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Horse killed outside Hoopeston city limits, VCSD investigating

A five-year-old horse was shot just outside Hoopeston city limits and his owner is looking for answers.

Apache was owned by AJ Garrison. The horse, along with a few others, was kept on property near Skater's Paradise, just outside Hoopeston city limits.

Apache was shot three times sometime late Monday or very early Tuesday morning, Garrison said, who got a call Tuesday morning that one of his horses was loose. That horse was found and taken back to Garrison's property when Apache was found.

"It's just wrong," Garrison said, adding the horse hadn't done anything to anyone to deserve to die. "He was a good boy. He was the biggest baby I have."

Of the eight horses Garrison has, Apache was the

friendliest, and would come to the fence to greet people and get treats, his owner said. "Apache was having his high life," he added.

Garrison said no one heard the shots that killed his horse. Kids race around the area at all hours, he said, and the area - near the former police department shooting range - echoes a lot. "You can't hear nothing," he said.

When he learned his pet was dead, Garrison said he looked on the internet to see if there were challenges - such as those posted on TikTok - that involved killing animals, but found nothing to help him understand why his horse was shot.

"I have no clues, I really don't," Garrison said. Some

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From the Blotter

Andrew S. Prattis, 32, of Hoopeston, was identified by police at Casey's General Store at 3:17 a.m. Wednesday, as having a pending domestic battery charge. He was arrested on preliminary charges of domestic battery and intimidation and was taken to the police station to be processed. He was then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Area merchants share the love with Valentine's basket drawing

Don't forget to visit your local participating businesses and support them for an entry into our Valentine's Day basket giveaway.

We have so many participating businesses in town, including The Raining Moon, Midnight Monsters Fashions, Mercedes Warner, Nieves Varela, Rossville Family Restaurant, Lithgow Automotive, Hoopeston Express Lube, The Pump, Treasured Roots Flowers Gifts, & Garden, Pizza King, Scentsy with Bre Wallace, Golden Apothecary by Betty Golden, Pink Poodle Unique Boutique, and Hometown Home-spun.

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Matthew R. Williams, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:09 p.m. Wednesday at Olympic Hardware, 516 N. Dixie Hwy. The computer check showed he had a revoked license and no insurance, for which he was charged.

Police said Williams consented to a vehicle search, which resulted in additional charges of unlawful use of a weapon (possession of firearm by felon), possession of ammunition by felon, and possession of firearm with revoked FOID card.

Williams was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Stickerpalooza**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Kids and adults are invited to collect stickers and more!

Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

Horse continued from other side

people were upset that there were horses in the area. The fences have been cut. A trail cam was put in but was stolen.

This is not the first animal Garrison owned that was shot. Some time ago, a longhorn bull was shot 13 times, including one between his eyes, that caused the bull to be blind. He had to be put down.

Vermilion County Sheriff's Department is investigating the crime. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call (217) 442-4080.

Garrison's grandparents, Barb and Ron Knuth, have offered a reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Started at \$200, businesses and others have chipped in. The reward was at \$1,600 Thursday morning.

Weather

Decreasing clouds today. High 36. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 20. Tomorrow, sunny. High 39, low 23. Sunday, sunny. High 47, low 30.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

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The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2023 swim season for the McFerren Park Public Swimming Pool. Applications and job descriptions are available online at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/ and at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Please contact Kristi Hudson, 217-663-9617 or City Hall, 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, February 17, 2023.

The Vermilion Housing Authority in Hoopeston is hiring a Maintenance Mechanic, starting pay \$20/hr. Applications available online at www.vermilionhousing.com.

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