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Warning issued on violations of illegal dumping at city slab

Two days after Hoopeston's city slab opened, city workers found violations of items allowed to be dumped there.

That was the message from Alderman Jeff Johnson at last week's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

"There's good news and bad news," Johnson told the council. The good news was the Illinois EPA said the city does not have to have an employee man the slab while it's open. The bad news was that in two days, residents had already dumped plastic and cardboard at the site. Both are prohibited.

Johnson stressed that the slab is only for disposing of yard waste. Residents who transport leaves and other yard waste in plastic bags may dump the waste but are asked to take the bags with them when they leave.

The city may look into installing a security camera at the slab to determine who is dumping illegally. Those who do may be fined. Additionally, if illegal dumping continues, the slab will be closed permanently.

"A lot of people use (the slab)," Johnson said. "It only takes a couple to ruin it. We're hoping for the community to step up and take a little responsibility

and do the right thing."

The slab is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 7:15-11 a.m. Saturdays.

Items that should not be dumped include plastic, lumber, landscape materials, concrete and brick.

Youth minister charged

ROSSVILLE—A youth minister and track coach is free on bond after he was charged with sexually assaulting a 16-year-old boy.

Andrew L. Thomas, 46, was charged with criminal sexual assault/position of trust, a Class 1 felony. He was arraigned Thursday in Vermilion County Circuit Court, where he pleaded not guilty.

Thomas, who has served as youth minister at Rossville Church of Christ and coach of the Rossville-Alvin seventh and eighth grade track team, has been suspended with pay pending further investigation.

Thomas was arrested Tuesday night.

If convicted, he faces four to 15 years in prison.



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Coming Saturday, April 3
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Easter Dinner, April 4, 1-2
Menu includes turkey with bread
stuffing, glazed ham with
candied sweet potatoes, plus regular menu.

Get your teams together to
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Saturday, April 17.

April 24, it's Southbound Band
8:30-12:30
719 W. Elm, Hoopeston (217) 283-6505

Briefly

Parent teacher conferences

Hoopeston Area schools will hold parent teacher conferences from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday and 3-7 p.m. Thursday. Parents must pick up their students' report cards.

School will be dismissed early both days, at 2:05 p.m. for grade schools and 2:20 p.m. for middle/high school students.

Gospel band concert

First Christian Church, 502 E. Main, Hoopeston, will hold a Gospel band concert from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday. The concert will feature Chuck Crozier in "My Psalter."

The concert is open to the public. Admission is free but a freewill offering will be taken.

For more information, contact Linda Duffin or Frannie Moore.

Don't fire up the golf cart

Recent warm weather has resulted in some Hoopeston residents traveling around the city in golf carts. Police Chief Mark Drollinger reminds residents that golf carts may not legally be used on city streets until April 1.

Police have been issuing warning tickets.

A **Hoopeston woman** reported at 3:04 p.m. Friday that someone threw one of her own lights at her home, breaking the light and damaging window trim. The incident occurred sometime Thursday night in the 500 block of North Seventh Street.

Jodi L. Tyszko, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 9:50 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of East Main. She was charged with battery on a complaint from a 45-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Tyszko grabbed her by the hair and pushed her head into a cinder block wall.

Tyszko was released on a notice to appear.

A **Hoopeston man** reported at 3:15 p.m. Saturday that someone threw a rock through the front window of his home in the 400 block of North Third St. The incident was turned over to Hoopeston Police investigators.

A **29-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 11:29 a.m. Sunday that someone damaged his vehicle while it was in the 500 block of East Thompson.

A **set of keys** was found at 11 p.m. Sunday on Market.

Police News

The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Robert Staley, 39, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:11 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Chestnut. He was charged with criminal sexual assault on a complaint from a 14-year-old girl.

Court Dispositions



February 4

David Riley, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; cases to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

February 18

Samantha From, Hoopeston, failed to appear in two cases of restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, found guilty by default; sentencing March 18.

Santiago Resendez, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180.

Obituaries

BAKER - Mildred Lois (Watson) Baker, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 12:47 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

STRAWSER - Richard Charles Strawser, 73, of Marston, Mo., died Saturday, March 20, 2010, at home. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Monday at DeLisle Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Portageville Cemetery. Visitation was Saturday at the funeral home.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 60. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 39. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 57, low 37.

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

He was taken to the Public Safety Building to await a hearing.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for the following positions:

Families Service Coordinator, this applicant must be bilingual spoken and written, have social work education but a degree is not required. Some work experience and familiar with migrant families. This position is full-time during the season.

Education Coordinator must have a degree in early childhood education or a minimum of a CDA or State equivalent credentials. Have knowledge and experience of Head Start philosophy and practices, Spanish speaking preferred but not required. Must be healthy which does not interfere with responsibilities and have the education or experience in collaborating with parents to educate their children. This position is full-time during the season. **Assistant Coordinator** must be bilingual spoken and written, assist in the operations of the center. This position is part-time during the season.

Bus aides, this is a split shift position, part-time during the season. Age requirement for all positions is 18, due to the requirement of passing the background check. Please fax resumes to 815-984-4500 or send to HMHS, P.O. Box 136, Wellington, IL 60973, or call 815-984-3706 and leave a message. Accepting applications until 4/30/2010 EOE.

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