

Thursday Trivia/Friday Feast Be first to call 283-9348 between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to win a FREE Friday lunch. Today's question: What was the name of the sled in the movie "Citizen Kane"? Tomorrow's lunch provided by:

The Coffee Cup Last week's winner: Bob Gillespie Last week's answer: The first day of autumn is "on or about Sept. 22." **Sthe fact/** Thursday, Sept. 29, 1994 Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication! (217) 283-9348 P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942

## Police request help in rash of damaged vehicles

A rash of automobiles being damaged by a caustic substance is burning local police officials.

Lourdine Osborne

editor

Between Friday night and Wednesday morning, police received 12 reports of damage caused when a caustic substance was sprayed on vehicles, said Sgt. Steve Bane of the Hoopeston police department.

Police are asking residents to watch for suspicious activity around cars in their neighborhoods. "Basically, we need the help of the people," Bane said.

Anyone witnessing suspicious activity is asked to call the police at 283-5196.

Vehicles have been damaged in all sections of the city with no apparent pattern to the acts of avandalism.

Police are unsure what substance is being used, but will have the liquid analyzed. "It could be anything from battery acid to oven cleaner to

Hospital expansion project to be marked at ceremony

"It's never too-late" might be the motto behind a celebration to mark the construction of an addition at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

The facility will host what is being called an expansion celebration at 2 p.m. Oct 16 to commemorate construction on the addition, which will include 25 new nursing home rooms, a 30-apartment assisted living complex and new kitchen facility.

The name expansion celebration was chosen because "we're actually beyond the groundbreaking, so it would look foolish for us to call it a groundbrake fluid," Bane said, adding that the liquid "eats the paint right down to the metal."

Susan Comstock

ad manager

All vehicles damaged have been parked at curbside and all but one were sprayed on the driver's side door. All were damaged during the night.

"(Vehicle owners) park the car at night and when they go out the next morning, the paint's peeling and bubbling up," Bane said.

Bane suspects the acts are being committed by juveniles. "If it's not. I'll be surprised," he said.

However, he said, those responsible are probably driving past cars and spraying them, making at least one of the vandals old enough to have a license.

Bane believes whoever is responsible is causing the damage for kicks. "In their eyes, it's fun," he said.

"They don't know the heartache they cause some of these people."

Construction on the assisted living portion of

the \$3 million project began several weeks ago,

Burkett said, adding that hospital officials de-

cided to hold off on a ceremony until after the

Burkett believes those attending the event "will

be surprised at how much scope (the project) oc-

cupies." The foundation for the apartments has

already been poured, and "by the time Oct. 16

rolls around, you'll probably see some actual

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framing, some walls going up," he said.

breaking," said administrator Rod Burkett.

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## Up & Coming

Birthday open house

An open house will be held in honor of Pansy Poland's 98th birthday. The event will be 2-4 p.m. Oct. 2 at her home. 314 S. Chicago, Rossville. All area friends are invited to attend.

## Lady bird supper

The Rossville American Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual Lady Bird supper at 6 p.m. Tues-

Police are investigating two reports of criminal

damage to auto reported Monday. Residents in the

600 block of East Washington and 800 block of

East Lincoln reported their vehicles had been

*Expansion* continued from other side

While the complex is under construction, hospi-

tal officials will work with a marketing company

to determine a strategy to fill the addition. Several

people have expressed interest in the apartments.

but "we have to turn interest into signing on the

The need both for more nursing home beds and

Both the apartment complex and additional

nursing home space are expected to be ready for -

The addition is being funded through a Farmers

Home Administration guaranteed loan, which in-

cludes the \$2.8 million actual construction cost.

approximately \$200,000 for equipment and fur-

nishings and refinancing of \$400.000 on an exist-

ing loan. Palmer American National Bank is the

The expansion, which first started with strategic

planning sessions in 1990, has drawn interest

from other rural hospitals, Burkett said. Officials

from Red Bud, DuOuoin and Greenville have all

expressed interest in how the addition went from

planning to construction, he said.

a place for people to go between home and a nurs-

ing home should make the addition casy to fill.

occupancy by next summer. Burkett said.

dotted line," Burkett said.

project lender.

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day, Oct. 11 The meal will be served by the Legionnaires.

The Lady Bird supper is comparable to the Legion's Early Bird supper. for members paying dues early.

Reservations should be made by Oct. 6 by calling 748-6390 after 4 p.m., or 748-6694.

The Legion will hold its Early Bird supper on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Wesley J. Hulstedt, 323 E. Seminary, reported

Three bicycles were turned in to police

**Obituaries** 

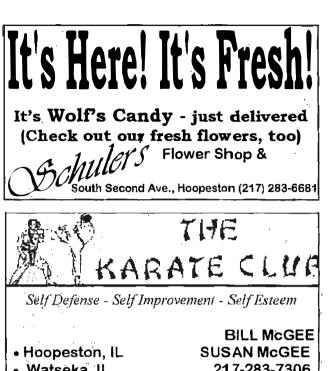
Tuesday that three juveniles broke the flag pole at

sprayed with an unidentified substance.

the Baptist Church.

Wednesday.

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**RILEY** - Goldie Riley, 94, of Hoopeston, died at 4:28 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1994, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the Hoopeston Nursing Home. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Sept. 27, 1994

Admitted: John Richardson, Rantoul; Ruby Summers, Milford.

**Discharged:** Dorothy Lawson, Rossville; Roy Borders, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today High near 74, low near 75. Tomorrow, continued sunny. High near 76, low near 55.

