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Man receives minor injuries in one-vehicle crash west of city

A Hoopeston man was injured after he lost control of his vehicle in snow and slush shortly after noon Thursday.
According to Illinois State Police, Brian M. Armstrong, 18, of Hoopeston, received minor injuries in

the accident, on Rt. 9, west of 1300 East Rd. Armstrong, in a 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, left the roadway on the southbound side, lost control in the snow and slush, struck an embankment, and over-

See CRASH on other side



One down
The former Hoopeston Food Locker is the first of several buildings in downtown Hoopeston to be razed. The locker was demolished last week. Work is expected to begin again this week, as several buildings on Main St. and a couple on Market are reduced to rubble.


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Sunday, January 7, 2024
4:00 p.m., doors open at 3:30 p.m.

Include the judging and crowning of Miss Hoopeston 2024.

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Obituaries

DOWNING - Judith A. (Ludvigsen, Vigor) Downing, 71, of Potomac, died at 4:25 a.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2023, in Hoopeston. Visitation was 11 a.m. until the noon celebration of her life Saturday, December 30, at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial was in Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Potomac Church of Christ or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

JONES - Mollie Frances (Petty) Jones, 94, of Hoopeston, died at 8:46 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Foundation (ASGE Foundation), P.O. Box 809055, Chicago, IL 60680-9055. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

RIECHES - Leona V. (Rascher) Rieches, 101, of Cissna Park, died Sunday, December 31, at her daughter's home in Champaign. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Burial will follow in St. John Lutheran Cem-

etery, Ash Grove. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park or St. John Lutheran Church, Ash Grove. Arrangements are by Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

RIFE - Larry Wayne Rife, 81, of Rossville, died at 4:10 p.m. Monday, December 25, 2023, at VA Iliana Healthcare System, Danville. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Danville National Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post #210. Masonic services will be held during this time. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Masonic Children's Hospital in Minnesota. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

SPEIRS - Gwenneth R. (Munro) Speirs, 97, of Cissna Park, formerly of Paxton, died at 9:06 a.m. Monday, January 1, 2024, at Gibson Area Hospital, Gibson City. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Baier Family Funeral Services, 406 E. Pells St., Paxton. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Eastern Time Thursday at Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind. Memorials are suggested to the animal rescue of the donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at www.baierfuneralservices.com.

Crash continued from other side

turned, according to the ISP report.

Hoopeston Fire Department and Arrow Ambulance, along with Hoopeston Police - at the request of Vermilion County - also responded. Armstrong was checked by EMS at the scene.

In other police news:

John C. Seiters, 63, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called to a domestic dispute at 2:26 a.m. Thursday in the 600 block of East Thompson.

Seiters was taken into custody and transported to the police station, where he was cited on preliminary charges of domestic battery, resisting arrest, and aggravated assault on a police officer.

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

Brandon R. Irvin, 28, of Hoopeston, was charged on December 30 with no proof of insurance in connection with an accident that occurred December 15.

Police said Irvin reported he had insurance. It was later determined he did not. He was issued a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Levi G. McDaniel, 26, of Hoopeston, was cited for disobeying a stop sign after police said he failed to stop property at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9 at 2:11 a.m. Saturday. He was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Tonya K. Edwards, 47, and Kevin L. Lambert, 37, both of Hoopeston, were arrested after police were called at 3:05 a.m. Saturday for a burglary report in the 100 block of East Main.

Each was cited with trespassing and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Christopher C. Staats, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:35 a.m. Saturday at South Third Ave. and West Chestnut.

He was charged with no valid driver's license and operation of vehicle when registration revoked and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Katie Davis, 33, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for no valid driver's license after an accident at 2:38 p.m. Friday at West Orange and First Ave.

Police said Davis, in a 2000 Chevrolet S10, was traveling south through the intersection when she struck an eastbound 2006 Honda Ridgeline, driven by Kayla Nichols, 22, of Rossville.

No injuries were reported.

Bernard Leppard, 66, of Buckley, was cited after police were called at 2:51 p.m. Friday to the 900

block of East McNeil after a 55-year-old Hoopeston man reported Leppard was yelling profanities towards him in front of his home on several occasions.

Leppard was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct designated and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Chloe Deck, 19, of Hoopeston, was cited for unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct designated after police were called at 11:39 a.m. Saturday to the 700 block of South Third St. Deck was allegedly seen spitting on the car of a 30-year-old Hoopeston woman. She was given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Farewell Scholarship Dinner
for
Katie Coffey Miss Hoopeston 2023
will be held
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Briefly

Resident reminder

Hoopeston trash pickup is running one day late due to the New Year's holiday.

Special GriefShare

A special session of GriefShare, covering the unique pain of losing a spouse, will be held January 7 from 2-4 p.m. at Milford Christian Church. A full GriefShare series starts on Wednesday, January 10. Both will be at 811 E. Hickory, Milford. All sessions are free and open to the public, but for the full series, pre-registration at 815-889-4474 is requested so adequate materials can be provided. However, no one will be turned away. Leave message if no one is available to take your call.

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 someone to help.

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

Lights out

Volunteers plan to take down the Christmas lights at McFerren Park on Saturday. Anyone interested can meet at the park office at 8 a.m. For questions call Russ at (217) 283-9336.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:25 p.m. Friday to the 700 block of Wilson for the smell of gas inside a home. No injuries were reported.

Firefighters were called at 7:33 a.m. Saturday for a lift assist with Arrow Ambulance in the 400 block of South Third St.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 35, low 24. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 35, low 22.

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