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From the Blotter

Jessica Miller, 36, of Danville, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 2:50 a.m. February 10 at Rt. 1 and West Penn. Cited for operating an uninsured vehicle she was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:16 p.m. Tuesday at East Washington and Euclid.

Police said Daniel Downard, 58, of Kennewick, WA, in a 2022 Toyota, was stopped at the intersection, when Edith Sims, 95, of Hoopeston, turned onto Euclid. Her 2025 Chevrolet struck Downard's vehicle.

David Brigs, 46, of Danville, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 12:17 a.m. Tuesday in the 900 block of West Orange. Cited for operating motor vehicle with expired registration, he was released from the scene on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

A December theft from Tractor Supply, 1020 W. Chestnut, resulted in the arrest of a Hoopeston man last week.

Patrick Henning, 51, was arrested at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of Tenth Ave. Charged with theft over \$500, he was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Santos Vasquez, 83, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:42 p.m. Wednesday in the 800 block of West Penn. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Siera Fruhling, 29, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 12:06 a.m. Thursday at Rtes. 1 and 9. Charged with operating a motor vehicle with expired sticker, she was released on a notice to appear in county traffic court.

James Hagley, 46, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 10:02 p.m. Thursday at West Main and South Second Ave. Charged with disobeying a traffic control device, he was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Ashly Blakey, 37, of Rossville, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 6:08 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of West Main.

She was cited for operating when registration suspended for noninsurance and driving while license suspended and was released on notices to appear in county traffic court.

Lindsay Thorsten, 30, of Buckley, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 11:52 p.m. Friday at Rt. 1 and 4000 North. She was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:51 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of First Ave.

Police said Tracie Hartman, 60, of Hoopeston, backed **See BLOTTER on other side**

HPL seeks to stock seed library

The Hoopeston Public Library Seed Library provides free garden seeds to any interested residents. Now entering its fourth year, the seed library has been a popular way for people to get started gardening or to try something new. Last year, more than 30 people visited and the library gave away more than 100 packets of seeds.

To keep the seed library operating, HPL welcomes donations from the public. Most needed items this year are:

- Any easy-to-grow flowering annuals (especially zinnias, marigolds and sunflowers).
- Cucumbers, peas, peppers, green beans, yellow corn, carrots, zucchini and watermelon seeds.
- Herbs including basil, chives, cilantro, dill, oregano and rosemary.

If you are a seed saver, have leftover seeds from last year, or want to donate new seeds, they can be dropped off any time at the upstairs main desk at the library, 110 N. Fourth St.

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Briefly

Meetings

● Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Agenda items include discussion on proposed solar project; ordinance to make owners/tenants joint and severally liable; salary ordinance for grade school resource officer. Complete agenda at villageoffrossville.org.

The Police, Health and Safety committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday to review recent activity; discuss a camera grant and signage for bus loading zone/no parking for Circle Academy.

The Finance and Purchasing committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. Monday to review previous minutes, current bills and treasurer's January 2025 report.

● Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m., Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include parking complaints in the 300 block of East McCracken and purchase of a new truck for \$106,375.54 and \$58,108.66 for a dump bed for the truck, both for the street/alley department. Meeting packet is at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

● Hoopeston Area School Board, special meeting, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, middle school cafeteria, to determine if a person should be barred from school premises for not longer than one year in accordance with the school code.

Last week's meeting for the issue was canceled due to the weather.

The board's regular meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the South Ross Township will not convene on February 17, 2025. The subsequent meeting will be a joint session for February and March. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7 p.m., to be held at the South Ross Township Building.

At the library

HPL will be closed Monday for Presidents' Day.

Littles @ the Library, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Coffee, Craft & Conversation 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Kids' STEAM Lab, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, for air dry clay crafts.

Youth Jam, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, in the youth room. This month, DIY Bouncy Balls.

Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

Blotter continued from other side

a 2010 Ford from a parking space and struck a 2014 Ford bus driven by Richard Bane, 73, of Hoopeston.

Jaymee Smith, 30, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 7:35 p.m. Friday at South Market and East Lincoln. She was charged with driving while license suspended and no registration light and was released on notices to appear in county traffic court. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:09 p.m. Thursday to Casey's General Store, 912 S. Dixie, for a gas spill. Firefighters cleared the scene without incident.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at East Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be February 20. 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.

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Popcorn chicken, green beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Max Sticks, marinara sauce salad, celery sticks, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: French bread pizza, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy juice, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Popcorn chicken, green beans, veggies, applesauce, milk

WEDNESDAY: Tacos, refried beans, chips & salsa, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese, soup, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Popcorn chicken or hot ham & cheese, green beans, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or BBQ rib/bun, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Grilled cheese or hamburger/bun, chili, salad bar, pineapple, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 14, low 0. Tomorrow, partly sunny, cloudy and chance of snow late. High 12, low 6.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2025 swim season at 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.. Call 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. Assistant Manager starting wage is \$17 per hour. Lifeguard starting wage is \$16 per hour. No benefits with these positions.

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The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for Animal Control Officer. The city will hire a part-time control officer to share the duties of the position. Candidates would be responsible for enforcing State, County and City codes and ordinances governing animal control including the care and treatment, impounding, quarantine, vaccinations, and regulation of a variety of animals. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a high school diploma or equivalent and must be comfortable with aggressive animals. Candidates will be sent to the required training necessary for the position. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment-application/.

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