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Hoopeston firemen Jon Rayls, left, and Tim Lane test the rear dump feature of the department's new tanker truck Friday.

### **Hoopeston Fire Department adds first ever tanker truck**

The Hoopeston Fire Department got a new piece of equipment Friday that will be especially helpful in fighting fires in the rural area.

The city purchased a tanker and a rescue pumper from the Bourbonnais Fire Department for \$150,000. Fire chief Greg Shipman picked up the tanker Friday and members of the department put it through its paces.

The truck is a 1995 4 Guys model that is

able to discharge water from both sides and the back. It is also able to draft water into the tank from ponds or other sources and discharges water at 500 gallons per minute.

The main benefit of the truck is that it holds 3,500 gallons of water, more than doubling the department's current capacity of 2,700 gallons, said fireman Ross Johnson, "That was a problem," he said.

### Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day



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by and wish him well in his retirement.

#### Van trip

The Hoopeston Multi Agency is planning a van trip to Country Theatre Workshop in Cissna

### Hoopeston Multi Agency seeks riders for senior/disabled van trips

Residents who have no means of transportation except when family members can take them are being asked to consider using the Hoopeston Multi Agency van.

The senior/disabled van runs five days each week, 12 months of the year. The weekly schedule of regular van activity is:

Monday: Rossville/Hoopeston shuttle

Tuesday: special out-of-town trips to Bloomington, Kankakee, Champaign and Terre Haute and Lafayette, Ind., etc.

Wednesday: Danville shuttle

Thursday: Hoopeston shuttle Friday: Danville shuttle

The van is on the road Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Priority is given for doctor appointments, grocery shopping and pharmaceutical needs. However transportation is also provided to hair appointments, shopping malls, businesses and social agencies.

The Area Agency on Aging requires the Multi Agency to increase ridership. Anyone who would benefit from the service is asked to call the Multi Agency at 283-5544.



#### **Police News**



#### Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Monday's issue that two radio controlled cars were taken from the 800 block of East Seminary. The cars were taken

#### See TRUCK on other side

#### **Truck** continued from other side

"This is going to make all the difference in the world."

The tanker will be especially helpful fighting fires in rural Grant Township, he said.

The township and Hoopeston have a service agreement in which the township pays \$13,000 annually for fire protection, said Grant Township Supervisor Bill Boose.

Some of that money was put into an accrual fund for equipment from which the trucks were purchased.

While Boose sees the benefit for rural fires. he said the tanker will be helpful in fires in Hoopeston, as well. "The Rossville fire was a good example of how important a tanker is," he said.

The department's other new truck, the res-

from the 800 block of East Honeywell.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

A 34-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone took her daughter's 20 inch Huffy bicycle from her yard in the 600 block of East McCracken.

The bicycle was later found.

A small film camera was found Sunday at McFerren Park near the new play equipment. The owners may identify and claim it at the police sta-

#### Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1:27 p.m. Sunday to 701 N. Seventh St. for a car on fire. Police also responded.

#### Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 73. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 79, low 57.

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Park to see "You Can't Take It With You" at 2 p.m. July 11. Reservations may be made by calling (217) 283-5544 by June 30.

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