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5-8 p.m. Friday

### American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

**Fish Dinner \$5.50 Shrimp Dinner**

**\$6.50, Chicken Dinner \$7.00**

Includes slaw, baked beans, roll & fries.

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## Hoopeston community mourns loss of long-time firefighter

Members of the Hoopeston Fire Department and the community are grieving the loss of a long-time fireman and friend.

John L. Rayls, 52, died Sunday in a one-vehicle accident just south of the Vermilion-Iroquois County line.

According to Illinois State Police at Pesotum, Mr. Rayls, in a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier, was southbound on Rt. 1 when the car veered to left and struck a tree. Police said Mr. Rayls was not wearing a seat belt.

Mr. Rayls was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 10:05 a.m.

Hoopeston firemen gathered at the fire station Sunday, lowering the flag there to half staff in memory of Mr. Rayls, who had been assistant chief and a member of the department for more than 30 years.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

## Briefly

### Prison update

Hoopeston businesses favoring a plan to build a maximum security prison here are asked to show support by displaying a "Prison Supported" sign in their windows. Volunteers are delivering signs but businesses who are not contacted may call Pat Polson at Main Street Travel, 283-6646, for a placard.

Additionally, the other side of today's Just the Facts contains the same "Prison Supported" sign for residents to display at their homes or to take to Wednesday's public hearing.

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The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

### Police News



A 43-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone took items from her home in the 500 block of East Thompson.

### Obituaries

**RUTLEDGE**—Georgia Jean Rutledge, 55, of Hoopeston, died at 7:48 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

### Weather



Mostly cloudy today and tomorrow. Highs near 30, lows near 20.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

## SUPPORT THE PRISON

Attend the public hearing  
6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17  
McFerren Park Civic Center

## Olympic Hardware

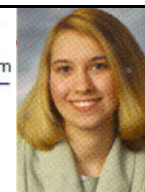
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