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Former Hoopeston resident sets self on fire, dies from injuries

A former Hoopeston resident died last weekend after he accidentally set himself on fire last month.

The Tucson *Citizen* newspaper reported Wednesday that Frank Crawford III, 28, of Tucson, died at St. Mary's Hospital burn unit in Tucson, where he was treated for second degree burns over 70 percent of his

body.

Crawford was burned when he tried to set a truck on fire after the teenage driver struck and killed his dog.

According to the *Citizen*, Crawford, angry that his dog ran into the street and was accidentally struck by a pickup truck, argued with the driver and her parents. The father called 911 and was told by a dispatcher to leave the scene.

See FIRE on other side

Briefly

Bake sale cancelled

The St. Anthony Altar and Rosary Society bake sale scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled.

Tiny Tots

Santa Claus will visit at this week's Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Children may wear red.

Tiny Tots will be held at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. It is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Bazaar set

Country Terrace will host its annual bazaar from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday. Refreshments will be served.



Photo contributed

Just visiting

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson visits with guests at the annual Rossville-Alvin Senior Citizens Christmas dinner Tuesday. Johnson also made a brief visit to Hoopeston.

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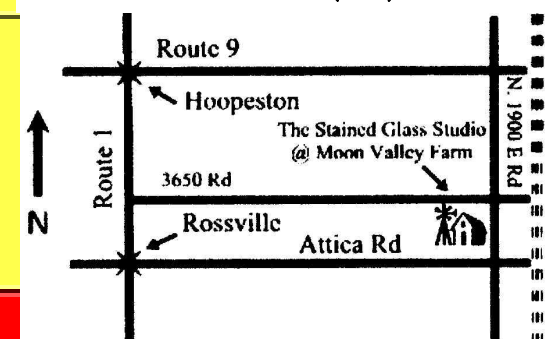
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The Last Minute Christmas Affair

Dec. 13-15 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Handmade ornaments, stained glass,
classes & supplies, children's playhouse

36408 N 1900 E Rd. (217) 748-6131



LORRAINE

Screen 1: "White Oleander" (PG-13)

Starring Michelle Pfeiffer
Flat, 110 minutes, presented in SDDS/HPS-4000
7:30 p.m. nightly, 3:30 p.m. Sat./Sun.

Starting Wednesday: "The Lord of the Rings:

The Two Towers" (PG-13)

Scope, 179 minutes

Screen 2: "Treasure Planet" (PG)

Flat, 96 minutes, Dolby SR Stereo
7 p.m. nightly, 3 p.m. Sat./Sun.

Karaoke

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Mini burritos, corn, pineapple, animal crackers.

TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, fries, cheese slice, peach slices.

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread, omelette, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, pears, cupcake.

FRIDAY: PBJ, raisins, yogurt.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Beefy cheese nachos or ham & cheese, pineapple.

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak/roll or grilled chicken/bun, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach slices.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce or steak nuggets,

Police News



Leroy Palomo, 18, #2 Parkview Court, was arrested at 12:45 a.m. Thursday at Parkview Court. He was charged with obstructing justice after police said Palomo tried to hide a person wanted on a Vermilion County warrant.

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

Obituaries

SAPOCHETTI -Raymond Joseph Sapochetti, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 11:48 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Pape Memorial Home and Cremation Gardens, Danville. Burial with military rites will be in Danville National Cemetery. Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Just in time for Christmas Tool Sale

DeWalt 7.35 circular saw w/case **\$131.95**

DeWalt Sawzall **\$98.95**

DeWalt Compound Mitre Saw **\$329.95**

Black & Decker 85th anniversary limited edition **\$109**

Drill. 14.4 v., aluminum housing

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breadstick, salad, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, breadstick, potato wedges, cheese sauce, pears, cake.

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, corn, fruit cocktail.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Chicken tenders, green beans, fruit cocktail, peanut butter bar.

TUESDAY: Grilled cheese, chili, crackers, cheese stick, pears, shape-up.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken BBQ, baked beans, peaches, oatmeal chocolate chip cake.

THURSDAY: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, pineapple, roll, butter.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries, apple slices, graham crackers.

All meals include milk

Fire continued from other side

About two blocks away, Crawford jumped into the truck bed, found a container of paint thinner and doused the truck. When he tried to ignite the truck, he set himself on fire, the paper said.

The father tried to extinguish the flames before emergency personnel arrived, the *Citizen* reported.

The paper quoted police saying Crawford would have faced assault charges, had he survived.

Weather



Chance of rain or snow today and tonight. High 40, low 32. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 42, low 30. High. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 45, low 32.

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



Christmas Auction

Sunday, Dec. 15 1 p.m.

Huckleby's Auction

208 N. Market, Hoopeston

All New Christmas merchandise:

dolls, toys, decorations, tools, EVERYTHING!

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Having out of town visitors? We have two brand new 1 bedroom furnished apartments available by the night or by the week. TV, phone, utilities included. (217) 283-7996.

AUCTIONS

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Auction Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m., Rossville American Legion. Antiques, collectibles, 50+ pieces of furniture. Go to www.jonwitvoetauctioneer.com or call (217) 748-6289!

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Part time Accounts Payable position. Fax or mail resume to Ravens Trucking, 318 N 1900 E Rd., Milford, IL 60953, fax (815) 984-4071.

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Euphonium (Baritone). Yamaha YEP-201. Standard. 3 years old, excellent condition. \$600. Call (217) 283-9670.

RUMMAGE SALES

Moving Sale: 518 W. Orange St., Hoopeston (inside shop) Friday, Dec. 13, Saturday, Dec. 14, 8-noon.

SERVICES

Pampered Pet Grooming. Lots of TLC. Call anytime for appointment. (217) 339-2340.

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