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Police News

Hoopeston police are investigating a residential burglary reported Thursday. Linda A. Stevens, 415 E. Young, Apt. B., reported that someone took a 35 mm. camera from her residence.

Police continue to investigate the theft of four purses from the Methodist Church on Feb. 6. The purses were found Friday on Range Line Road by Vermilion County Sheriff's officers.

Bobby D. Chewing, 58, of Rt. 4, Box 736, Moneta, Va., was ticketed for improper lane usage after an accident at 8:59 a.m. Friday.

Chewing, driving a semi, struck a car driven by Gloria E. Rutter, route 2, Milford, at the Shell Mart entrance on Route 1.

Chewing was southbound on Route 1. When he entered the turning lane, he struck Rutter's vehicle, also in the turning lane. According to police, Rutter complained of back pain but did not seek medical assistance.

A child was injured in a two-vehicle accident at 1:27 p.m. Friday.

Cars driven by Aubrey J. Schellhardt, 809 E. Penn, and Deborah A. Lane, 701 E. Seminary, collided on the 300 block of East Seminary. A passenger in Lane's vehicle, identified as her daughter, was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

According to reports, Schellhardt turned onto East Seminary from North Market and slid into the Lane vehicle. Lane's car was towed from the scene. No tickets were issued.

No tickets or injuries were reported in a one-vehicle accident at 8:44 a.m. Sunday. A car driven by Harry M. Allen, 806 E. Seminary, was

northbound on North Seventh Street. Allen told police when he tried to turn onto East Honeywell, his car slid, striking a power pole.

The Hoopeston fire department was called to 901 E. McCracken shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday for reported smoke in the house.

Strike enters third week

A strike by members of Teamsters Local 26 against Pillsbury is starting its third week.

Members of the union's bargaining committee are to meet with a federal mediator later this week, said Allen Baker, member of the union bargaining committee.

Teamsters reportedly met Saturday to discuss details of a contract signed Thursday by the Grain Millers union.

Both unions have been without a contract for about one month.

Obituaries

STONE, Clinton, 67, of Rankin, died at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 1994, at his home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather


Mostly cloudy, warmer today. High near 40. Tonight, cloudy, low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow, snow showers likely. High near 35, low near 25.

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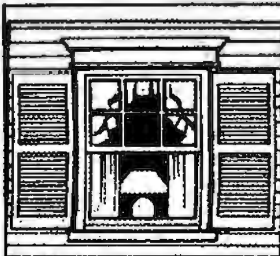
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Would-be athletes can go for gold in local Olympics

The Winter Olympics are history now. Lillehammer can now go back to being a dot on the map.

You'll notice that nobody from Hoopeston participated in the Winter Games. That got me thinking Friday after the snow fell. I've decided we should have our very own Olympics right here.

We won't have a luge competition, or figure skating, either. Instead, we'll have our own events and award medals accordingly.

The first event: bumper to bumper driving.

Hoopeston's traffic isn't so heavy as to allow bumper-to-bumper driving most days, but when the snow flies, all bets are off.

The object of this game is to slide into the vehicle in front of you, causing as little damage as possible. Denting fenders, ruining bumpers and injuring the other driver are all causes for deductions.

Event number two: the windy walk. Pedestrians wait for the green light, then try to cross the icy intersection while battling 30 m.p.h. gusts and motorists who cannot stop.

Judging will be done on creativity and skill. Triple lutzers and double axles get no extra points, but a well-timed Flying Papers Scramble or my personal favorite, the Mother Keeping Her Kids and Self Upright, will almost assure a perfect score, but only if they make it across the road.

Event number three is similar to bobsledding and the luge competition. It's called Motorized Sledding.

In this two-man event, an adult ties a sled to the back of a car. The sled is manned by a child not old enough to realize the dangers of this sport.

The driver then travels city streets, sliding around corners. The goal in this event is to get the sled as close to oncoming traffic as possible with-

out getting the youngster squished. Extra points are awarded if an oncoming motorist misses the sled but has a heart attack in the process.

The next event is a relatively new one locally. It's called Hazardous Snowboarding and is done somewhere totally unsafe. Let's say alongside Route 1.

In this event, kids take their snowboards to the top of the hill along the highway and surf down.

The goal is to get to the bottom as quickly as possible. Points are awarded for style and skill. Extra points can be earned by crashing through the windshield of an oncoming car, thereby causing extreme guilt for the unsuspecting motorist and a possible lawsuit for the parents of the now-injured snowboarders.

Snowboarders who fly in front of an automobile but fail to make contact are disqualified from further competition.

Finally, we could have an obstacle course comprised of a roadway littered with cars stuck in snowbanks. The goal here is to get from point A to point B without hitting any of the cars or the police officers trying to block traffic long enough to get them get unstuck.

Drivers who get stuck while attempting to pass others will not only be disqualified, but will be laughed at hysterically by those they tried to pass.

Maybe the whole idea of such an Olympics seems farfetched, but think about it.

It would do wonders for the economy. People would come from as far away as Rossville to watch. Plus, we've already got a replica of an Olympic torch in that thing that's always burning at Pillsbury's.

All we need are the athletes. And after watching pedestrians, motorists and kids Friday, I'd say there are some Hoopeston residents quite capable of bringing home the gold.



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