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Last week's answer: **The first day of autumn is "on or about Sept. 22."**

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## Police request help in rash of damaged vehicles

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

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 vandalism.

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

brake fluid," Bane said, adding that the liquid "eats the paint right down to the metal."

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."

## 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 ground-

breaking," said administrator Rod Burkett.

Construction on the assisted living portion of the \$3 million project began several weeks ago, Burkett said, adding that hospital officials decided to hold off on a ceremony until after the Sweetcorn Festival.

Burkett believes those attending the event "will be surprised at how much scope (the project) occupies." The foundation for the apartments has already been poured, and "by the time Oct. 16 rolls around, you'll probably see some actual framing, some walls going up," he said.

See **EXPANSION** on other side



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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-

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.



## Police News



**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

sprayed with an unidentified substance.

**Wesley J. Hulstedt**, 323 E. Seminary, reported Tuesday that three juveniles broke the flag pole at the Baptist Church.

**Three bicycles** were turned in to police Wednesday.

### Expansion continued from other side

While the complex is under construction, hospital 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 dotted line," Burkett said.

The need both for more nursing home beds and a place for people to go between home and a nursing home should make the addition easy to fill.

Both the apartment complex and additional nursing home space are expected to be ready for occupancy by next summer, Burkett said.

The addition is being funded through a Farmers Home Administration guaranteed loan, which includes the \$2.8 million actual construction cost, approximately \$200,000 for equipment and furnishings and refinancing of \$400,000 on an existing loan. Palmer American National Bank is the project lender.

The expansion, which first started with strategic planning sessions in 1990, has drawn interest from other rural hospitals, Burkett said. Officials from Red Bud, DuQuoin and Greenville have all expressed interest in how the addition went from planning to construction, he said.

## Obituaries

**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



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