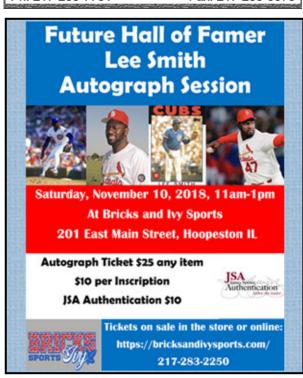


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Surrounded by supportive parents and grandparents, April Jones, standing, owner of April's Learn & Lead Academy preschool, asks for clarification on parking regulations after a neighbor complained about the issue.

## Preschool owner seeks law guidance after neighbor complaint

A disagreement about parking resulted in a request for clarification from a Hoopeston business owner at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

April Jones, owner of April's Learn & Lead Academy, in the 400 block of West Washington, and about 30 supporters, attended the meeting to determine whether parents and grandparents may park on both sides of the street to drop off students at the preschool.

Jones said an unidentified male neighbor has, for the past five weeks, complained about people parking in front of his home across from the preschool to drop off and pick up children.

Adults park and accompany children to and from the school. Jones said, but do not block the man's circle drive-

Jones said the man signed her petition to the city to issue a conditional use for the property in 2015.

Along with complaining about parking, the man has,

from inside his home, been videoing activity outside the preschool during drop off and pickup times, she said.

PJ Clingenpeel, whose grandson attends the preschool, said he has seen the man squall his tires in the area and also drive too fast in the residential area. "It's not Route 1," he said, "it's Washington St."

Two women alleged the man has been verbally abusive to them in front of children, using foul language.

To appease him, Jones said she asked parents to park only on the south side of the street but that has raised some safety concerns for the three- to five-year-old students.

City attorney Charles Mockbee and Hoopeston Police Sgt. Jeremy Welch said parents could park on both sides of the street as long as there was no signage banning parking and the man's driveway was not blocked.

As for the alleged intimidating behavior, Welch recom-

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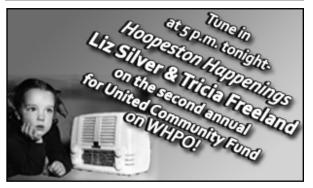
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### From the Blotter

Jordan Finazzi. 27, of Rossville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:41 a.m. Tuesday at Third St. and Lincoln. He was charged with no valid driver's license and disobeying a stop sign and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

A 51-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 1:32 p.m. Tuesday that her property in the 700 block of South Second Ave., had been damaged. Police are investigat-

Thonchel Scott, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:02 p.m. Tuesday to McDonald's for a suspicious person. He was found at Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn, and was arrested on a Vermilion County warrant.

Scott was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

### **Obituaries**

BRYANT—Larry Bryant, 63, of Milford, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018. Visitation will be 2 p.m. until the 4 p.m. funeral Friday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to Milford Fire Department.



## Checking records

Mason Vorick and John McCoy check voter registration lists during Tuesday's election. Vorick and Daniel Lugo, both 17-year-old Hoopeston Area High School students, aren't old enough to vote but are old enough to get their first experience with the election process. Turnout was higher than normal for an election with no local contests. Percentages were: Grant 1, 37.61%; Grant 2, 37.82%; Grant 3, 50.74%; Grant 5, 46.76%; and Grant 6, 55.19%, according to unofficial figures from Vermilion County Clerk Cathy Jennings' office.

### **Complaint** continued from other side

mended that anyone being verbally abused should file a complaint which could lead to a breach of peace charge.

Police and Mockbee will look into the matter further and Mayor Bill Crusinberry said he will update Jones in the near future.

### Weather

Increasing clouds today. High 43. Tonight, chance of rain/snow, then snow. Low 31. Tomorrow, chance of rain/ snow, then mostly cloudy. High 38, low 22.



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