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Police News



Two people were arrested at 12:27 a.m. Thursday at Second Ave. and Lincoln.

Chase Holt, 19, and a 17-year-old boy were each charged with purchase/acceptance of alcohol by person under 21. Both were released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court. The boy was released to a parent.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 5:55 p.m. Friday in the Shopko parking lot, 1020 W. Chestnut.

Police said an unknown vehicle hit a parked 2001 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Harold Hunt, of Potomac, then left the scene.

Zachariah L. Smith, 36, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 6:56 p.m. Friday. Wanted on Vermilion County traffic warrants for failure to appear/driving while license revoked and failure to appear/traffic, he was released on \$618 bond with new court dates.

Two people were arrested after police were called at 9:45 p.m. Friday for a physical confrontation in the 500 block of North Ninth Ave.

Cody Vaughn, 18, of Rossville, and a 16-year-old Hoopeston boy, were each charged with illegal con-

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The boy was also charged with aggravated assault and battery. He was taken to the juvenile detention center in Danville.

Vaughn was also charged with assault and was released on \$120 bond.

Social Security implements new fraud prevention unit

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, announced the establishment of a centralized fraud prevention unit in New York City to identify potential fraud and detect fraud trends that can be applied to disability cases nationwide.

This unit consists of experienced disability examiners who are currently involved in the review of disability medical decisions resulting from recent indictments in Puerto Rico and New York City. Using specialized experience, they will collaborate with Social Security systems personnel to help build data analytics to detect and prevent fraud at the earliest possible point in the disability decision-making process.

"Social Security strives to preserve the public's trust in our programs and we have no tolerance for fraud. We are aggressive in our efforts to detect and prevent fraud," said Colvin, noting that Social Security's anti-fraud approach has resulted in a fraud incidence rate that is a fraction of one percent. "The employees in our antifraud unit will be our national experts, and we plan to compile data from their work to help us develop further analytical tools to find potential fraud."

This first-of-its-kind unit will start with 20 disability examiners at the Addabbo Federal Building in Jamaica,

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Is Hoopeston a "Destination Community?"

A buzzword in economic development circles is to make your town a "destination community." A "destination community" is a destination sought by a particular segment of the population. Maybe it is arts. Maybe it is an ethnic group, like the Polish community in Chicago. A "destination community" is created by something in the community that attracts a certain segment of society.

So, I repeat, is Hoopeston a "destination community?"

Obituaries

MORPHY - Tom Morphy, 77, of Alvin, died at 5:25 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2014, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Letters to the Editor

Well, yes!

Hoopeston is definitely a great place to live. It has so many good points. But, unfortunately, three of many things it does offer are: cheap housing, a growing drug culture and very few jobs. These three things have recently made us a "destination community" to an irresponsible segment of society. We must nip that in the bud.

Our schools struggle with low test scores. There is an old saying that "you can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear." Look at the raw material we are beginning to feed our schools when we attract and retain families who want cheap housing, drugs and no job.

We don't have a school problem. We have a community problem. It doesn't have to be this way! On April 14 there will be a public meeting to brainstorm, among other things, what we can do to make Hoopeston a "destination community" to a more responsible segment

of society. BE THERE!

Bill Goodwine Hoopeston

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:40 a.m. Thursday to KBA Limited property, 102 N. First Ave., after lightening struck an Ameren pole providing electricity to the Champaign Grain Inspection office building.

No injuries were reported at the time of the call.

Firemen were called at 9:29 a.m. Thursday to the 400 block of East Penn for a malfunctioning carbon monoxide detector. No injury or illness was reported at the time of the incident.

Firemen were called at 6:20 p.m. Thursday to 4000 North Rd. and Rt. 1 for a report of someone trapped in a vehicle that had rolled over. Hoopeston Ambulance also responded, along with Illinois State Police, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department and Hoopeston Police.

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, peas, applesauce, Dragon

Fraud continued from other side

New York. Based on the trends found in the Puerto Rico and New York cases, along with further analysis of doctors' reports, the unit will use their findings to help create the systems and data analytics that Social Security will use for disability applications nationwide. As these systems develop and begin to identify new cases of potential fraud, the New York fraud prevention unit will analyze those cases to prevent fraud from happening before the agency makes a disability decision and authorizes payments.

Colvin added, "To those who would try to cheat us: We will find you; we will prosecute you; we will seek the maximum punishment allowable under the law; and we will fight to recover any money you've stolen from the American people."

If a member of the public suspects fraud, they should contact the Social Security Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271, or visit http://oig.ssa.gov and click on "Report Fraud, Waste, or Abuse."

juice, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, baby carrots peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, bread, butter, pears, milk

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Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

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