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From the Blotter

Anthony Chandler, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 8:24 p.m. Thursday to the 200 block of West Washington for a report of a man yelling obscenities in the middle of the road.

Chandler was charged with disorderly conduct and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Jennifer M. Watkins, 35, of Rossville, was arrested after police were called at 12:22 p.m. to a disturbance between a man and woman in the 300 block of East Main. Police said Watkins was uncooperative with the officer and refused to give proper identification.

She was charged with disobeying police and breach of peace constituting disorderly conduct and was released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Nyere Roberson, 39, listed as homeless, was arrested at 6:19 p.m. Saturday, charged with aggravated domestic battery that was reported at 5:50 a.m. Friday.

Police were called to Washington and Third Ave. for a domestic call, reported by a 39-year-old Hoopeston woman. When officers arrived, Roberson had left the scene. A witness called Saturday to report Roberson's location. Officers found and arrested him.

Roberson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

COVID count steady at 19

Vermilion County is steady at 19 confirmed cases of coronavirus. The most recent case, a person in his 60s, was announced Wednesday by Public Health Administrator Doug Toole. As of Friday, 726 county residents have been tested, 19 confirmed positive, one remains hospitalized and one has died, he said.



Bulking up

Trish Stebbins, right, and an unidentified Republic Services employee watch as a mattress is put into a roll off during Saturday's bulk garbage day at Hoopeston City Hall. The program, which allows residents to bring larger items to the city hall parking lot and put them in a roll-off, was canceled in mid-March due to concerns about COVID-19. As people had more time to spring clean during the stay at home order, collections scheduled for March 21 and April 4 and 18 were not held. Saturday's event netted two full roll-offs and some residents being turned away until the next collection on May 16.

Briefly

Alley cleanup to begin

Hoopeston Alley cleanup will begin May 4, weather permitting. Cleanup is for yard waste only. Piles with plastic, lumber, landscape materials, concrete or bricks will not be picked up.

Residents who don't have access to an alley may leave piles at curbside.

Food cupboard needs

Immediate needs at Grant Township Food Cupboard are macaroni and cheese and peanut butter. Other often-

needed items include canned fruit, canned vegetables: (kidney and chili beans, tomatoes, peas) tuna, cereal (any kind), cornbread mix, spaghetti and sauce, bath soap, toilet tissue.

Those needing food must bring proof of anyone living in your household as well as proof of Hoopeston address. Practice social distancing at this time. Food boxes will be handed out the door, so no one will be entering the building at this time.

Obituaries

WILKEN - Roger D. Wilken, 71, of Milford passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at his home. He was born February 25, 1949 in Watseka, the son of Clyde and Bernice (Trumann) Wilken and was preceded in death by his father.

He married Mary Harding on August 11, 1971 in Watseka and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Amy (Frank) Schuler of Normal and Brandy (Anthony) Back of Loda; one brother, Joe (Sheila) Wilken of Stockland; one sister, Peggy Wilken of Carbondale; his mother, Bernice Wilken of Stockland; and six grandchildren, Joshua Schuler, Benea Schuler, Joey Schuler, Sydnee Schuler, Bryson Crow and Bryer Back.

Mr. Wilken was of Christian Faith. He served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam and earned a Vietnam Service Medal and two Bronze Stars. Roger was the owner and operator of Wilken Construction. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Illini fan and enjoyed playing cards, wood-working, fishing, and taking trips to Mexico. Roger loved family gatherings and spending time with his family and grandkids.

Due to COVID-19, a Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date with burial at Sugar Creek Cemetery in Stockland. Military graveside rites will be by the Watseka American Legion Post #23 and Iroquois County VFW Post #7450.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Donor's Choice.

Arrangements are by the Knapp Funeral Home in Milford.

Please share a memory of Roger at knappfuneralhomes.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Roger D. Wilken please visit our Sympathy Store.



ROGER WILKEN

The food cupboard is open Mondays and Thursdays from noon-2 p.m. at 525 S. Market, for both dropping donations off and receiving food. For more information, call (217) 283-0780

Weather

Sunny, then chance of showers today, tonight. High 61, low 46. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 60, low 43.

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The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes is looking for dayshift kitchen help, 8-2. Food handlers license or Food Sanitation license. required

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. To apply, please visit silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/10688

The City of Hoopeston is accepting application for an eligibility list with the police department. If interested, you will need to pick up and turn in an application to the police department located at 301 W Main St. Hoopeston, IL by May 4, 2020. Testing date will take place on May 30, 2020 at Hoopeston Area High School Library.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for seasonal workers. applications can be found on the City Website at www.cityofhoopeston.com Click on the City Departments tab, then Administration, and scroll to the bottom of the page.

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