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Police News

Nicholas Coleman, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an altercation at 8:18 p.m. Thursday in the 500 block of West Main.
 He was charged with battery under city ordinance and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.
 A **partial upper** dental plate was found at 8:15 a.m. Saturday at Convenient Food Mart. It may be identified

and claimed at the police station.
Bryan M. Daily, 19, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was released on bond with a new court date.
 An **employee** of Casey's General Store, 115 E. Orange, reported at 1:18 p.m. Saturday that someone failed to pay for \$20 of gasoline.

Letters to the Editor

Teacher Pension Crisis
 As a retired teacher I am quite concerned with the lack of factual details given in the media regarding the public pension crisis. It seems every other day in the headlines, teachers are blamed for the financial crisis in the State of Illinois. Nothing could be farther from the truth! The facts are as follows:
 The teacher pension system was set up many decades ago as a legally binding agreement between the state and the teachers. Each would contribute monies to be invested for the future retirements. Teachers faithfully contributed an ever increasing percentage of their pay through the years. They never missed a payment. The state, however, broke their promise (and therefore broke the law) by "borrowing" from the pension obligation and transferring the monies to other projects. This could be likened to a household buying and making payments on a Cadillac in the driveway but forgetting to make their mortgage payments.
 The monies that the teachers contributed were invested wisely by the Teacher Retirement System and averaged interest above normal gains but they did not have the state monies to invest, thus the overall gains were much less than had been projected when the pension was set up. Now those smaller gains are putting a

financial drain on the pension plan. Teachers fulfilled their commitment. Legislators, who have held office for many years, are now trying to place the "blame" for this deficit on the teachers or the school districts. Nothing could be further from the truth!!
 Secondly, teachers do NOT get "free" health insurance. Teachers pay premiums every month for health insurance just like everyone else. The state does NOT give out free insurance to teachers.
 Thirdly, teachers who participate in the state pension plan cannot receive full social security benefits. Teachers who worked other jobs in the summers were mandated to pay a portion of their salaries into social security but cannot draw full social security payments at retirement if they are drawing from the state plan. Therefore teachers have paid for others in society to have benefits that teachers will never see.
 There is no doubt that we are in a desperate situation. Placing blame rarely solves anything; however, citing the reasons for a crisis is important to avoid mistakes in the future. Teachers did not cause this problem! It is mind boggling that some of our so called leaders, who did cause the underfunding, refuse to acknowledge their actions and insist on falsely blaming others. It seems
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Obituaries

ANDEL - John Edward Andel, 73, of Hoopeston, died at 8:08 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Danville National Cemetery with military honors by Danville American Legion. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

CAMPANA - Dorothy M. (Franklin) Campana, 95, of Paxton, formerly of Rankin, died at 10:10 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012, at Asta Care Center, Paxton. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

EADES - Breyden Wesley Eades, 10-month-old son of Brandon Wesley Eades and Francene Ann King, died at 10:04 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Private family memorial service with balloon release was held Friday, at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the family.

IRVIN - Robert Lynn Irvin, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 8:50 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012, at home. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. He will be cremated and his ashes scattered. Memorials are suggested to the family.

JEWELL - Aubrey A. Jewell, 77, of Rossville, died at 11:45 a.m. Friday, June 15, 2012, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are incomplete and

Dental van to be at McFerren Park

HALO Project, a Healthy Community Initiative Sponsored by Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation, in partnership with Colgate-Bright Smiles Bright Futures, and Orland Park Dental Services, will host "Smiling Faces Dental Days" on June 28-30.

The dental van is scheduled to be at McFerren Park in Hoopeston from 1-4 p.m. June 28

Children ages 3-18 will receive a free dental screening and a goody bag with dental supplies to use for proper oral hygiene at home. Parents/guardians must accompany children in order for them to receive a dental screening and a goody bag.

The screening satisfies all Vermilion County school districts' dental screening requirements for children in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades. Forms will be completed and given to the parent/guardian at the time of the screening.

For more information, call Kathy at 217-442-6587 or visit www.provena.org/usmc/halo.

Letter continued from other side

likely that despite never missing a payment for 30 to 40 years, if teachers want to maintain some funding for the future they will now lose some benefits that they were promised. Teachers receive the penalty for keeping the law while legislators keep their benefits for breaking the law. Isn't life "interesting"?

Weather



Breezy today and tonight. High 92, low 71. Tomorrow, sunny. High 93, low 71.

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

Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

PELSER - Judith Ann "Judy" (Pratt) Pelser, 70, of Trinity, Ala., died June 12, 2012, at home. Graveside service was at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of North Alabama, 3311 Bob Wallace Ave., Suite 101, Huntsville AL 35805.

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