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★ **Police News** ★

Richard C Strawser III, 20, of Hoopeston was arrested at 6:33 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of North Eighth Ave.

Strawser, wanted on a warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.

Robert L. Clayburn, 35, of Hoopeston was arrested at 9:05 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of South Market.

He was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on his driver's license.

His vehicle was towed from the scene.

Jamie R. York, 33, of Hoopeston was ticketed after an accident at 12:15 a.m. Friday in the parking lot at BJ's Pump, 1023 W. Main.

Police said York, in a 1996 GMC Jimmy, was parked facing eastbound in the parking lot. He allegedly backed up and hit a parked 2002 Ford Explorer owned by Amber Deck, also of Hoopeston, then, left the scene.

He was stopped by police in the 1000 block of West Penn, where he was cited for driving under the influence, no valid registration, leaving the scene of an accident and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

York was released on his driver's license and \$100 cash bond.

Najyah B. Burnett, 22, of Hoopeston was arrested at 7:37 p.m. Friday at Fifth St. and Young. She was charged with driving while license suspended and improper display of plates.

Burnett was released on \$100 bond with a court date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Victoriano Martinez, 22, of Milford, was arrested after an accident at 9:46 p.m. Friday at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Police said Ginger A. Bertram of Hoopeston, in a

2001 Ford Taurus, was stopped at the intersection when Martinez allegedly rear-ended the vehicle. Bertram got out of her vehicle and told Martinez they needed to exchange information, but Martinez allegedly pulled around Bertram's car, headed northbound on Rt. 1.

According to police, Bertram followed and called Hoopeston police with Martinez' license plate number.

Martinez was stopped by Milford police and turned over to Hoopeston authorities. He was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving while license revoked, unlawful display of license plate and leaving the scene of an accident with vehicle damage. He was released on notices to appear.

His car was towed from the scene.

A **25-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 1:03 a.m. Saturday that her purse was taken from Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market. The purse contained personal documents and money.

Michael A. Crose, 47, of Hoopeston was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:58 a.m. Sunday at West Maple and South Second Ave. He was charged with improper lane usage, no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

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

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:49 p.m. Saturday to 528 W. Elm for a kitchen fire.

An unidentified person was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital for treatment of burns.

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Saturday, Feb. 2 6 a.m.-2 p.m.
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H&R Block survey reveals three out of four taxpayers are unaware of tax filing delay created by AMT legislation

Although a tax filing delay faces millions of taxpayers who claim any of five popular credits related to Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) calculations, a survey conducted this tax season for H&R Block (NYSE:HRB), the country's largest tax preparation firm, reveals that a majority of taxpayers questioned are unaware of the tax filing delay created by recently enacted AMT legislation.

Seventy-three percent of those surveyed said they weren't aware that processing some federal returns will be delayed several weeks after the Jan. 11 start of tax return e-filing. The IRS announced in December that federal returns claiming credits for child and dependent care, education, residential energy, mortgage interest, or DC first-time homebuyers would not be accepted for processing until Feb. 11. H&R Block's survey also revealed that more than half of respondents (52 percent) were not even aware that Congress had been considering changes to the AMT. Without the recent AMT legislation, an additional 21 million taxpayers would have been hit by the Alternative Minimum Tax, with most paying an additional \$2,000 in taxes.

"While the AMT legislation benefited millions of taxpayers, it has increased tax filing complexity. Taxpayers need to understand if and how the legislation and IRS processing changes affect them," said Joyce Allen, Franchise Owner at H&R Block, Hoopeston. "Without knowing what steps to take, taxpayers could miss important tax benefits or experience an unnecessary refund delay."

Allen said "The most important advice for taxpayers this year is to choose a tax preparer who stands behind his work, and that's reputable, not just at tax time but all year long."

According to H&R Block, taxpayers have options to minimize their possible refund delay and even avoid it, receiving the majority of their refund in a timely manner.

- Don't wait to complete your return – Taxpayers should have their returns prepared as soon as their W-2s arrive so they will be among the first in line when the IRS is ready to accept and process their return.

- Use the correct forms – Because a number of tax forms must be updated as a result of the AMT legislation, taxpayers who prepare their own returns will want to make sure they're using the most current forms available. The latest forms will be available at H&R Block offices, on H&R Block's digital products – TaxCut online and software – as well as on the IRS Web site.

- Use e-file and direct deposit – Regardless of whether a

taxpayer is affected by the potential delays, e-filing is the fastest way to send a tax return to the IRS. And when combined with direct deposit, taxpayers will receive their refunds in 8 to 15 days, instead of the 6 to 8 weeks needed with paper returns and mailed IRS checks.

All of H&R Block's 13,000 tax offices are now open to assist taxpayers. H&R Block's TaxCut online or Tango programs will be updated automatically with the revised IRS forms, while customers using one of the TaxCut software products will be notified as soon as the update is available. Both TaxCut and Tango customers can rely on e-mail, chat or phone assistance from one of H&R Block's tax professionals to help them complete and file their returns.

For more information about the 2008 tax season, visit www.hrblock.com, where a link to H&R Block's new digital discussion community, Digits

Cornjerkers drop to Oakwood

If you were judging by the halftime score, you would have bet Hoopeston Area would beat Oakwood Friday night.

You would have been wrong.

The Cornjerkers had a 26-17 lead going into the break but the Comets came back with a vengeance in the second half, holding Hoopeston Area to only 12 points. When the game was done, Oakwood outscored the Cornjerker men, 45-38.

Clayton Snyder was leading scorer for the Cornjerkers, with 17 points, followed by Brock Baker with 12. Each man's total included one three-pointer.

Rounding out scoring was Jordan Flint with six, Brad Lawson with two and Logan Davis with one.

The story was different for the HA junior varsity team, which won 36-22.

Hoopeston Area travels to Chrisman Tuesday night.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 50, low 41. Tomorrow, chance of rain or snow. High 51, low 16.

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

www.digits.hrblock.com, provides valuable insight to what comes next for taxpayers in the wake of AMT legislation. In addition, taxpayers can visit one of H&R Block's offices to speak with a tax professional about their tax situation.

Editor's Note: H&R Block had a third-party vendor conduct an omnibus telephone survey of 1,000 taxpayers Dec. 18-20 to gauge initial awareness of the Alternative Minimum Tax. The margin of error is +/- 5%, at a 90% confidence level.

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Obituaries

DEININGER—Elizabeth A. (Regan) Deininger, 80, of Stonehill Care Center, formerly of Cheneyville, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 at Stonehill Care Center, Dubuque, Iowa.. Funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 3 at St. Columbkille's Catholic Church, Dubuque. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Jan. 2 at Siegert-Casper Colonial Funeral Home, Dubuque. An Elizabeth Deininger Memorial Trust has been established. Online condolences for the family may be left at info@egelhofsiegertcasper.com



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