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Police give shooting information to SA for possible charges

Information from a November 24 shooting in Hoopeton has been turned over to the Vermilion County State's Attorney's office to decide if charges will be filed.

The incident involved two 15-year-old boys and a 14-year-old boy, said Capt. Mike Hartshorn, of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, which investigated the incident.

The boys were in a home in the 500 block of West Main. One boy discharged a firearm and one of the boys was struck. The youth was taken to Carle Hoopeton

Regional Health Center, then transferred to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, with non-life threatening injuries. "My understanding is he's recovered from his injuries," Hartshorn said.

Hoopeton Police was originally notified, but turned it over the sheriff's department. "Every time there's a shooting, we always call," said Chief Jim DeWitt. "They've got all the resources." Using county resources saves time and manpower hours for the local department, he added.

Carle hospitals implement visitor guidelines in light of flu cases

Due to increasing cases of flu in the area, Carle Foundation Hospital and Carle Hoopeton Regional Health Center are implementing temporary visitor guidelines for all hospital patients. For the safety of patients, visitors

and staff, there will be a maximum of two visitors allowed in a patient's room at a time.

"The safety of our patients, visitors and staff is always our top priority," said Robert Healy, MD, chief quality officer at Carle. "With these temporary changes our patients, staff and visitors have less of a chance to catch or spread the flu. These visitor guidelines will be lifted when the threat of flu diminishes."

Carle adopted the following Illinois Department of Public Health recommendations to help protect patients and visitors from exposure to the flu:

- Those under age 18 should not visit the hospital.
- Limit of two visitors at a time in a patient room.
- Visitors with respiratory illness should not visit the hospital, or wear a mask if they must visit.
- If a patient is in isolation because of flu, limit visitors to those who are vital to the patient's emotional well-being and care.
- Visitors should cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw away that tissue immediately.
- Visitors should wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing.

Additional guidelines are in women's and children's areas to keep our smallest patients and new mothers healthy.

Melvin man sought in two murders in Iroquois County

MILFORD—Iroquois County Sheriff's Department has issued a warrant for a suspect in two murders last week.

According to published reports, Matthew Borden, 43, of Melvin, is being sought in the murder of Pamela Williams, 54, in rural Sheldon and Brian Musk, 50, of Milford. The murders are believed to be connected.

Ms. Williams was found Friday in a ditch southwest of Sheldon. Mr. Musk's body was found when police were called at about 6 a.m. Saturday to Milford Auto Parts for a burglary. When police arrived, they found him dead in the home.

The sheriff's department and Iroquois County Coroner's office are investigating the deaths. Borden was identified as a person of interest in both investigations.

Borden is also wanted by the United States Marshals Service for probation violation.

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From the Blotter

Megan Brewster, 32, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 4:52 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was released on bond with a new court date.

Jason Simonton, 38, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were called at 6:42 p.m. Thursday for a domestic issue in the 500 block of Wyman.

He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 17-year-old Hoopeston boy and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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Two Rossville people were arrested after a traffic stop at 9:48 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Main.

The driver, **Ronnie Cornell**, 63, was arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamines and possession of methamphetamines with intent to deliver. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

His passenger, **Christina Casey**, 37, wanted on a Champaign County warrant, was released on bond with a new

Briefly

Church service listings

Just the Facts will publish a list of area Christmas Eve/Christmas Day church services in the area. Information may be emailed to publish@justthefacts.net or call (217) 283-9348.

PEP potluck

Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main, will hold their People Enjoying People (PEP) Potluck a week early this month, at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. Everyone is welcome at this free event. Main dish, drinks and table service are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:
Design Squad/Big Bang Thursday Holiday Edition, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Gingerbread House STEM Engi-

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called for mutual aid at 8:11 a.m. Thursday to an accident requiring extrication at 4000 East 880 North Rd. Rossville Fire, Arrow Ambulance and Vermilion County Sheriff's Department also responded.

Firefighters were called at 4:10 p.m. Thursday for a faint smell of gas in the 400 block of West Maple. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

MERKLE - Ronald D. Merkle, 81, of Cissna Park, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, at home. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Tuesday at Christian Bible Church, Cissna Park. Burial will follow in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements.

court date.

Shane Baker, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested after someone reported at 12:57 a.m. Saturday that the Christmas light donation box at McFerren Park had been broken into. Police discovered the box had actually been stolen from the property.

Baker was charged with theft and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Two Hoopeston women were arrested on drug

neering Challenge! For all kids ages eight and older.

Vermilion County Crafters, 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Open to all crafters. Bring projects to work on individually.

Littles @ the Library, 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday. For kids 0-5 and their caretakers. Features stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.

Breast cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be at December 19.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools
MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk
TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk
WEDNESDAY: Pork & gravy, mashed potatoes, hot roll & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk
THURSDAY: Maple-Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, apple slices, carrots, juice box, milk; JG-Mini corndogs, baked beans, Christmas slushie, milk
FRIDAY: Maple-Mini corndogs, baked beans, Christmas slushie, milk; JG-Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, apple slices, carrots, juice box, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Cook's Choice

Hoopeston Area High School
MONDAY-FRIDAY: Cook's Choice

Weather

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY until 12 a.m. Tuesday. Wintry mix likely today, tonight. High 34, low 20. Tomorrow, sunny. High 29, low 12.

charges after a traffic stop at 11:30 p.m. in Sixth Ave. and West Main.

Ashley Tucker, 31, and **Nichole Hansen**, 25, were arrested on preliminary charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamines with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hansen was also ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol.

Both women were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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