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Former Hoopeston woman dies in Conair plant accident

RANTOUL—A former Hoopeston was killed after a forklift accident at the Rantoul Conair plant.

Andrea Guajardo, 38, of Rantoul, formerly of Hoopeston, was pronounced dead at 10:13 a.m. Monday at Carle Foundation Hospital emergency department, Urbana, according to a press release from Champaign County Coroner Duane Northrup.

Miss Guajardo had worked at the plant for 11 years. According to reports, there were no witnesses to the accident, in which Miss Guajardo was said to have been pinned between the forklift and large racks for skids and

Preliminary autopsy results indicate Miss Guaiardo See ACCIDENT on other side

Grant Township board approves seeking bids for building

More people are seeking Miracle Tree

At Tuesday's Grant Township board

meeting, Supervisor Bill Boose said 214

children have been signed up for the

A total of 222 children have been

signed up for the Jaycees Toys for Kids

program, which covers the Hoopeston

Miracle Tree names are still available

on trees at First Allied Securities and

Gifts must be turned in by Friday.

program, up from 183 last year.

Area school district.

help for their youngsters at Christmas.

Grant Township officials will soon look for bids on a new township garage.

At Tuesday afternoon's regular meeting, Grant Town-

ship trustees unanimously approved seeking bids for 60'x120' Miracle Tree requests up building with a 24'x24' office space to replace the current township garage on Orange St.

Bid specifications are expected to be ready by the end of the year said Gary Weinard, Grant Township Road Commissioner.

If a bid is accepted, payment for the building is expected to come predominantly from existing township funds, by declaring some funds as surplus. The money will then be transferred to a special line Global Fashions. item for new construction. Township officials may borrow other money from township funds and

repay it over time. A small part of the total cost - perhaps \$30,000 - may be borrowed from a bank.

Township Supervisor Bill Boose said he does not want to draw township funds down too low but with the current low interest rate on savings, it makes sense to use as much township money as possible rather than borrow from a bank at a higher interest rate.

In other business, a grant township road may become the first one in the county to have a new culvert system.

> A box culvert on County Road 1830 east of Hoopeston requires repairs. "With the amount of water that flows through there, pipes won't work and bridges are expensive," Weinard said.

The solution may be an aluminum box structure from Clark County Supply in Marshall, current supplier of metal culverts.

The proposed culvert would be assembled and placed where the existing culvert is, closing the road for construction for only two or three days, Weinard said.

The project is estimated at \$36,000, including the aluminum culvert and labor. Weinard hopes the cost will come from the joint road and bridge fund with the township and Vermilion County. The county's transportation committee is expected to discuss the issue this month.

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Well-Baby Clinic

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This is a free clinic for all children from birth to school

Police News



A 16-year-old boy was arrested at 2:29 p.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Area Middle School. The youth was charged with possession of cannabis, under 2.5 grams, on school property.

The boy was released to his mother. A juvenile petition was filed.

A 20-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone took a cell phone and undisclosed amount of money from a 1999 Mazda parked in the 700 block of East Wyman. The phone was returned.

age. Children will be examined, weighed, measured and given needed immunizations.

Walk-ins are welcome. Donations are accepted.

Service pictures needed

The Community Service Awards Committee would like pictures of all Hoopeston area military service people for a video to be shown at the awards banquet.

If you have not already turned in a photo, please send

Obituaries

WATSON - Robert Watson, 45, of Rossville died at 6:38 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 at Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System, Danville. There will be no services. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to ALS Foundation, 115 N. Neil St., Suite 100, Champaign IL 61820. Condolences may be offered at www.sunsetfuneralhome.com

Accident continued from other side

received crushing injuries in the accident, which has been reported to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

An inquest will be held at a later date.

The incident was investigated by the Rantoul Police Department and Northrup's office.

Miss Guajardo is the second woman to die in accidents at the plant this year. On June 8, Erna Uden of Rankin was killed in an explosion at the factory. A second person received minor injuries.

Miss Guajardo is survived by her parents, Maurilio and Perfecta (Guajardo) Solis of Hoopeston and three children, Jordan, Andrew and Kristopher Mickell of

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Rantoul.

Visitation for Miss Guajardo will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Private family burial services will be held at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Weather



Chance of snow today and tonight. High 34, low 22. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 30, low 18.

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



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