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Letters to the Editor



Editor's note: The following letter was recently sent home with Hoopeston Area students. Officials asked that the letter be reprinted here so that parents and other residents will be aware of the behavior program implemented in the schools.

Hoopeston Area adopts behavior program

Hoopeston Area has begun the process of adopting a district wide behavior program that will help create and maintain positive school climates. The program is PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) and is supported by the Illinois State Board of

Education. It is a series of strategies designed to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is currently in use in more than 700 Illinois schools and over 7,000 nationwide.

As part of the program, each school will establish clear rules for behavior that are expected in all school settings. Expectations will be explicitly taught to students. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching it to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our buildings. Students are likely to excel in their learning as a result of good teaching and good behavior

See PBIS on other side

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:03 p.m. Sunday at Thompson and Front. Police said Tammy M. Coon of Hoopeston, in a 1995 Toyota Camry, hit an eight foot tree limb lying in the road, damaging the driver's side door.

A 43-year-old man reported at 2:44 p.m. Monday that someone drove in and damaged a flower bed in the 300 block of East Main.

Two people were charged in tire cutting incidents filed Thursday and Friday.

Randall L. Seat, 17, of 41383 S. Main, East Lynn, and a 16-year-old boy were charged with criminal damage to auto when they were arrested at 9:19 a.m. Monday at the police station.

Seat was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville; a juvenile petition was filed on the boy.

A set of keys was found at 3:40 p.m. Monday at Subway Sandwich Shop, 912 S. Dixie Hwy. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

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September 20

Ramon Martinez, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to impoundment of dogs which have bitten persons, fined \$180; status hearing Oct. 18.

Amy Salter, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing Nov. 15.

Cyndi Houston, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to gen-

eral nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing Dec. 20.

Karen M. Heath, Hoopeston, will have two cases registered with Vermilion County Circuit Court, Danville.

Police continued from other side

A **61-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 6:13 p.m. Monday that someone damaged her property in the 300 block of West Washington.

A **boy's Huffy** bicycle was found at 11:57 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of North Seventh St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

PBIS continued from other side

coming together. Students who demonstrate effective use of the expectations will be rewarded regularly with positive words and prizes for their behavior.

Eventually all schools in the Hoopeston Area District will speak the language of PBIS. Right now John Greer, Honeywell, and the Middle School have expectations in place. Next year Maple and the High School will begin this exciting initiative. If you have a child in one of the buildings that is currently implementing PBIS, please take a moment to have your son or daughter share the expectations in his/her building. Together we can make the positive language work for the schools as well as at home and in the community. After all, PBIS is the language of RESPECT!

Thank you for your support.

Ann Penicook

PBIS External Coach

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11

Weather



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