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From the Blotter

Hoopeston Fire and Police departments were called at 6:43 a.m. Monday for lift assistance in the 800 block of East Honeywell.

The scene was cleared without incident

Jordan Davis-Ervin, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested in connection with an incident of criminal damage to property under \$500, reported at 2:33 p.m. January 23.

After an investigation, Davis-Ervin was arrested at 8:46 p.m. Monday at West Penn and South Second Ave. He was charged with criminal damage under and was processed at the police station before being released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Police said the damage was done in the 400 block of East Penn.

Rose seeks handmade Valentines for area nursing homes

SPRINGFIELD - State Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) needs your help in writing heartfelt Valentine's Day cards so he and his staff can deliver them to seniors across the 51^{st} District on Valentine's Day.

"Our goal is to bring joy to seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, while reminding them how valued they are," said Rose.

On February 13, 2023, Rose, accompanied by Vermilion County Board Chairman Larry Baughn, delivered Valentine cards to the residents of Heritage Health in Hoopeston.

To help with this goal, Rose is asking students, scout groups, churches, and other groups to consider creating homemade cards that will be delivered to nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and other long-term care facili-

Paxton Area 217-841-4728 C/U Area 217 566-5005 DOGTOWN Heating, Air & Plumbing "Your Home's Best Friend" Dogtownheatingandair.com ties throughout the 51st Senate District.

Constituents may can drop off or mail cards to the Mattoon Office at 88 Broadway Ave., Suite #1, Mattoon, IL 61938. There will be a drop box outside the office door.

Cards can also be mailed to Rose's Capitol office, 401 S. Spring St., Section A, Office B, Springfield, Il. 61938. For questions, contact abrown@sgop.ilga.gov.

Weather

Sunny today. High 43. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 25. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, then chance of rain, rain late. High 46, low 37.

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









The Good Ole Days

Tell me about the good ole days, when you danced by the swings and laughed with joy, just to be enjoying the day. Tell me about school. Did you have more than four classes? Oh, all the classes were in the same room! So, all day, no matter how many classes, we staved in the same room for everything. We just moved our desks around.

School meant doing our work, no goofing off or talking in class! You raised your hand if you had a question and it had better be a good one! You finished your work and turned it in to the teacher before you could leave the room! A good ole day you never forgot! You rode in a bus to get home and you learned real fast that you had better stay in your seat or you may not be allowed to ride tomorrow!

In the good ole days, you learned right from wrong, and believe me, wrong was not a place you wanted to be! Did you have to ride the bus? Yes, there were a few who had parents that picked them up, but having your own car was not common in the good ole days.

As teens, most of us had chores to do when we got home. We worked in the garden, fed BERTHA PARSONS the animals, helped prepare meals, washed clothes by hand and took care of our rooms. In our spare time we pulled weeds for 50 cents an hour, we thought we were living high! In

the good ole days everyone, young or old worked some kind of a job. It simply meant that you had gas money or new shoes and paper to use for your homework! Yes, it was the good ole days for sure!

We didn't complain, get mad or quit! If you wanted to go to the dance Saturday you needed \$\$ for gas, \$\$ for the ticket and \$ for a soda after the dance. All this would cost you \$10! Try that today.

In the good ole days folks learned to get along with the little they had! They made it work! I'm wondering, if you and me could get by with a little?

Should we go back to the good ole days? That may be just what our world needs! I think I may try it for a few days and see what Good Ole Days are all about....



LANDERS - Amanda Lea Garman Landers, 50, of Hoopeston, passed away at 2:52 A.M. Saturday, January 25, 2025, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

She was born on May 10, 1974, in Danville, the daughter of Robert L. Garman and Lealoni (Tony) Gress. She married Chuckie Landers, and they spent 30 years together. He survives in Hoopeston. She is also survived by

her mother and step-father, AMANDA LANDERS Lealoni and Tony Gress of Hoopeston; one daughter,

Courtney Parrish of Westville; three sons, Zachary Garman (Misty Watson), Blaine Landers and Chas Landers all of Hoopeston; two sisters, Andi Garman (Jason Berning) of Naples, FL and Ashlee (Scott) Polen of Wilmington, NC; grandmother, Fran Harris of Hoopeston; and nieces, Anna Lucas, Baylea Hasbargen (Kyle Peters), Leyton Peters, and Mary Ella Polen.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Garman; father-in-law, Chuck Landers; mother-in-law, Marsha Prather Landers; grandfather, Charles "Bud" Miller; and grandparents, Bob and Maxine Garman.

Amanda worked in Quality Control at Teasdale Foods for 10 years. She was a member of the GearHeads Motorcycle Club.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 - 4 P.M. Saturday February 8, 2025, at



Obituaries

The Legion, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Amanda's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

LOCHER - Aldine M. (Knapp) Locher, 94, of Cissna Park, died January 26, 2025, at LaBella Nursing Home in Clifton. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Grace Bible Church, Cissna Park. The funeral will follow at the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Christian Bible Church Mission Board, 1202 E. 200 North Rd., Cissna Park IL 60924.

Sports

Bowler heading to state

After an impressive performance at Saturday's IH-SA Alton Sectional, Gavyn Miller, of Hoopeston, is heading to the state finals Friday and Saturday in O'Fallon.

Miller rolled 229-228-267, followed by 214, 253-266. Coach Doug Wagoner said this was the high of all state sectionals.

Girls to Pack the Place Thursday

The Hoopeston Area Girls Basketball Team took second place in the Vermilion Principal County Tournament and has a record of 13-8. The team is inviting everyone to come out on Thursday, January 30th for Pack the Place.

T-shirts will be handed out by the Hoopeston Area All Sports Booster Club to the first 200 fans.

The Lady Cornjerkers were defeated, 39-25, by Salt Fork, which has taken the top spot each of the last four years.

