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Rose legislation to reduce court trauma for young victims

A new law will ensure that young victims of violent crimes won't be re-traumatized when they seek justice through the criminal justice system. The law, sponsored by State Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet), allows victims under the age of 13 to testify remotely in most cases.

"Children should never be a victim of a crime, but, unfortunately, when it does occur, they shouldn't be retraumatized again by being forced to testify while their attacker stares them down in a courtroom," said Rose.

House Bill 2607 creates a legal mechanism to allow victims under the age of 13 to testify outside the

courtroom, with the testimony shown in the courtroom via a closed-circuit television system.

The legislation was inspired by constituents of Senator Rose who were forced to take legal action to prevent their child from being required to testify against their abuser in court, rather than via closed circuit TV.

"The legal process they were forced to go through served to make a terrible situation even worse," Rose concluded. "I hope this new law will spare families from having to go through that experience in the future."

The legislation was recently signed into law by the Governor.

Hoopeston and surrounding area became part of Rose's district after districts were realigned in 2021 based on population in the 2020 census.



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Briefly

HMA activities

Hoopeston Multi Agency is now taking registrations for Hoopeston Area school supply assistance. Please call our office at 217-283-5544 and have the following information ready: Parents name and address, students name, grade, age and shoe size and whether it is an adult, kids or toddler shoe size. We will also ask you for the household size as well as the monthly income. We reserve the right to ask for verification on any of the information.

Our office hours are M-F 9-4. For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

New member picnic

Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference will host a new member picnic on July 25th at 6 p.m.. All women 18 and older who want to help others in Vermilion County are welcome. For more details, email hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com or find them on Facebook.

School supply drive

First Church of God and Heritage Healthcare are doing a back-to-school drive, collecting money and backpacks for area schools. Supplies needed include pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, markers, crayons, scissors, etc.

Items may be dropped off at First Church of God anytime. Checks may be mailed to First Church of God (memo school supply drive) 1004 E. Orange St. Hoopeston IL 60942. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Brandon, 1-217-497-5240.

Music service

Chestnut Street Church has started up its evening music service again. It will be held at 6 p.m. the third Sunday of each month. Everyone is invited. This month, special music will be provided by Jeff Good and his band.

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot.

Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring some-one to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or

From the Blotter

Police were called at 12:46 p.m. Tuesday to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., regarding someone stealing merchandise from the store. Police arrived to find the suspect, James K. McClure, 25, of Hoopeston, approaching his vehicle.

McClure was processed at the police station, where he was charged with theft. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:19 p.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of West Main.

Police said Glenda Reed, 64, of Hoopeston, was east-bound and stopped for a train when her 2019 Buick Enclave was struck from behind by a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan, driven by Deanna Smithers, 39, of Hoopeston.

Jacquelyn D. Rife, 42, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:48 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of West Orange. Wanted on warrants from Ford and Vermilion counties, she was taken to the police station where she was processed and given a new Vermilion County Court date. She was later transported to Ford County in lieu of bond.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 84. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 63. Tomorrow, mostly sunny then chance of storms: showers late. High 86, low 57.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to justthefacts.net/weather/.

anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

Armstrong bridge to close for repairs

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that repairs to the Illinois 49 bridge over the Union Pacific railroad north of U.S. 136, near Armstrong in Vermilion County, begin Aug. 7.

The project involves repairs to pier and deck concrete and will require lane closures for the duration of the project, which is expected to be complete by early December.

Obituaries

PATTERSON - Terry Lee Patterson, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 9:05 a.m. Monday, July 10 2023, at home. Graveside service will be at 9 a.m. (Central)/10 a.m. (Eastern) time Saturday at Boswell Cemetery, Boswell, Ind. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference, (checks payable to WMD) 725 W. Washington, Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

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