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Police News

The Hoopeston fire department was called at 1:28 p.m. Thursday to a chlorine spill at Schumacher Electric on East Thompson.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:45 p.m. Friday. A pickup truck driven by Charles W. Stahl, 213 Dale St., Rossville, struck a vehicle driven by Thomas A. Benjamin, 512 S. Fourth St., in the Community Bank parking lot. Routes 1 and 9.

Dani Means, 217 N. Market, reported to police Friday that someone took all four hubcaps from a 1991 Hyundai parked in the yard.

Donna M. Pearce, 508 S. Third St., reported Friday that someone took a snow blade from her garage during the week of May 22.

Wayne S. Probes, 20, was arrested at 2:56 p.m. Saturday. He was charged with violation of an order of protection and assault and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

James S. Rabe, 52, of 803 N. Third St., was ticketed for failure to yield after stopping following an accident at 9:29 p.m. Saturday. Rabe's vehicle reportedly struck one driven by Shane M.L. York, 3781 State Route 1, at Main and Bank.

Obituaries

AULT - Sarah Ann Ault, 59, of Hoopeston, died at 7:09 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 1994, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at the First Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11:30 a.m. until time of services at the church. Memorials may go to the First Church of the Nazarene. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CARLSON - Eric Carlson, 78, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, 1994, at his home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials may go to the Hoopeston United Methodist Church; Hospice S.W. Unit, Wexford Blvd., Venice, Fla., 34293; or charity of the donor's choice.

CRAWFORD - Mary A. Crawford, 89, of Wellington, died at 12:45 p.m. Friday, May 27, 1994, at home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. today at the Prairie Green Church of Christ. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials may go to the Prairie Green Church of Christ. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOSHAUER - Edward V. Hoshauer, 86, formerly of Alvin, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, May 27, 1994, at United Samaritans Medical Center. Sager campus. Memorials may go to the Bismarck Ambulance Service.

Weather

Thirty percent chance of early thunderstorms, then becoming mostly sunny. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 75, low near 56.

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Keeping the peace not always peaceful for local police

You know how it is with police officers - they're either not around when you need one, or are parked in hiding when you decide to coast through a stop sign.

Cops take a lot of heat for arresting the "wrong" people in some situations, for not doing more in others.

The media perspective of police isn't much better sometimes. Oh sure, they're a friendly bunch, but they never want to TELL you anything.

It seems they can't win for losing.

But last Tuesday gave at least some people a little different perspective on our local officers.

It started shortly after 8 p.m., when those with scanners heard an unsettling report. A "10-32 (gunshot) wound" at the Baptist Church got everything going.

A few minutes later, the area had been blocked off, auxiliary police were keeping spectators out and Hoopeston officers were looking for evidence and interviewing witnesses.

The crime scene was a beehive of activity that carried over to the police station when officers arrived.

Several things about that night that impressed me about our local officers, auxiliary officers and dispatchers.

First, their dedication. Two hours before shift change, they get a call that they know will take longer than two hours to handle, yet not one of them said anything about that.

They investigated, talked to witnesses, discussed different aspects of the case and met with local media to provide what information they could.

Even off-duty officers called to see if additional help was needed.

This dedication was evident not only in the officers, but in auxiliary officers, also.

That these people are willing to come out for a shooting incident and help in whatever way possi-

ble, all without pay, says a lot about the auxiliary. Some might consider them certifiable. I prefer to think they're dedicated.

Besides their dedication, our local law enforcement personnel showed great professionalism that night. The phrase "grace under pressure" certainly fit the situation.

This grace was evident in all aspects last Tuesday, from the way calls were dispatched to the courtesy shown to witnesses.

What impressed me most, however, was the way officers and dispatcher Barb Swope handled unruly witnesses who obviously did not want to be at the station.

There are those who say that last Tuesday was no big deal, that that's what police are paid to do, that it's their job and if they don't like it, they should get out.

But cops, unlike those in most other professions, are constantly harranged by a public who is either maintaining total innocence or complaining that officers should have developed psychic powers and been at the scene before the crime happened.

When we want them, we want them NOW, and if they're not needed, well, they can just stay away.

They are villified, spit at, cursed. They get hit, kicked and punched. Their lives, and those of their families, are threatened.

And still, they show up for work every day, and many times, on their days off.

They are the butt of jokes about coffee shops and riding around with nothing to do. While the job can be uneventful, there are times when officers risk their lives to keep us safe.

They do all that for not a whole lot of money and even less appreciation.

It's a job most of us wouldn't want, yet we don't appreciate those who are willing to do it.

It's something to think about.

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