

## Constitution Week Fact

The oldest person to sign the Constitution was Benjamin Franklin (81). The youngest was Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey (26). Because of his poor health, Franklin needed help to sign the Constitution. As he did so, tears streamed down his face.

Get ready for the 32nd annual  
**Harvest of Talents**  
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## Lacy: SAFE-T-Act's 'no cash bail' provision now in effect

Tuesday marked the implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act across the State of Illinois, better known to some as the no cash bail portion of the SAFE-T ACT. What this means is that any individual charged with a criminal offense will be presumed to be eligible to be released. There will be no cash bail amount set by the court.

The SAFE-T ACT was scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2023. With pushback by prosecutors across the state of Illinois like the Vermilion County State's Attorney, the legislation has been modified.

In most all cases, the State's Attorney's Office will request offenders be detained when legally possible. However, there are many offenses such as felony aggravated driving under the influence, aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude the police, and possession of methamphetamine, that detention is not permissible.

"As the Chief Legal Officer of Vermilion County, public safety is my main concern," said Jaqueline

## FEMA oks help for Vermilion, others from summer storms

CHICAGO – On Sept. 15, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) approved Illinois' request for 19 counties to receive public assistance following the severe storms and flooding event June 29 – July 2, 2023.

With this addition, federal funding is now available to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work, debris removal and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the disaster in Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Hancock, Macon, McDonough, Monroe, Morgan, Moultrie, Pike, Sangamon, Scott, Vermilion, Warren and Washington counties.

FEMA's Public Assistance program includes recovery assistance for governments and certain private nonprofits after a disaster and does not include individuals and

Lacy, Vermilion County State's Attorney. "I have been an advocate for victims of crime and will continue my fight to bring criminals to justice. I feel it is my continuing duty and responsibility to inform those whom I have sworn to protect of what this legislation means for public safety."

Unless there is an exception to the rule, the court will be required to release the offender from jail with pretrial conditions. If eligible, after an arrest, an offender is ordered to be detained in the custody of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, there will be no bail amount ordered. If offenders cannot be held in custody, they will be given a notice to appear in court and a list of pretrial conditions.

Lacy is committed to working with Vermilion County law enforcement partners, following the law and doing what is right for Vermilion County. More information will be shared on the Vermilion County State's Attorney's Office Facebook page over the next several weeks.

households. FEMA's Individual Assistance program - or federal grant funding to assist individuals and households with their recovery after the June 29-July 2, 2023, disaster - is currently available only in Cook County.

The next step in the public assistance process is a series of applicant briefings to identify and report damage to FEMA, so project worksheets can be prepared for eligible work. FEMA provides 75 percent of the project cost to the state with other non-federal sources covering the remainder. For more information about FEMA's Public Assistance program, visit Assistance for [Governments and Private Non-Profits After a Disaster | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/governments-and-private-non-profits-after-a-disaster). Additionally, all areas of the state are now eligible for hazard mitigation assistance.

For even more information about the disaster recovery operation in Illinois, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4728](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4728).

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## Briefly

### At the library

**Hoopeston Public Library** still has a few carts with free books left from the recent book sale. The carts are located near the upstairs main desk. There is a good assortment of fiction and non-fiction of all types, including some newer material. Stop in and take a look!

**There are still** limited seats available for the September 25 free adult craft, Jute Wrapped Wine Bottle Décor. The session will be at 1:30 p.m. and is limited to 10 people. Call (217) 283-6711 to reserve a seat!

### Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be September 21. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

### Angel's Closet benefit

A benefit for Angel's Closet will be held from 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday. Drive-through pork burger or pork chop sandwiches, grilled on-site by Ford-Iroquois Pork Producer members will be available in the Milford United Methodist Church parking lot, 118 N. Axtel St.



**Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!**  
**This is your LAST CHANCE!!**

Just the Facts'  
**Summer Snaps**  
Photo Contest  
ends **TODAY!**

Open to amateur photographers only. Limit 1 photo/week/person. Decision of the judges is final. Submission transfers photo rights to Just the Facts. Entries must be less than 2 MB in size. Email photos to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) and include "photo contest" in subject line, names of subjects in photo (if applicable), location and photographer's real (not screen/alias) name.

**Don't Delay!!!**

## Letters to the Editor

### Auxiliary thankful for raffle donations

VFW Auxiliary Post 4826 wants to shout out to our generous area sponsors for helping to make our September 3<sup>rd</sup> --- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Raffle for Veterans a smashing success! Congratulations to the 100 winners in the Raffle!!

Our cash sponsors were: Russell Leigh & Associates; Amvets Auxiliary Post 102; VFW Post 4826; The Pump; First Farmers Bank & Trust; and Lithgow Motor Sports.

Our merchandise donors were:  
From Hoopeston: Olympic Hardware; Hoopeston Ford; Quick Lube; Anthem Chevrolet; 112 Wine & Coffee; Monical's Pizza; Pizza King; Tractor Supply; La Casa

### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:13 a.m. Monday to CVS Pharmacy, 805 S. Dixie Hwy., due to some warm wiring at the drive-through. Firefighters used the thermal camera to investigate the cause.

### Obituaries

**RETHELFORD** - Bobby G. Rethelford, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston American Legion Post #384- Honor Guard, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston, IL 60942 or Hubbard Trail Country Club-Men's Association, 13937 E. 3680 North Road, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

### Court Dispositions

August 9

**Larry E. Sutton**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance in two cases, default entered in both; cases sent to state for further enforcement.

**Love Minhas**, Danville, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance default entered; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Kevin L. Lambert**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restriction for burning trash, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing September 13.

**Jose L. Torres, Jr.**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for restraint of dogs by owner; new status hearing September 13.

Del Sol Mexican Restaurant; Sheridan's Appliances; Hoopeston IGA/Kirby Foods; NAPA; CW Construction; Kallie Riddle; Laurie Wooten; Liz Coon; Jill Penicook; and Yolanda's Frosted Creations.

From our area towns: Rossville Family Restaurant; Rankin Rangers Pub; Bert's Place in Milford and Route One Sales in Milford.

From Danville: Heartland Properties; Rich's Deluxe Restaurant; Tee's Nails & Spa; Gross Burgers; and Back Door Pizza.

All of our profits from this fund raiser will be used to help our area veterans and local charitable organizations. Please patronize these great local businesses for their generosity to a great cause!

With happy and thankful hearts, we are the members of  
VFW Auxiliary  
Buddy Egnew Post 4826  
Hoopeston

### From the Blotter

**A phone** was found in a yard at Second Ave. and West Elm. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Stewart Johnson**, 35, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop while officers were investigating a civil disturbance. He was cited for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released on two notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

The incident occurred at 6:14 p.m. Monday at N 1550 E/E 4000 N Rd.

**Joseph Cannon**, 51, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:30 p.m. Monday in connection with an incident at 8:43 p.m. Sunday.

Officers responded to a domestic violence report in the 600 block of West Elm, made by a 43-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Cannon was located and taken to the police station where he was processed for aggravated domestic battery. He was then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 82, low 59.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

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City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main or [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com). For questions call (217) 283-5833.

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

### NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 301 W Main St., to discuss water and sewer rate adjustments and commercial dumping rates. The rate adjustments and changes will be voted on at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 beginning at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Gail Lane, City Clerk