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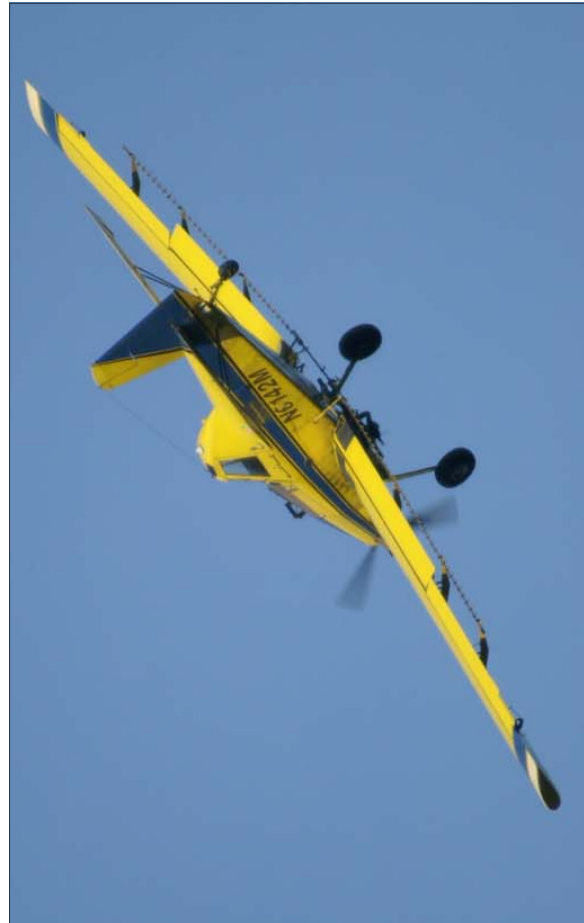


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Up and over

An unidentified pilot rolls a crop dusting plane over the north side of Hoopeston Sunday evening. The plane made several passes over the area, flying just above the tops of trees. The plane is registered to South Delta Aviation, Inc. of West Helena, Ark.

The tax man cometh...a bit late

Property owners who wondered where their tax bills are won't be wondering much longer.

Township Road Commissioner Gary Weinard, who is also the area's Vermilion County Board representative, said at last week's Grant Township board meeting that tax bills should arrive by the end of the month.

The delay was caused by a new assessment formula for farmland, Weinard said. Additionally, the county's Supervisor of Assessments office implemented new software and a larger county multiplier added to the situation, he said.

Overall, farm owners will see about a three percent change, with land at the south end of the county increasing and poor land in the northern end of the county being assessed at a lower level.

Properties in municipalities overall have increased in value which will help taxing bodies. "Government bodies should be a little better off," he said.

Unfortunately for those bodies, however, the delay in mailing out tax bills means a delay in getting tax revenue in and back out to the taxing bodies.

The delay may also put a strain on some taxpayers as the first installment will be due next month and the second in September.

In other township business, Supervisor Bill Boose reported that CSX Railroad workers put a finish coat on crossings at Maple and Lincoln in Hoopeston but that the siding at Hoopeston Foods was not repaired.

Trustee Dale Lithgow offered compliments to the railroad for the crossing south of town. "It's smooth and they did it quickly," he said.

Township officials became involved in making sure crossings were repaired after residents complained the railroad started to fix - and then abandoned - crossings in rural Grant Township.

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Police News



Christina M. Andel, 30, of 608 Irving, Milford was arrested after an incident at 7:57 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of West Washington.

Police were called to a report of a woman either being thrown or jumping from a vehicle, then walking north on South Sixth Ave. from West Lincoln. When they found Andel and tried to find out what happened, she allegedly hit one officer and tried to bite another.

She was charged with aggravated battery of a police

officer and was transported to Danville.

Adam C. York, 17, of 615 E. Seminary was ticketed for failure to yield at an intersection after an accident at 2:38 p.m. Sunday.

Police said York, in a 2005 Nissan, was northbound

on South Fourth Ave., when he allegedly failed to yield at West Maple and hit a 1992 Honda driven by Jacqueline Holt of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

A **ring of keys** was found at 6:13 p.m. Sunday in the

400 block of East Thompson. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

A **60-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone damaged her truck while it was in the 400 block of East Honeywell.



Letters to the Editor



Cruisers say thanks

The Hoopeston Cruisers Relay for Life Team would like to thank each and every business and individual for your donations for the 2007 Relay for Life. With your donations, we raised over \$5,000 our first year as a team for the American Cancer Society. We could not have done this without each and every one of you. Thank you!

Hoopeston Cruisers

More needs to be done for waterfowl

I am very happy to know that someone other than myself is concerned about the water fowl at McFerren Park. I thank you. Some of the geese that do fly in to the

lagoon are migratory. The park caretakers should, I think, keep the water fowl in better check for injuries I know this is asking quite a bit, Why can't the kids go fish somewhere else? They hardly ever catch anything and the mess is awful at the lagoon. Why can't the park

department have it more like a habitat for the water fowl, have cattails and things of that nature where the birds can nest and not be bugged while raising the ducklings?

Jean Akers

Hoopeston

Weather



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