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Fishing rules to be posted, enforced at McFerren Park lagoon

Fishing rules will be enforced at the McFerren Park lagoon after action taken by the Hoopeston City Council.

At its meeting May 18, the council approved a lagoon fishing ordinance, putting in ordinance form the rules already in place for the lagoon, said Alderman Carl Ankenbrand.

Under the ordinance, anyone may fish in the lagoon with a pole, fish line and hook, but no other means. All fishing is to be catch and release except for those 13 and younger or 62 and older, provided the fish caught meet size requirements. Bass are to be at least 15 inches long, while crappie must be at least nine inches long. Catfish must be at least 12

inches long. There is no size requirement for bluegill.

Those 13 and under and 62 and older may only keep two fish per day and may only have one stringer or bucket in their possession in which to keep fish.


Those who violate the ordinance are subject to a \$100 fine in Hoopeston Municipal Court.

Ankenbrand said that by putting existing fishing laws in ordinance form, the Conservation Department will be able to enforce the regulations.

The ordinance became effective immediately upon passage.

Briefly
Cornjerker Youth Baseball camp
 Cornjerker Youth Baseball camp will be held June 7-9 at the Hoopeston Area High School baseball field. The camp will be held from 9-11 a.m. and is open to youngsters ages 5-14. Cost is \$30.
 Flyers may be picked up in the Superintendent's office.

Small Wonders
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Letters to the Editor

Law enforcement double standard?

There have been many times I have wanted to write a letter to the editor. However, this is the first time that I have actually acted on it and I feel that the situation I am going to write about warrants some attention.

A few weeks ago, not only did I read in the Just the Facts, but also watched on the local Champaign television stations that a Hoopeston police officer had been accused of punching a patron of a local bar in the face. I understand the police officer was off duty and was with two other off duty officers. After the alleged physical contact, one of the other off duty officers escorted the accused officer out of the business. On duty police officers responded to the business, however, no arrests were made that evening. The accused officer was placed on paid administrative leave for almost one week. After being investigated by the Vermilion County Sheriffs Department, and a face to face interview by the Vermilion County States Attorney, the victim decided he no longer wanted to pursue any charges against the accused officer. Now the situation is going to be reviewed by the Hoopeston Police Com-

mission to see if the accused officer has violated any department policy.

I want to give an example of the way many cases have been handled by the Hoopeston Police Department.

Almost three years ago, I was with friends at what was then known as Deano's Bar. I happened to see a person across the room that I had difficulties with in the past. I told one of the people I was with that I was going to use the restroom and upon returning, noticed that the person I had seen across the room was no longer there. Almost an hour later, two uniformed police officers entered the business and said they had been called to a person's home and that he had accused me of threatening him. I explained that it did not happen but this fell on deaf ears. I was told I needed to come to the police station. There, I was questioned about what had taken place that evening. I told the officers that what I was being accused of had not taken place and that I had done nothing wrong. I was given a Notice to Appear in Hoopeston Court.

My name appeared in the local papers and on the local

radio station that I had been arrested for assault (verbal). I had to miss a day's worth of wages to attend my first court appearance where I pleaded not guilty. I had to miss a second day's worth of wages to appear and defend myself against the assault charge. After questioning, the arresting officer admitted to not interviewing any witnesses inside Deano's Bar that evening, including the then-owners. I produced witnesses that were there and who testified that nothing had taken place. I was found not guilty.

What are the differences in my case and the situation between the off duty officer being accused of becoming violent with a patron?

1. I was never accused of physically attacking anyone.
2. The accused officer's name was never made public. However, the victim that was struck in the face has had his name printed for the entire area to read.
3. Instead of having to miss any days of work that would result in loss of wages, the accused officer was paid for nearly a week's worth of work.
4. No arrests were made on simply the word of the victim; instead the officer was placed on administrative paid leave until things could be investigated. That was not the case in my situation or the higher percentage of cases that take place in Hoopeston. When police are called to the scene of a crime and there are witnesses, a determination is made as to who to place under arrested-mostly that same evening, just like in my case.

I wonder if there had not been a "cooling off period" and the victim decided he did not want to go through the hassle of the ordeal, would this officer have really been charged? Not sure, guess we will never know.

I am also anxious to see the next time our police officers are called to a fight scene or any other type of crime, will they make an arrest that evening or will they simply write up a report and let the Vermilion County States Attorney's office sort through it?

I only hope that the Hoopeston Police Commission takes

Weather



Scattered storms today. High 90. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 86, low 59. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

their time at taking a long look at what has happened here. Double standards for a law enforcement officer? Seems so to me.

Cliff Witty
Danville

GARAGE SALE

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