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## Car fire under investigation by state fire marshall

A car-b-q Monday morning is being investigated by the state Fire Marshall's office.

Hoopeston police were called at 5:36 a.m. at 709 S. Market where a car owned by Rhonda Mann was on fire.

The fire is being treated as one of suspicious origin, Chuck Fenwick, Hoopeston fire chief, said last night. "It's entirely possible it was arson," he said.

An investigator from the Illinois State Fire Marshall's office was in Hoopeston Monday and was expected to return today for further investigation.

tion.

Two unidentified people are still wanted for questioning, Fenwick said. One of those was "readily available" but the other was not, he said.

If the fire proves to be arson, the person who set the fire will be charged "no doubt about it," Fenwick said.

The car's interior was extensively damaged in the fire, Fenwick said. "I won't say that (the car is a total loss), but it's close," he said.

A garage which housed the vehicle was not damaged.

## Farms to grow, profits shrink says Purdue economist

Profits for farmers in the next century will grow as fast as drought-stricken corn, according to a Purdue ag economist.

Michael Boehlje of Purdue presented Agriculture 2000 at the Hoopeston Demeter office Friday.

Boehlje's predictions for the next seven years include larger farms and tighter margins, said John Weber of Demeter. The economist sees farms of 2,000 to 3,000 acres. "In order to make a profit, (farmers are) going to have to find more ground to farm," Weber said.

While margins will be tighter, technology will help producers farm smarter, Boehlje told farmers.

Weber said Boehlje's predictions included high-technology farm methods, including the ability to fertilize by acre. An antenna affixed to computerized farm equipment will, via satellite, tell farmers exactly what kind and amount to use.

Boehlje predicted land values will increase modestly and farm income will be stable, but lower. Boehlje predicted interest rates leading up to the next century will be lower than the 1980s but higher than what is currently available. Also, he said, the U.S. Gross Domestic Product will experience slow growth - two to 2.5 percent annually.

Specialty crops will help the farm economy. Those crops will include white corn for chips, waxy corn for starch-based products and high-oil corn for livestock feeding.

Weber said Boehlje predicts processed products - crushed products, oil and white corn chips - will replace exporting corn and soybeans.

Consumers of those products will also change as agriculture meets the year 2000, Boehlje told farmers. U.S. food demand will grow about one

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Jan. 5 - Burt Livingston, Hoopeston  
Jan. 6 - Martha and Mark Lindvahl, Hoopeston  
Jan. 7 - Tia and Hunter Swartz  
Jan. 10 - Jessie Lynch, Hoopeston  
Jan. 11 - Bill Nicholls, Hoopeston  
Jan. 12 - Marian Lewis, Clinton  
Jan. 13 - Joe Peters, Hoopeston  
Jan. 14 - Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Fronville, Hoopeston  
Jan. 17 - Christopher Layden, Hoopeston  
Jan. 18 - Marjorie Layden, Hoopeston  
Jan. 19 - Sara Beck, Atlantic, PA.  
Jan. 20 - Bea and Tom Scott, Hoopeston  
Jan. 21 - Aaron Keyser, Hoopeston  
Jan. 24 - Connie Carlson, Hoopeston  
Jan. 25 - Tim Tohteroh, Wellington  
Jan. 26 - William E. Musk, Hoopeston  
Jan. 27 - Terry and Debbie McBride, Hoopeston  
Jan. 28 - Martha Smith, Hoopeston  
Feb. 1 - Bill and Paula Lee, Tulsa, OK.  
Feb. 2 - Bob Keith, Hoopeston  
Feb. 3 - Stephanie Hamilton, Hoopeston  
Feb. 4 - U.S. Post Office, Hoopeston (donated back)

**Economist** continued from other side  
percent annually, he predicted. As for importers,

## **Police News**

Hoopeston firefighters were called to a vehicle fire at 9:13 p.m. Sunday at the Shell Mart, Routes 1 and 9.

Two acts of criminal damage to auto were reported to Hoopeston police Sunday.

The first was reported by Todd Karrick, Collingwood, N.J., who told police someone broke the windshield in his 1992 Ford while it was parked at 836 E. Thompson. The damage was done Saturday or Sunday.

In the second report, James F. Eyrich, 725 E. Seminary, reported that someone smeared mustard on and broke the antenna from his 1992 Chevrolet Geo while it was parked at his residence. Damage occurred between midnight and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Police are investigating both incidents.

Ronald Wood, 902 W. Penn, reported to Hoopeston police Saturday that someone backed into a fence post at his residence. The incident happened between Jan. 26-29. Police are investigating.

## **In the hospital**

### **Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Jan. 27, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** none.

**Jan. 28, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Louise Braden, Hoopeston.

**Jan. 29, 1994**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Lois Cox, Hoopeston.

**Jan. 30, 1994**

**Admitted:** Vera Lawrence, East Lynn; Russell Smith, Ambia, Ind..

**Discharged:** none.

Boehlje predicted Russia will import less, while the Middle East, North Africa and the Pacific Rim countries will increase the amount of farm goods imported.

More than 50 farmers attended Friday's meeting, part of an on-going series presented by Demeter. The next session will be in mid-March. and will focus on marketing, Weber said.

## **Correction**

The HAHS Sweetheart Dinner will be 12:30 p.m. Feb. 11. It was incorrectly reported that it would be Feb. 14. Just the Facts regrets the error.

## **Obituaries**

**ABBOTT**, Howard, Sr., 75, of Collison, died at 3:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 1994 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Danville. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Potomac. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Oakwood, with military rites by the Potomac American Legion. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Collison United Methodist Church.

**LYON**, Richard, 74, of Milford, died at 8:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 1994, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today at the Knapp Funeral Home in Milford. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the I.A.R.C. Friendship Home.

**SMITH**, Russell B., 82, of Ambia, Ind., died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 1994 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

## **Weather**

Mostly cloudy today. High 20-25. Tonight, possible snow showers. Low in the single digits to teens. Wednesday, snow showers likely. High 24, low 6.

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