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## Council holds first meeting in new city building

Hoopeston aldermen held their first meeting in their new chambers Tuesday night.

"It's a real pleasure being here," said Mayor Bob Ault. "I think the council should be proud."

Ault said the move went smoothly. "There were a few problems here and there, but we're getting to the bottom of them," he said.

During the meeting, the council:

♦ approved an appropriations ordinance of \$4,209,377.

The ordinance, the amount the city plans to spend this year, decreased by more than \$700,000 from last year.

The decrease, according to alderman Bill Good-

wine, chairman of the city's finance committee, came because last year's ordinance included work on the new city hall, Ninth Street detention basin and Front Street project.

♦ learned from Ault that city departments were inspected by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration approximately two weeks ago.

Findings from the inspection were received Monday, Ault said. The report cited "a few little comments that are very, very minor and can be remedied really quickly," he said.

Things cited included a truck with tail lights that needed to be washed and a leaking hydraulic system, he said.

## Middle Ages is theme of group forming in Hoopeston

A local woman hopes to bring back the customs, combat and courtesy of another time.

Tammy Matthews hopes to form a chapter of The Society for Creative Anachronism, a non-profit education organization based on the Middle Ages.

The society, which has 100,000 members worldwide, focuses on historical recreation of the Middle Ages, from 650 to 1650, Matthews said.

The group studies the arts, crafts and events of the era. Meetings include presentations on skills of the age and costuming.

Members may represent any period during the Middle Ages, Matthews said. There are Vikings, Celts, Far, Near and Middle East and even one Aztec Indian portrayed by members.

Matthews represents a 14th Century English woman.

All members are "assumed to be at least the lower caste of nobility, unless you choose to be a peasant," Matthews said.

There are lords and ladies, dukes and duchesses, barons and baronesses and a king and queen, said Matthews, who is a baroness, a service title "for service above and beyond the call of stupidity."

Members are divided into 15 kingdoms throughout the world. Illinois is in the Middle Kingdom, which also includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky and Ontario and Manitoba, Canada.

Other kingdoms are in Europe, New Zealand, Australia, two aircraft carriers, and Puerto Rico.

Each kingdom has a king, chosen in combat twice yearly during the Crown Tourney. "They

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## Police News



A **purple** girl's Eastern Flyer bicycle was found Friday at Union Park on East Thompson. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**William Mitchell**, 106 N. Market, reported Friday that the front license plate was lost or stolen. The plate number is MHC961.

**Michael Milburn**, 527 W. Washington, re-

ported Monday that someone took a boy's 24" chrome bicycle with a red seat.

**Merry T. Spain**, Hoopeston, reported Monday that someone took her purse from Burger King, Routes 1 and 9.

**Two 15-year-old** males were cited for curfew violation at 11:36 p.m. Monday. Both were released on notices to appear.

**Martha Lottinville**, 330 E. Thompson, reported Tuesday that someone tore the screen to a window at her home.

**Tonya K. Irvin**, 3750 N 1775 E Road, reported Tuesday that someone took her billfold from 313 N. Seventh Ave

**Group** continued from other side fight it out, and whoever wins is the next king," Matthews said.

King candidates include anyone with a rank of baron or higher. Candidates must have a prospective consort who will become queen if the candidate is successful in the Crown Tourney, Matthews said.

The Society for Creative Anachronism was founded in Berkely, Calif. in 1966, said Matthews, who has been a member since 1988.

She joined "for the fun of it, and to meet new friends."

As a fairly long-time members, Matthews also gets to instruct new members on skills and customs of the era. "I like teaching," she said.

Skills and arts of the era are not the only things taught. Courtesy is also stressed, Matthews said, adding five members of the Mid Realm were banished after they insulted the king and queen. Those members will be reinstated once the current reign is finished.

At least 10 members are needed to establish a local chapter, said Matthews, who attends meetings in both Lafayette, Ind., and Champaign.

Once a club is formed, members will pay dues, which are \$35 annually for members, \$20 for associate members, and family dues of \$10 per person.

Matthews hopes to hold her first meeting by Nov. 1. Anyone interested in joining may call her at (217) 283-6567.

## In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
June 30, 1994

**Admitted:** Randy Pratt, Alvin; Margaret Tafflinger, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Doris Whipple, Hoopeston.  
July 1, 1994

**Admitted:** Maurilio Solis, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Salome Gudeman, Cissna Park; Randy Pratt, Alvin.

July 2, 1994

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** none.

July 3, 1994

**Admitted:** Charles Reed, Danville; Randy Pratt, Alvin.

**Discharged:** Maurilio Solis, Hoopeston.

July 4, 1994

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Adela Castaneda, Hoopeston.

## Weather



Mostly sunny, hot and humid today. High 90-95. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 70-75. Tomorrow, isolated storms. High near 94, low near 74.



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