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**Just the Facts**

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**From the Blotter**

**Amber Zarate**, 27, of Rossville, was arrested after police were called at 8:23 p.m. Friday to Hoopeston Area High School, 615 W. Orange. She was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court.

**Andrea Sanders**, 42, of Rossville, Ind., was ticketed after a traffic stop at 11:30 p.m. February 28 at East Orange and Lockhart. Charged with driving while license suspended, she was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Curtis Butler**, 42, of Danville, was charged with operating while registration suspended for non-insurance

after a traffic stop at 7:50 p.m. Saturday at West Penn and Rt. 1. He was released on a notice to appear in traffic court. His vehicle was towed from the scene.

**Camden Smithers**, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 12:31 a.m. Sunday for a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of South First Ave.

Police allege that while officers were on the scene, Smithers threatened and battered an officer, resulting in charges of aggravated battery to a law enforcement officer, threatening a public official and underage consumption.

See BLOTTER on other side



Photo provided

**The end of an era**

The Howitzer which has been outside Buddy Egnaw VFW Post 4826 is prepared to go to its new home at Taylorville Monday. Founded in 1946 and named for Robert Ross "Buddy Egnaw, who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the post was shuttered last year. The last commander, Roy Espinoza, and his wife, Emily, worked diligently to reopen the post after it was closed by the national Veterans of Foreign War, for violations of regulation of operations from previous local officials. Art on the walls of the former post are being photographed with the aim of putting the photos at the McFerren Park Civic Center. The building, at 428 W. Orange, is expected to be sold by the national VFW.

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**February 12**

**Jacob S. Cordes**, Hoopston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance in three cases. Default entered and he was fined \$180 plus 30 days to abate for two cases and court cost of \$80 for the third, with which he complied. Status hearing set for April 9.

**Richard L. Smith**, Hoopston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered, fined \$180. Status hearing set for March 12.

**Eliseo Zamora**, Hoopston, pleaded not guilty to

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## Court Dispositions

general nuisance at initial appearance. He was found guilty at trial and fined \$180; status hearing March 12.

**Michelle A. Gray**, Hoopston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance; fined \$180 plus 30

### Fire Calls

**Hoopston Fire Department** was called at 12:39 a.m. Friday for a vehicle fire in the 700 block of East Thompson. The fire was put out before units arrived on the scene.

**HFD responded** to a report of a suspicious odor at a home in the 800 block of East Chestnut. They cleared the scene with nothing to report.

**Firefighters were called** at 8:45 p.m. Sunday for a shed on fire in the 300 block of East Seminary. No injuries were reported.

### Blotter continued from other side

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

**James McClure**, 27, of Hoopston, was arrested at 8:16 a.m. Monday for a retail theft reported at 6:51 p.m. February 26 at Casey's, 912 S. Dixie Hwy.

Police said McClure went to the police station Monday to ask why officers were looking for him and was arrested for the theft. A computer check showed he was also wanted on a Champaign County warrant.

McClure was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Court for the theft and a new court date in Champaign County.

### Weather

**WIND ADVISORY** 12 p.m. Wednesday to 12 a.m. Thursday. Rain/snow, breezy today. High 47. Tonight, blustery, chance of snow. Low 25. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 42, low 32.

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days to abate. Status hearing set for March 12.

**Vincent L. Dever**, Hoopston, appeared at initial appearance for general nuisance. He complied and was fined costs only, of \$80; status hearing March 12.

**Michael P. Manion**, Hoopston, pleaded guilty at initial appearance for general nuisance; fined \$180; status hearing March 12.

**Caitlyn N. Jones**, Hoopston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dogs by owner, default entered, fined \$230; status hearing March 12.

## Classifieds

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

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