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Police News

Edward A. Schwing, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 2:15 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of East Lincoln. He was charged with theft over \$300 on a complaint from a 43-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Schwing took the man's iPod without permission.

Schwing was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A **67-year-old** woman reported Friday that someone broke the windshield on her vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of West Washington.

Freddy B. McClendon, 44, of Danville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 1:55 a.m. Saturday at Penn and Rt. 1. Officers said McClendon was driv-

ing with an expired registration and was also found to have no valid driver's license.

He was released on \$100 cash bond on the charges of driving while license revoked and no valid registration.

A **56-year-old** woman reported Saturday that someone shot a window at her home in the 400 block of East Ma-ple.

A **60-year-old** man reported Saturday that someone shot a window at his home in the 800 block of East Penn.

A **representative** of Casey's General Store, 115 E. Orange, reported at 8:30 p.m. Saturday that someone in a white Blazer-type vehicle failed to pay for \$45 of gas.

Candidates sought for 2009 Miss Georgetown Fair Queen

Contest open to Vermilion County young women ages 16-21

Queen Rachael Everingham and the Georgetown Fair Pageant directors are seeking contestants for the Miss Georgetown Fair Queen Pageant, August 3. The first meeting will be July 12.

The pageant is open to all girls ages 16-21 whose 22nd birth date does not fall prior to Jan. 13, 2010.

All contestants or their parents must be residents of Vermilion County, cannot be or have been married, pregnant, convicted of a felony or have any outstanding warrants or tickets against them.

The newly elected queen will be the hostess for the 2009 Georgetown Fair, August 1-8, opening all events and grandstand events during the week. She must attend the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in January 2010 as a representative of the Georgetown

Fair. The queen must also appear as the ambassador for the Georgetown Fair throughout Vermilion County and Illinois for the next year.

For more information, go to georgetown-fairqueen.com or 2009 Miss Georgetown Fair Queen and/or Queen Rachael's Tea on Facebook.



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Letters to the Editor

Clothing collection for cancer questionable

Having a daughter with cancer, I have become well aware of the many reputable national and local organizations that depend on monetary donations to fund cancer research and to assist families during their struggle with cancer.

Quite recently, I noticed a clothing collection bin in the parking lot at the corner of Rts. 1 & 9 in Hoopeston. The bin solicits clothing and shoe donations for an organization called '*Cancer-Free America Foundation Inc.*' This organization distributes clothing collection bins throughout several states and leads donors to believe that the donations will benefit cancer research and families of cancer patients in local areas.

Interested in this cause, I found myself searching the internet for information on '*Cancer-Free America Foundation Inc.*' What I found was alarming. If you are donating your clothing and shoes with the thought that all of the proceeds of your goods or even a reasonable portion of the proceeds will be used toward cancer research or to assist local families, you are being scammed.

Clothing and shoes collected are sold for-profit and only a very small portion of the proceeds collected are ever given to charities. It appears that the rest of the money goes to the organization's founder, Jay Katari from Boca Raton, FL who operates several of these collection bin foundations under impressive-sounding names.

Even more alarming, I found no record of this foundation listing as a legitimate charity or business with the Better Business Bureau. I also could find no financial disclosure information detailing charitable contributions from '*Cancer-Free America Foundation Inc.*' What I did find were numerous complaints, news reports and articles discussing the misleading nature of this organization and its founder, Jay Katari.

The organization does have a website (www.clothingforthecure.com) with very vague information touting the benefits of the collection bins. They are free to communities. They help keep your town free of clutter. They encourage recycling. Local hospitals will receive grants from the proceeds.

Searching the website further, it is easy to notice major critical omissions. For example, there is no disclosure of which local organizations receive funds or what percent-

age of the money is actually donated back to communities.

I am alarmed that Hoopeston has ended up with a bin and individuals are bringing clothing by the bagful to drop off with the idea that they are in some way helping to 'fund cancer research.'

I find this organization's misleading tactics especially insulting given the fact that our community has proven to be sensitive and supportive to the families in Hoopeston who are dealing with cancer. I feel as though this organization is taking advantage of our generous and charitable community members.

More importantly, '*Cancer-Free America Foundation Inc.*' is essentially 'stealing' donations from other reputable organizations within Vermilion county – organizations that are struggling to help our communities during

this difficult economy.

So what can you do? If you simply want to rid your house of clutter, feel free to drop off your clothes at the bin. Know that your clothing will be sold at a profit and very few of the proceeds will be funding anything! Mr. Katari will thank you for your donation.

If you want to donate your clothing to a good cause, seek out a reputable local organization. Do not allow yourself to be misled and scammed. Check out any organization closely prior to donating money or goods. Find out how much of what you give goes to charity. There are numerous websites that can assist you in this information.

Due to the misleading nature of this clothing collection bin and the lack of credible information regarding '*Cancer-Free America Foundation Inc.*', I

Obituaries

BURTON - Carson E. "Gene" Burton, 77, of Hoopeston, died at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4, 2009 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Cremation rites will be accorded. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Military rites will be held at 6 p.m. by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. There will be no burial. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association of Mid-Eastern Illinois, 110 W. Waters St., P.O. Box 437, Pontiac IL 61764 or Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home, 701 E. Orange, Hoopeston IL 60942.

INMAN - Rebecca L. Inman, 35, of Hoopeston, died at 2:54 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at home. Funeral

service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Iroquois Memorial Park, Watseka. Visitation will be one hour before service at the funeral home.

Lunch Menus

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, baby carrots, pears, cupcake, white bread

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, peaches, lemon gelatin, wheat bread

WEDNESDAY: Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, whipped potatoes, corn, raisins, wheat bread

THURSDAY: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, corn, orange juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Teriyaki chicken, rice, broccoli, pineapple, chocolate chip cookie, white bread

All meals include milk.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 84, low 62.

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am of the opinion that it should be removed from our community immediately.

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