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Hoopeston man faces charge he took money from employer

WATSEKA—A Hoopeston man will appear before an Iroquois County grand jury next month on a charge that he took money from a former employer.

Douglas M. Bray, 43, turned himself in to Iroquois County authorities on March 15. Bray was wanted

on a warrant charging him with theft of between \$10,000-\$100,000.

Bray, former general manager of Ravens Trucking, is accused of taking the money from the rural Milford company, said Lt. Randy Eimen of the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department.

Eimen said Bray allegedly took \$125,000 in unauthorized money from a bonus fund after he was reportedly told not to take money from the fund, and used the company credit card for personal use.

Bray was employed at Ravens from 1993 to October 2003, Eimen said.

Bray was released on \$1,000 cash bond. He is expected to appear in court April 15.

Insurance agency honored

The Mike Pemberton State Farm Agency in Hoopeston has earned the Bronze Tablet Award for the second consecutive year in recognition of its continued excellence in the underwriting of auto, fire and life insurance.

Agents earn the qualification in the Bronze Tablet Society by qualifying for the Legion of Honor Society in at least five of the last six years. The Pemberton Agency has qualified for the society for seven consecutive years.

Pemberton, CLU, began his career with State Farm in 1987 in the Dallas, Tex., regional office. He was then at corporate headquarters in Bloomington from 1994 until he was appointed Hoopeston area agent in 1997.

In 1997, he earned his Chartered Life Underwriting designation and in 1997 was named one of the Top 100 New State Farm agents. He is a seven-time Life Honor Agent and three-time Life Quality Agent.

Pemberton was named Hoopeston Citizen of the Year in 1998 and has served on the Hoopeston Area School Board and Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce board.

He and his wife, Yolanda, reside in Hoopes-



PEMBERTON

Briefly

Support group to meet

Beginning Again, a support group for those dealing with loss, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. The final meeting of this session will be Thursday, April 1.

For more information, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Summer ball signups

Hoopeston Girls Softball Association will hold signup from noon-3 p.m. Saturday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Serviceman's address

Christopher Kelnhofer is at Camp Casey, Korea, with the U.S. Army. He would enjoy hearing from people from home. His address is:

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Broken Music: a Memoir by Sting

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Parents' information night set for Hoopeston Youth Baseball

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will hold a parents informational meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. The event will be a chance to meet the new HAYB board, learn about volunteer opportunities, discuss the new Instructional League for 7-and-8-year-olds, and bring any questions regarding T-Ball, Instructional League, or Little League.

Registrations for all three levels will be accepted from 7-8 p.m. with no late fee. Cost is \$25 for T-Ball and \$45 for Instructional and Little League.

Contact Russ Leigh (283-5995), Kevin Jett

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 60, low 48. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms late. High 61, low 47.

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

I pledge

Staff and students at Maple School start their day recently with the Pledge of Allegiance. Students in Early Childhood, kindergarten, first and second grade recited the pledge before the start of class.

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