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Coroner: drugs responsible for man's death

WATSEKA - Iroquois County Coroner William Cheatum on Thursday issued a statement saying the death of Apolinar Solis Jr., of Hoopeston was caused by drug use.

Mr. Solis, 32, was found unresponsive in a holding cell at the Iroquois County Jail on May 12, while in the process of being booked into the jail earlier that morning. He had been arrested on an outstanding Newton County, Ind., warrant.

Cheatum issued a report on preliminary autopsy findings, saying no unidentified natural diseases were present and no evidence of significant or internal trauma that

caused his death, according to the release.

Upon receipt of Mr. Solis' toxicology report, the forensic pathologist ruled his cause of death as "acute toxicity of cocaine and methamphetamine due to cocaine and methamphetamine abuse."

After results of the toxicology report were released, Mr. Solis' friends and family said a second autopsy was conducted in a different facility at the family's request.

Just the Facts contacted a family member about the results of that autopsy and will report the details when they are available.

Mr. Solis' death was investigated by the Illinois State Police.

From the Blotter

Police are reporting a criminal damage to property report made at 8:50 a.m. Thursday by a 28-year-old Hoopeston woman. She alleged property had been damaged in the 800 block of East Washington.

Stacey E. Weston, 33, of Rockaway Beach, Mo., was arrested at 8:30 Wednesday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., after police were called to the store for a report of retail theft.

Weston, still on the lot, was approached by police, who said she was in possession of stolen property. She was charged with retail theft, as well as on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear.

She was taken to the police station, where she was processed, then was released on \$400 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:06 p.m. Thursday at Treaders Roots, 702 W. Main.

Police said William H. Mills, 71, of Hoopeston, backed a 1997 Ford F-150 from the parking lot, failed to see a 2011 Dodge Avenger, driven by Regan L. Weber, 19, of Hoopeston, and struck the side of her car.

Police are investigating two reports of burglary to auto made Friday afternoon.

The first was reported at 12:45 p.m., when a woman reported her cell phone was taken from her vehicle while it was parked at Dollar General, 111 W. Orange.

The second report was made at 1:55 p.m., when a woman reported her wallet was taken from her vehicle, which was parked at Hoopeston IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut.

Kurtis J. Simpson, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of South Sixth Ave. Wanted on a Ford County warrant, he was taken to the police station and later taken to Ford County Jail.



Photo submitted

Bucket brigade

The City of Hoopeston is thanking Hoopeston Volunteer Fire Department for their donation of new basketball goals at Northside (Cheese) Park. The department approved the purchase last year. The hoops were installed by department members. Pictured are, from left. Nathan Michel, Kyle Vaughn, Troy Stevens and Trevor Rush.

Obituaries

BRAY - John E. Bray, 92, of Rossville, died at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are incomplete at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MEANS - Jill Means, 60, of Paxton, died at 7:29 a.m.

Briefly

Meetings

- Rossville Public Improvements Committee, 6 p.m. Monday, village office.
 - Rossville Streets & Alleys committee, 6 p.m. Tuesday, village office.
- Agendas are available under Committee Meetings at www.villageofrossville.org.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:04 p.m. Wednesday for mutual aid, requested by Bismarck Fire Protection District, for a structure in the 200 block of South Main, Henning. The department cleared the scene at 11:52 p.m.

Friday, June 3, 2022, at Accolade Healthcare of Paxton on Pells. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MOORE - Gary Scott Moore, 64, of Hoopeston, died at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at home. He will be

Agenda items include an ordinance to grant easement to Ervin Construction, water meter ordinance, food truck ordinance, building inspector, amended fire-works ordinance.

Full agenda and Zoom link available at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

- The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. as a committee of the whole to review ordinances.

Weather

Chance of showers today. High 80. Tonight, thunderstorms, then showers likely. Low 59. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 74, low 56.

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created and private family burial held. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 5-02 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

RUTLEDGE - Robert Keith Rutledge Sr., 51, of Roberts, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at home. He will be cremated and a celebration of his life held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home

is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

ZAMORA - Susan “Sue” (Morenz) Zamora, 72, of Hoopeston, died at 4:35 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated and a graveside service held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Danville National Cemetery, 1900 E. Main. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full-time water department employee.

Requirements:

- Valid Driver’s License
- Class B CDL with airbrake endorsement or ability to obtain one
- High School diploma or equivalent
- A positive attitude and willingness to learn
- Strong work ethic

Punctuality and attendance is important for this position. There is opportunity for advancement with the proper training and certification Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment

CITY OF HOOPESTON
Chief of Police

The City of Hoopeston is seeking candidates to fill the position of Chief of Police. Hoopeston is a community of 4,915 residents located at the junction of Illinois highways 1 and 9, approximately 100 miles south of Chicago. For more information about Hoopeston, visit our website at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

The City currently has 8 full time officers and is in the process of hiring 1 to 2 more full time officers.

Qualified candidates will have:

- 10 plus years of experience in municipal law enforcement
- Ability to lead coach, and train staff in a focused and effective manner
- Community oriented and able to maintain positive relationships with residents, schools, and the business community
- A degree in criminal justice or related field is desired
- Equivalent training or experience will be considered
- Excellent interpersonal/communication skills are essential

The City of Hoopeston is an EOE, offering a comprehensive wage and benefit package with a starting salary range of \$65,000 to \$70,000.

Candidates may submit a confidential reply to the City of Hoopeston; Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 or online to hoopestoncityjobs@cityofhoopeston.com

Submissions should include resume and cover letter.

First review of candidates will occur by Friday, June 17th, 2022

The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park is in need of a Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. The position available may be part-time or full-time. If you are interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or pick up an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend day. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Stop by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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