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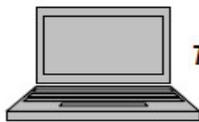
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## Police News

A 37-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 12:55 a.m. Thursday that someone took a bicycle from his yard in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Clifford Crabtree, 45, of Hoopeston, was cited at 10:51 p.m. Thursday for keeping or maintaining dis-

orderly house on an incident that occurred on April 21.

A 28-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 10:20 a.m. Friday that someone took items from his vehicle in the 700 block of Wyman.

## Iroquois County resident third hantavirus victim in state

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reporting the third case of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, a rodent-spread disease, in Illinois.

The most recent case involves an Iroquois County resident who first exhibited symptoms in late April of this year and was hospitalized in May with fever and shortness of breath. The patient has been discharged from the hospital and is recovering. The individual became ill after cleaning out a structure where rodents were seen.

Final confirmatory testing from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will be available next week.

The state's first case, reported in 1996, was a northwestern Illinois man who died from the disease. The second case, in 2005, was a Kankakee County resident who had worked in a greenhouse.

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome is a rare but serious respiratory infection that can be life threatening according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Humans can become infected by inhaling dust contaminated by droppings, urine or saliva from infected rodents. Hantavirus can also be transmitted through bites from infected rodents or from direct contact with rodent excretions, followed by touching the mouth or nose prior to hand washing. It takes approximately two weeks for symptoms to appear, but can range from a few days to six weeks. Symptoms can be similar to some types of pneumonia or common respiratory viruses like influenza, and may include fever, headache, muscle aches,

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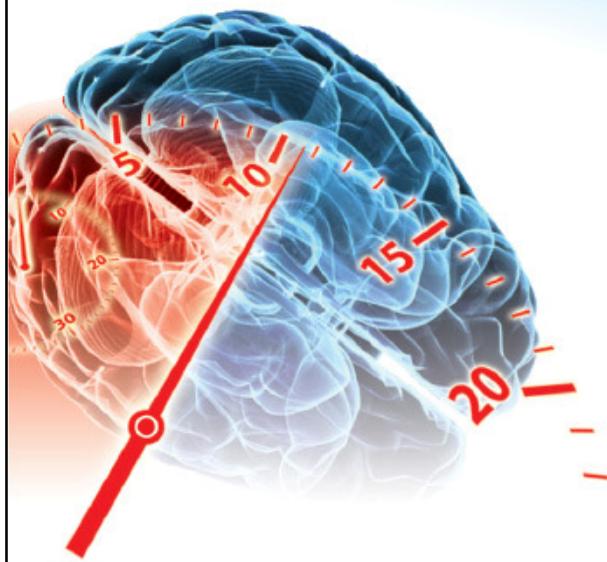
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## Court Dispositions



May 3

**Todd Beatty**, Hoopeston, assault case dismissed  
**Paul Grogan**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disobeying police, fined \$280; status hearing July 5.  
**Chase Hensley**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to possession of cannabis; trial June 7.

**Benjamin Jones**, Hoopeston, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; status hearing July 5.  
**Darren Booth**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$180; status hearing July 5.  
**Benjamin Farney**, Rankin, pleaded not guilty to battery; trial June 7.

**Ralph Plecker II**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to criminal damage to property, fined \$180; status hearing July 5.  
**Jodi Tyszko**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial June 7.  
**Jodi Tyszko**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to assault; trial June 7.  
**Vicki Ford**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to assault; trial June 7.  
**David T. Cannon**, Hoopeston, new status hearing June 7.  
**Judy Longfellow**, Hoopeston, new status hearing June 7.  
**Latasha Brock**, Milford, new status hearing June 7.  
**Eulalio Cantu**, Hoopeston, new status hearing June 7.

## Obituaries

**GALLOWAY**—Arthur T. "Tom" Galloway, of Hoopeston, died at 2:42 p.m. Friday, May 11, 2012, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.  
**KELLERHALS** - Andrew "Andy" Kellerhals, 59, of Prophetstown, formerly of Milford, died Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at Mercy Hospital, Chicago, after

a short battle with cancer. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Monday and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Winning Wheels in Prophetstown or donor's choice.

## Virus continued from other side

nausea and vomiting.  
 The deer mouse is the most common rodent carrier of hantavirus. Rodents that carry hantavirus are generally found in rural and sometimes suburban areas. The common house mouse does not spread the virus. The deer mouse is tan or brown in color with white hair on the underbelly, while the typical house mouse is gray.  
 Since 1993, 587 cases of hantavirus have been reported in more than half the states in the U.S. Cases often occur in the spring after spring-cleaning in homes and businesses.

To minimize the risk of hantavirus citizens should:  
 •Avoid contact with wild rodents.  
 •Keep rodents away from buildings by keeping lawns mowed and homes free of debris and trash. Wood piles should be at least 12 inches off the ground.  
 •Make sure rodents don't have access to food, water or nesting sites.  
 •Keep food scraps and garbage in rodent-proof metal or thick plastic containers with tight-fitting lids. Do not allow pet or animal food to sit out.  
 Keep rodents out of buildings by using steel screens,  
 •caulk or weather stripping to seal holes or gaps around the house and garage doors. If openings near pipes and electrical wiring are present, seal with steel wool.

- If rodents are present, use snap traps with peanut butter mixed with oats as effective bait.
  - Air out rodent infested places at least 30 minutes before cleanup.
  - Use diluted household bleach or products containing phenol on rodent droppings 15 minutes before cleaning areas contaminated by rodents.
- Personal protective equipment, such as rubber gloves and N100 respirators, is strongly recommended. Dead rodents should be sprayed with disinfectant, like bleach and then placed in a sealed plastic bag containing enough disinfectant to thoroughly wet the carcasses. Make sure to wash hands thoroughly after cleanup. In areas with heavy accumulation of droppings consider hiring a professional.  
 •Do not vacuum, use leaf blowers or sweep rodent-contaminated areas before cleaning, mopping or spraying with disinfectant. This could cause virus particles in

the dust to become airborne.  
 More information is available at the IDPH website, <http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/hbhanta.htm> and the CDC website, <http://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/>.

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