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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Kankakee (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Teen Reach activities for the week include: Monday, games; Tuesday, U of I Extension/Walk in My Shoes; Wednesday, James Green/card stamping; Thursday, ER tour, hospital, Friday, movie/games.

Calendar winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music

Booster calendar drawing are: May 13, Andrew Hodge; May 14, Brian Lindvahl; May 15, H B Walder Co., Cissna Park; May 16, Michell Pickett; May 17, Margaret Beauvois.

Last week's \$100 concert winners were Doug and Denise Bray.

Boater safety course

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department will host a boater safety course from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18. The course will be held in the White Oak Nature Center at Kennekuk Cove County Park near Danville.

Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Instructors will be Deputy Eric Deck and Deputy Jeremiah Christian.

For questions or to register for the class, call the sheriff's department at (217) 442-4080.



Fine Arts

Visitors examine wood projects made by Hoopeston Area students at the annual Fine Arts festival Thursday night. The festival also included music and choral selections and artistic works from high school and middle school students.

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Former Milford village clerk indicted by grand jury, faces theft, forgery charges

WATSEKA—Milford’s former village clerk was indicted by an Iroquois County grand jury Thursday on charges stemming from the theft of \$14,000 from the village.

Susan Ricketts, 39, of Milford, was indicted for theft of more than \$10,000, three counts of official misconduct, two counts of forgery and financial exploitation of an elderly person. She was arrested Thursday and released on bond.

Ricketts was fired from her position as clerk in April. The firing was approved by the village board following an investigation by the Illinois State Police

that turned up missing money in village utility funds.

In January, village auditors informed the board of a discrepancy of more than \$14,000 between receipts and deposits. Ricketts was the person primarily responsible for collecting utility bills and making deposits.

She is further charged in connection with money misappropriated from the bank account of a 65-year-old Milford man for whom she acted as power of attorney.

The indictment alleges the criminal actions occurred between May 2000 and February 2002.

The most serious of the charges are theft and financial exploitation of an elderly person, both Class 2 felonies. Penalties range from probation to three to seven years in prison. Official misconduct and forgery are Class 3 felonies punishable by probation to two to five years in prison.

Ricketts had been the village clerk for approximately 15 years.

She is scheduled to appear in court next on June 10.

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Obituaries

KUESTER - Edna S. Kuester, 83, of Woodworth, died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2002 at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will be in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Hour Ministries, St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Woodworth or Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

SCHARLACH - Nettie Scharlach, 95, of Cissna Park, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2002 at Heartland Heath Care Center, Paxton. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation will be one hour before services Monday at the church. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, was in charge of arrangements.

SLIFE - Dr. Fred W. Slife, 78, of Urbana, formerly of Milford, died at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at Meadowbrook Heath Center, Urbana. There will be no visitation or services. Renner Wikoff Chapel, Urbana, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the Fred Slife Graduate Fellowship at the University of Illinois Foundation, Harker Hall, 1305 W. Green St., Urbana, IL 61801.

Police News

A **16-year-old** Hoopeston youth reported Wednesday that someone broke a window in his vehicle while it was parked in the 700 block of East Chestnut.

Tiffany F. Lile, 18, of 719 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 4:16 a.m. Friday at Seventh St. and Washington.

Lile, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for failure to appear, was taken to Iroquois County by an Iroquois County deputy.

A **71-year-old** man reported Saturday that three of his checks had been forged. The forgeries occurred May 8,9 and 10 at Old National Bank, 210 S. Market.

New Books at the Library

Non-fiction:

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Weather

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