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New city jail to get cell monitoring equipment

Walls at Hoopeston's new municipal building will soon have ears.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, alderman Odell Crabtree, chairman of the city's police committee, informed the council that a monitoring system will be installed in the book-in/cell area.

A camera will be placed in the book-in area to videotape suspects, Crabtree said. The same system will allow dispatchers to audibly monitor prisoners.

Inmates will not be videotaped, Crabtree said, because doing so would violate their privacy.

An installation date for the system has not been set.

The system will cost \$399 to install and \$69 monthly for service. "We're not going to own

anything," Crabtree said.

In other action, a move to restrict an alley to one-way traffic was defeated in a 5-3 vote.

Alderman Wes Dazey requested the alley behind the Clark Station at 301 W. Penn. be made one-way to cut down on speeding traffic.

However, alderman Bill Goodwine said the city needs a plan for limiting alleys to one-way traffic. "I know a lot of people would like to have their alleys one-way," he said.

Crabtree said limiting traffic flow would increase the speeding problem, saying "one way is going to let you go faster because you know nobody's going to be coming the other way."

Dazey, Lloyd Blackwell and Drew Allen voted for the change.

Atlantic City trip tiring, exhilarating for local woman

"I'm about bushed out."

So said Pat Musk of Hoopeston, who spent four days in Atlantic City last week attending Miss America preliminaries and final competition.

Musk's trip was compliments of Nicole Elkins, a former National Sweetheart contestant representing North Dakota.

In Atlantic City, Musk viewed the queen's parade, attended the parents' dinner and caught up with former National Sweetheart contestants. "I was on a steady go," she said. "I had a real good time."

A steady stream of activity filled Musk's days - and nights - no matter what the weather conditions. "One night it was raining and we had to move," she said. "You can't run too fast in heels

with a bad leg, but anybody who knows me knows I'm not going to get left behind."


Musk and Bonnie Wolf of Potomac, who travelled with Musk, saw history being made when Heather Whitestone of Alabama became the first woman with a disability to be crowned Miss America. Whitestone suffers from a hearing loss.

And while Musk was cheering for Elkins, she said Whitestone "really deserves" the title. "She had a lot on the ball."

Elkins was not chosen among the competition's 10 finalists, surprising Musk. "A couple in there I didn't think should have been in the 10 finalists. They had enough opera singers in there and that one was flatter than anything, but she made it."

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Woman to mark birthday

An 80th birthday open house celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24 to honor Anne "Kate" Hoskins.

The event will be from 2-4 p.m. at 846 E. Lincoln, Hoopeston, hosted by her children and their spouses.

She requests no gifts, please.

Trip continued from other side

The judges are part of the problem, Musk said. For example, speed skater Dan Janssen helped judged the competition. "What does he know about singing," Musk asked. "They take people with prestigious names. I just think it's a bad deal when they do that."

Also, Musk said, the stage is not good for dancers. The shiny black surface "is slicker than a cat's whistle," she said. "that's not fair for the dancers."

Elkins took her loss well, Musk said. "She didn't break down," she said. "I was real proud of her. I told her she's my queen whether she's anybody else's queen or not."

The trip made Musk realize how fortunate she is to live in the Midwest, where prices are lower and people are helpful.

"If you want to eat, you better take your own with you," Musk said. "It's expensive out there." A tuna salad sandwich cost \$8.25, she said. A bagel with cream cheese and a cup of coffee went for \$7.50. "I've never seen anything like it."

And while excited about seeing the pageant in person, Musk said the view was less than spectacular because of other spectators. "If you're going to watch it, you might as well stay home and watch it," she said.

Musk said she's not sure if she'd be up to doing the trip again. "I bet I walked 50 miles," she said. "We had loads and loads of stuff to do and loads and loads of stuff to bring back."

It's what I came for - to have a good time - and I did."

HA band wins competition

The Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers came away from Saturday's county band competition with firsts in all categories.

The band received top ratings in parade, field, drum majors and auxiliary in the Class AA division.

Hoopeston Area competed against Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Westville, Bismarck-Henning and Georgetown-Ridge Farm.

In the Hospital

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Sept. 19, 1994

Admitted: Ada Webb, Betty Brown and Danielle Milner, all of Hoopeston; Jean Stultz, Attica, Ind..

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Police News



Wilhelmina McPherson Cox, 67, of 903 Sprague, was arrested at 4:13 p.m. Monday, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Joshua Simonton, 614 W. Elm, reported Monday that someone slashed a tire of his 1988 Ford Escort while it was parked at home.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday. An International truck driven by Robert J. Dowling, 315 S. Third St., Watseka, struck a CIPS meter box at the Community Bank parking lot.

David A. Dugle, 634 W. Maple, reported Tuesday that someone took a 19" color television from his residence after prying open the back door.

Weather



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