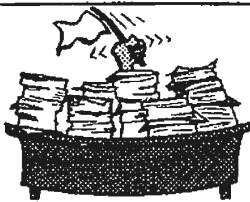


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Surprise party honors long-time delivery man

A familiar face in Hoopeston was reddened slightly Wednesday night.

John Lomprez, of Danville, a 30-year employee UPS employee, was honored at a roast Wednesday night.

Civic and business leaders gathered to roast Lomprez, who served Hoopeston for the past 20 years.

The roast, at the American Legion, was emceed by Roger Ball.

Pat Doyle reminded Lomprez of his career by

dressng in a UPS uniform and throwing packages at him. Edith Schumacher gave Lomprez several presents, including a model car, all in appropriate shades of brown. Tom Osborne, representing the Chamber, presented Lomprez with an Etch-A-Sketch, a reminder of one of his most vital pieces of equipment.

Lomprez' position has been filled by Doug Seymour of Danville, and two back-up drivers, leading to questions about the size of his route or the amount of damage he did during his tenure.

Students display creative ideas for downtown

What Hoopeston needs is a second-floor gallery.

Or a museum.

Or a two-story tall copper corn stalk.

Those were just some of the ideas presented yesterday by architecture students at the University of Illinois.

Students, working on plans to revitalize the downtown area, presented their findings and sketches to professors and architects for review yesterday. The process was expected to continue today, as well.

Students visited Hoopeston Jan. 28 to measure buildings and talk with merchants and residents. They returned to the college to decide what problems face the downtown and how to solve them.

Problems include failure to make use of the second floor in many downtown buildings and a "lack of a definite center" to the downtown.

Also, students discussed the decay of buildings

in the business district. "Much of the decay present in the downtown area is an indicator of the town's dignified age and presents itself proudly, while some of the ruin and dilapidation leads one to an impression of neglect," read one poster displayed by students. "Optimism remains despite the slow decline in recent years."

Approximately 90 architecture students divided into four groups to discuss their findings. Some concentrated on creating new facades for buildings, while others suggested retaining the historic flavor currently existing.

Buildings were not the only area to come under the students' scrutiny. Parking was also a concern. "I found a few people who drove around the block to find the perfect parking space," said student Mark Witte of a weekend return trip to Hoopeston.

Other suggestions included small parks for vacant areas, creating an industrial corridor to keep business separated from residential areas and ex-

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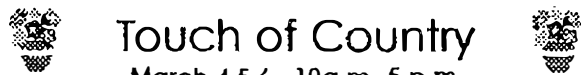
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Police News

Hoopeston police reported two accidents Wednesday.

The first occurred at 4:12 p.m. at North Seventh and East Honeywell, when cars driven by Brenda E. Linares, 918 W. Washington, and Charles L. Kingore, 840 E. Seminary, collided. The second occurred at 2:45 p.m., at Hoopeston Plaza, Routes 1 and 9. Cars driven by Dorothy M. Slife, 101 W. Jones, Milford, and Suzan K. Obenland, route 3, Hoopeston, collided.

No injuries or tickets were reported in either accident.

Obituaries

BOYER, John, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 10:08 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 1994, at the Danville Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was buried in the Danville National Cemetery. Pape Memorial Home and Gardens, Danville, was in charge of arrangements.

DALTON, Ernest "Red", of Hoopeston, died at 1:20 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 1994. Arrangements are pending at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

ELLIOTT, Mary G., 102, of Hoopeston, died at 3:15 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 1994, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation one hour before services. Memorials may be made to a children's hospital of the donor's choice.

PITTSER, Vearl E., 81, of Cissna Park, died at 12:40 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 1994, at St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of East Central Illinois, P.O. Box 962, Champaign, IL. 61824-0962.

Court dispositions

The following were dismissed from court supervision: Jose Palomo, Mario Rocha, Daniel Manion, Christopher McCay and Severo Torres, all of Hoopeston; Dan Brown, Catlin; John Barney, Gilman; Arsenio Heredia, Grant, Mich.; Burrell Roberts, Rossville; Scott Stephens, Danville; Travis Uden, Paxton; and Thomas Tarr, no town given.

Kennett King, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, total of \$186 to be paid, paid in full.

Eddie Edwards, Hoopeston, battery, reduced to disorderly conduct, \$38 costs only, three months court supervision.

Kevin Inglis, Kentucky, criminal damage, rule to show cause to be issued.

Kathy Mann, Hoopeston, battery, rule to show cause to be issued.

Ryan Rigsby, Hoopeston, sentencing on contempt, 5½ hours public service remaining, public service work completed, case completed.

Edward Cordova, Hoopeston, writ hearing, arraignment on liquor by a minor, to do 73 hours' public service work, continued.

Joseph Cannon, Hoopeston, status check, 56 hours public service work, continued.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 2, 1994

Admitted: Mary West and Merna Bonotto, both of Hoopeston.

Discharged: Cain Anderson and Nathan Norris, both of Hoopeston.

Weather

Mostly sunny and breezy today. High 45 to 50. Tonight, clouds developing. Low in the upper 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 54, low near 42. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High near 54, low near 41.

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