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Iroquois County deputies injured in arrest of Milford man

SAFE-T Act cited as reason for release

WATSEKA—Two Iroquois County deputies were injured last Thursday after police conducted a traffic stop in rural Sheldon. The stop was conducted after a vehicle, driven by Suzett K. Fassoth, 49, of Milford, failed to use a turn signal. Deputies approached the vehicle, making contact with Fassoth and a front seat passenger, identified as Terry L Gardner, 58, also of Milford.

According to a press release issued by the sheriff's department, deputies conducted a lawful search of the vehicle and discovered a white powdery substance, suspected to be cocaine, along with various pieces of drug paraphernalia under Gardner's seat.

Deputies approached Gardner to attempt to place him in custody at which time, Gardner began to actively resist and fight with deputies, according to the release. At one

point, Gardner attempted - but failed - to gain control of a deputies Taser. Garner was eventually successfully placed in handcuffs. Both deputies were injured in the altercation.

Gardner was transported to the Iroquois County Jail where he again physically fought with corrections staff, refused to be photographed or fingerprinted, and refused to change into a jail uniform when requested by corrections staff, according to the news release.

He is facing preliminary charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of aggravated battery to a peace officer and attempting to disarm a peace officer. He was held pending a pretrial detention hearing. Due to provisions in the SAFE-T Act, he was required to be released from custody with a pending court date, according to the press release.

"Due to the SAFE-T act, a violent criminal, who physically fought with and injured deputies, attempting to disarm one, was released back into the public. Gardner has demonstrated his disregard for the law and willingness to avoid arrest at great cost. Gardner's release and his conduct creates a dangerous environment for law enforcement and the general public," the press release said.

Fassoth was arrested without incident on preliminary charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was later released with a notice to appear.

From the Blotter

Delores Frazier, 44, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 8:13 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of West Lincoln. Police said she was in violation of an order of protection and was taken into custody on the charge. She was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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Briefly

At the library
There will be no Kids STEAM or Youth Jam Thursday, March 20. Hoopeston Public Library needs metal cookie tins for an upcoming children's activity. Plain ones are needed, (like the ones Grandma uses for her sewing supplies) not Christmas-themed tins. They can be dropped off at the children's room. HPL will host a workshop, Garden Design & Planting, at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 31. Marky Dickinson, of UI's Ford-Iroquois Master Gardeners, will present the program. Pre-registration is not required, but those who sign up in advance will be entered for a door prize, a \$10 gift card from Treasured Roots.

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 March 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.

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WMD to meet
Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Hoopeston Ma-

Sports

Softball
Hoopeston Area softball got its season off on the right foot Monday, with a 12-2 win over St. Anne. Maddie Barnes was the winning pitcher, having 10 strikeouts. Addison Kelnhofer led hits with four, followed by Kennedy Wallace and Barnes, each with two. Macy Warner, Mollie Anderson, Kinzie Bailey and Melina Vogel each had one. Wallace and Barnes each had a double and Warner had a triple, Kelnhofer led in RBIs with four, Warner had three, Wallace two and Barnes and Bailey one. Barnes also had a stolen base. The ladies are set to host Rantoul Thursday.

Baseball
The Cornjerkers fell, 3-2, to St. Anne/Donovan in baseball action Monday. The team has a full dance card this week facing St. Thomas More at home Tuesday, at Tri-Valley Thursday and on the road to Clifton Central Friday.

Obituaries

ANDERSON - Phyllis Anne (Sauder) Anderson, 85, of Casa Grande, AZ, formerly of Cissna Park, died Sunday, March 16, 2025, at her daughter's home in Arizona. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10 a.m. funeral Thursday, March 27, at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will follow in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to family wishes. Condolences may be shared at knappfuneralhomes.com.

JEROME - A Celebration of Life for Angelique Jerome, who died January 2, 2025, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the Girl Scout House in McFerrer Park, Hoopeston. Friends are invited to join her family in celebrating her life.

Weather
Becoming partly, then showers today. High 63. Tonight, breezy, showers, then rain/snow. Low 32. Tomorrow, chance of snow, clear late. High 45, low 29. For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

sonic Lodge. Mike Webb, of Okinawan School of Karate, will speak on gun safety and self defense. Meetings are open to women 18 and older. For more information, email us at hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com



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