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Hoopeston buildings get new signage for Safe Haven law

Changes in an Illinois law about where mothers may



New signs have been placed on Hoopeston buildings which are designated as safe havens for mothers to relinquish infant children.



relinquish newborn children are reflected on some local buildings.

Effective January 1, the Abandoned Newborn Protection Act, commonly known as the Safe Haven law. mandates that places that accept abandoned babies must display signs for the designation.

Under the law, police departments, fire stations, emergency medical facilities and hospitals may all accept abandoned infants. Each of those buildings in Hoopeston now displays a sign about the law. Signs state that babies may be left only when staff is present.

Another change in the law extends the period under which a parent may place a baby with police, fire or hospital personnel, extending the time from the previous seven days to 30 days after a child's birth.

Under the law, a parent who places an infant with a Safe Haven facility may not be prosecuted for child abandonment unless the child shows signs of abuse or neglect.

The relinquishing parent is not required to provide personal information in surrendering the child.

An investigation is to be conducted to assure the infant has not been abducted prior to placing the child with a child placement agency.



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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:18 a.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Seminary. Police said Stephanie J. Kitchens, of Potomac, backed a 1995 Chevrolet truck from a driveway into a parked 1995 Ford owned by Miranda K. Harms, of Hoopeston.

A 19-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 2:11 p.m. Sunday that someone took money from her purse in the 500 block of West Lincoln.

Two people were charged with criminal sexual assault at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of West Main. Robert H. Irvin, 19, and Sheila M. Irvin, 20, were charged on a complaint from a 15-year-old Hoopeston girl.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville, where they were held in lieu of \$500 bond each.

A 67-year-old Hoopeston man reported that while he was in a store at Hoopeston Plaza in the 1000 block of West Chestnut, someone took a handicapped parking permit from his vehicle. The burglary occurred at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

The permit was later found and returned to the owner on Tuesday.

A silver pair of glasses was found at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of North Market. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.



Singing a song

Members of The Taffetas, from left, Kathleen Margevich, Emily Margevich and Ashley Beauvois, perform during Monday's Hoopeston Community Awards ceremony at the Lorraine Theatre.

— Briefly

Benefit set

A benefit for Willamina Clayton will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 at Rossville Fire Station's community room. Lia Sophia and Mary Kay will be on sale with 30 percent of each order donated to the Claytons in cash.

Orders will be back in time for Valentine's Day.

Prom dress drive

Hoopeston Multi Agency is accepting donations of used prom dresses to help young girls attend prom. For more information, call the Multi Agency (217) 283-5544 or Virginia Yaden, 283-5554.



Letters to the Editor

Event coordinator says thanks

I would like to thank the following for their help in making the Hoopeston Community Awards ceremony a success:

- Josh Caudle Owner of Lorraine Theater Group for hosting the Event
- Artistic Repertory Theatre/The Taffetas for their outstanding performance
- Mike Caparula for the sound system use
- Hoopeston Hospital dietary staff for preparing the deserts served
- Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert donating the table decoration
- Larry Baugh for emceeing the event

I would also like to thank Jaycees and Hoopeston Education Association for their helping planning and Hoopeston Chronicle for their help.

Obituaries

SHEFFIELD - Lenora V. Sheffield, 94, of Chicago, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. 2010, at Alden Lakeland Nursing Home, Chicago. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Epworth United Methodist Church, 5253 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago IL 60640.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 28. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 6. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 19, low 5.

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

Your assistance and help has been greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Tom Bookwalter Event coordinator

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District #11 is seeking applications for a full time personal aide for an elementary student for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Applications are available in the Superintendent's Office, 615 East Orange, Hoopeston, IL. Deadline for applications is January 29, 2010.

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