Penn, turned  
 herself in to police at 2:45 p.m. Thursday. Andrews,

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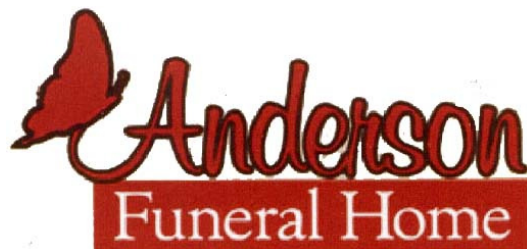
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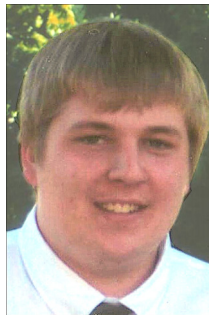
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## Obituaries

**FISHER** - Harold Edward Fisher Jr., 67, of Rossville died at 8:10 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Cremation rites will be accorded. Burial will be private. Anderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MORGENROTH** - John Travis Morgenroth, 18, of Hoopeston, died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at his home.

John was born Nov. 20, 1988, at Danville, the son of John and Betsy (Lyons) Morgenroth. John is survived by his parents, John and Betsy Morgenroth of Hoopeston; one sister, Chrissy Marie Morgenroth of Hoopeston; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and very special



friends, too many names to mention. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lloyd Morgenroth and Doris Donaldson; paternal step-grandfather, Jerome Donaldson; and maternal grandparents, Harry and Betty Lyons.

John graduated from Hoopeston Area High School in May of 2007 and was enrolled at Danville Area Community College for the fall semester.

John had a love of sports and was involved in baseball, football and soccer. He was a great fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago White Sox. John had many interests, but his favorite times were spent with family and friends, playing cards, laughing and joking, and simply enjoying life.

Funeral service for John was at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2007, at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, 309 E. Washington St. in Hoopeston. Pastor Dale DeNeal officiated.

Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery at Hoopeston. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters for the football program.

For all those who knew and loved John – let us remember him with love and laughter, for that is how he would want it to be.

## Briefly

### Meetings

- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, grade school library.
- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.
- Hoopeston Area School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library.

## Police continued from other side

wanted on a small claims warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Robert W. Goodnight Jr.**, 23, of 215 E. Penn was arrested at 12:34 a.m. Friday in the 500 block of North Eighth Ave. He was charged with residential burglary, criminal damage to property and criminal trespass on a complaint from a 48-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Goodnight tore a window screen and reached in to remove items after he was denied entry into the home and was told to leave the property.

Goodnight was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A **black and blue** Huffy No Rules bicycle was found at 11:20 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of West Main. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **23-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8:15 a.m. Friday that her wallet was lost or stolen in the 800 block of South Third St. The wallet was found at 2:45 p.m. and returned to the owner.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:35 a.m. Friday in the 400 block of East Seminary.

Police said Teresa Cox of Hoopeston, in a 2005 Pontiac, was westbound when she reached for something. Her vehicle drifted to the right, jumped the curb

and struck a utility pole.

A **31-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 22:34 p.m. Friday that her cell phone was taken from the McFerren Park swimming pool.

**David O. Borden**, 30, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 2:57 p.m. Friday.

Police said Borden, in a 1989 Plymouth, was eastbound on East Young when he hit a parked 1999 Ford owned by Dick Jones, Inc., also of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

**Elizabeth A. Stahl**, 19, of 85 University Ave., Charleston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 4:50 p.m. Friday.

Police said Stahl, in a 2000 Oldsmobile, and Kayla R. Drollinger, of Hoopeston, in a 1984 Chevrolet, each backed from driveways in the 700 block of East Main,

striking at midpoint in the road.

No injuries were reported.

A **18-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Saturday that on Friday or Saturday, someone took tool, electronic equipment and DVDs without permission.

**Esmeralda Cordova**, 27, of 319 S. Sixth Ave., was arrested at 5:23 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of North Sixth Ave. Cordova was wanted on a felony warrant and two ordinance warrants for failure to appear.

She was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of bond.

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