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Three Hoopeston people injured with sword, baseball bat

Three people received medical treatment after a Hoopeston man allegedly wielding a samurai sword and a Hoopeston woman allegedly wielding a bat, injured them.

Police were called at 4:01 a.m. Sunday to the 500 block of West Main for a report of a man attacking people with a samurai sword. Police arrived to find one victim in the street with what was described as severe lacerations to his arm.

That man, 25, of Hoopeston, was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, for treatment. His condition was not available at press time.

Two other Hoopeston men, ages 22 and 23, were treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

Police charged Kurt A. Pecsénye, 22, of Hoopeston, and Sarah N. Warren, 22, also of Hoopeston, with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Pecsénye was also charged with domestic battery from an earlier incident involving a 20-year-old Hoopeston man, who alleged Pecsénye knocked him to the ground and choked him during an altercation in the 500 block of West Main.

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Pecsenye and Warren were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

In other police news:

A **63-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 12:26 p.m. Thursday that a large iron tar melting pot was stolen

Business woman, leader dies

An area business woman and community leader died has died.

Sara Jane (Potter) Johnson, 57, died at 2:24 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012, at her home.

Mrs. Johnson was the owner of Farming with Flowers Greenhouse in rural Hoopeston. She was previously a night manager at Hoopeston IGA and former home economics teacher at Rankin High School. A former Hoopeston Area School Board member, she was also a past Girl Scout leader, judge at several county fairs, Master Gardeners Club and Vermilion County Home Extension member.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, Clark; daughter Samantha Jane of Champaign, son, Russell (Jennifer) of Lockport, and three brothers.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Sara Johnson Horticulture Scholarship, c/o Community Bank, 221 Bank St., Hoopeston IL 60942.



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Tyler Price, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:20 p.m. Thursday at Fifth Street and McCracken. He was charged with unlawful display of a vehicle license plate not authorized by law and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 6:54 a.m. Friday in the 900 block of South Dixie Highway.

An unknown northbound vehicle driven by a woman, swerved into the southbound lane, striking the left rear tire and trailer bumper of a 2013 Peterbilt semi, driven by Timothy Harvey of Gardner. Harvey reported the woman stopped briefly but then continued north on Route 1.

An employee of Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, reported at 8:30 a.m. Friday that someone did not pay for \$10 of gas.

Obituaries

BLAKE - LaVina (Thomas) Eaton Blake, 86, of Bloomington, formerly of Rossville, died at 10:05 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2012, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Tuesday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

SCHLECHT - Mary Elizabeth (Schwager) Schlecht, 91, longtime Rossville resident, died April 23, 2012 at Colonial Manor, Danville. A service to celebrate her life was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church, Rossville. Burial was in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Danville Area Community College Foundation for the Richard and Mary Schlecht Scholarship Fund, DACC, 2000 E. Main Street, Danville, IL or donor's choice. Pape Memorial Home, Danville, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather

Thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 73, low 54. Tomorrow, high 77, low 64.

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Rory R. Kempen Jr., 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 10:19 a.m. Saturday. Police were called to the 900 block of East Wyman by Hoopeston Ambulance for a man who overdosed. Officers charged Kempen with possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a bond hearing.

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