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**From the Blotter**

**Derek O'Neal**, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:08 a.m. Friday to the 800 block of East Orange for a report of an unusual amount of traffic entering and leaving the residence. O'Neal was found to be wanted on a Vermilion County warrant. Unable to post bond, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville. A 42-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 11:43 a.m. Saturday that someone made an unauthorized debit from her account at MainSource Bank, 323 E. Main.

**Matthew Avalos**, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:35 p.m. Monday to the 500 block of West Penn, after a 28-year-old Hoopeston woman reported a domestic battery. He was arrested on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended and was also charged with domestic battery and possession of methamphetamines. Avalos was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Residents shovel, slide following Christmas Eve day snow**



There was no need for area residents to dream of a white Christmas this year. Last-minute Christmas activities got shelved after five to six inches of snow fell on the area Christmas Eve day. The snow was too dry to make snowmen, but was wet enough to cause slippery roads. Hoopeston police and fire departments assisted Vermilion County Sheriff's Department with two accidents and police handled one in town. The first accident occurred at 8:25 a.m. at 1300 East and Rt. 9. The single-vehicle rollover required first responders to assist the unidentified woman driver who was trapped in the vehicle. She was then taken to the hospital. The second accident also involved only one vehicle and was at Rt. 1 and 4000 North. The unidentified driver slid into a ditch. The vehicle was towed out of the ditch. No injuries were reported. The final accident was at 11:33 a.m. at First Ave. and Orange. Police said Helen T. Simpson, 20, of Alabama, was eastbound in a 2009 Nissan Sentra. See SNOW on other side

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 A Hoopeston resident digs out after Sunday's snow.

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 Yoga Bug: Simple Poses for Little Ones by Sarah Jane Hinder  
 It's Shoe Time! by Bryan Colier  
 Pete the Cat and the Lost Tooth by James Dean  
 Pete the Cat Phonics Box by James Dean  
 Chicken in Mittens by Adam Lehrhaupt  
 Peril at the Top of the World by James Patterson  
 The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend  
 Thanksgiving in the Woods by Phyllis Alsdurf  
 BB-8 on the Run by Drew Daywalt  
 The Littlest Train by Chris Gall  
 There's Nothing to Do! by Dev Petty  
 I Want that Nut! by Madeline Valentine  
 Meow by Victoria Ying

### Non-Fiction

I Am Gandhi by Brad Melter  
 I Am Sacagawea by Brad Meltzer  
 Who is Ralph Lauren? by Jane O'Connor

Who was Lewis Carroll? by Pam Pollack  
 Lighter Than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot by Matthew Smith  
 Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion by Chris Barton  
 From Egg to Butterfly by Shannon Knudsen  
 What are the Ten Commandments? by Yona McDonough  
 What was the Ice Age? by Nico Medina  
 How to Be an Elephant by Katherine Roy  
 Runny Babbit Returns by Shel Silverstein

### DVDs

Max & Max 2: White House Hero  
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### *Snow* continued from other side

when she lost control due to ice and snow. Simpson swerved into the westbound lane and struck a 2008 Chevrolet Aveo, driven by Danny R. Justice, 27, of Hoopeston.  
 No injuries were reported nor tickets issued.

## Foodbank distribution at Ridge Farm to help county families

Eastern Illinois Foodbank will distribute a truckload of food to hungry area families. The distribution will be held at Ridge Farm Fire Protection District (16 W Woodyard Avenue in Ridge Farm, IL) on January 6, 2018 from 10am - 11:30am. All Vermilion County residents who meet income eligibility criteria are welcome (*see below*). Those attending are asked to bring boxes or bags to transport food.

The distribution is part of the Foodbank's Foodmobile Program, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to areas of chronic or extreme need. Through the program, local companies and organizations are invited to contribute toward a one-day distribution of food and optionally participate in the distribution process. The cost to partner with the Foodbank on a Foodmobile distribution is \$3,000.

The Foodmobile distribution comes at a critical

moment for area residents. Data released by Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks, shows that a staggering 14% of people in eastern Illinois are considered food insecure, which means they sometimes lack adequate access to food. More shockingly, nearly 20% of children are food insecure. (<http://feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/hunger-studies/map-the-meal-gap.aspx>)

All eligible residents of Vermilion County needing food are welcome to attend the Foodmobile distribution. To be eligible, a household must have an income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level, or approximately \$3,746 per month for a family of four. Full eligibility criteria are listed below. Other area Foodmobile distributions can be found by visiting the Foodbank's website at [www.eifoodbank.org](http://www.eifoodbank.org) and clicking "find help."

Maximum monthly income per eligible household:

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Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$1,859	\$2,504	\$3,148	\$3,793	\$4,437	\$5,081	\$5,726	\$6,370

## Court Dispositions

### November 2

**Cheryl Burkert**, Hoopeston, status check December 7.

## Obituaries

**MANN** - Charles Edward Mann, 79, of Milford died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Milford Christian Church. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to his grandchildren's college funds, Milford Christian Church or Milford Ambulance.

## Weather

WIND CHILL ADVISORY from midnight through 10 a.m. Wednesday. Cold today. High 8. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 2. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 18, low 9.

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**Craig Blankenship**, Bloomington, status check December 7.

**Patrick Clingenpeel Jr**, Hoopeston, case dismissed.

**Lanie Inglis**, Hoopeston, two cases dismissed.

## Classifieds

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