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The Year in Review
Economic news leads Top 5 local stories of 1994

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."
 That opening line from Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*, summarizes local economic news in 1994.
 With businesses opening, closing and downsizing, the economy easily takes the lead as the year's top story.
 Leading the economic news was Pillsbury's announcement earlier this month that the Hoopeston plant will close in the spring, affecting approximately 230 workers.
 The announcement came after a year that saw a month-long strike by Teamsters at the plant and news that six lines of canned beans would be discontinued.
 Another Hoopeston plant, FMC, was in the headlines in 1994.
 In February, the company announced it would sell its palletizer line. The sale was completed in June, affecting 40 employees. In May, the company announced a worldwide downsizing, expected to affect approximately 20 local employ-

ees, followed by news that the sprayer line was sold, affecting another 35 workers.
 Stokely also had its share of news, announcing this year that pumpkin production increased, asparagus canning ceased and corn pack remained at the local plant.
 Another company, GTE, closed the Hoopeston business office this year.
 All was not doom and gloom, however, as many businesses opened, including Casey's, The Mustard Seed, S.A.R.A.H.'S., Calvin Hultquist's law office and Ron's Service Center III.
 Other stories rounding out the Top 5 include:
 2. April's flooding, which dumped 5.34 inches of water on Hoopeston. The rain caused flooding, predominantly in the Front St. area. Residents were declared eligible for disaster assistance, and a local fundraising effort netted \$6,000. As a result of the flood, the Hoopeston city council established a policy banning contributions to charitable causes.

See TOP 5 on other side

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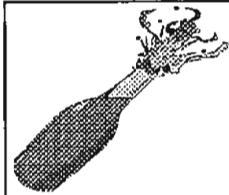


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Rankin youth hospitalized after fall from moving car

A rural Rankin man is in stable condition in Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, following an accident Wednesday night.
 Matt Kuntz, 18, route 1, Rankin, was injured when he fell from the back of a car driven by Sara A. Failla, 208 E. Washington.
 Kuntz was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Carle.

According to Hoopeston police reports, Failla was parked in front of 612 E. Honeywell. She allegedly left that address, not realizing Kuntz was sitting on the trunk of the car.
 As the car moved, Kuntz fell from Failla's 1989 Toyota, striking his head on the street.
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★ **Police News** ★

Blanche Huber, 905 W. Penn, reported Tuesday that the battery was missing from her 1991 Lincoln.

Court dispositions 

Dec. 1 - James Roach, Hoopeston, rule to show cause, failure to pay, body attachment to be issued.

Trent Savage, Hoopeston, rule to show cause, failure to pay, continued to Dec. 15.

James Richardson, Rantoul, battery, disorderly conduct, nolle pros.

Tonya Irvin, Hoopeston, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, not filed; driver's license not on person, cost only, \$43; illegal possession of alcohol, pleaded not guilty, trial set Jan. 5, 1995.

Ronnie Cade, Hoopeston, battery, not filed.

Russell Foster, Wellington, criminal sexual abuse, disorderly conduct, not filed.

Jeffrey Staley, Hoopeston, criminal sexual abuse, not filed.

Top 5 continued from other side
3. A shooting May 24 left one Hoopeston man in the hospital and another in jail. Donald H. Bruce was reportedly shot by Terry E. Sage. It was the first shooting in Hoopeston in approximately 25 years.
 Sage's trial is set to start next month.
4. The landfill. Following a Pollution Control Board ruling denying an expansion, Illinois Landfills, Inc., appealed. Earlier this month, the Appellate Court ruled the matter must be returned to the city council.
5. Former school and city official Dennis Catron, found guilty of molesting a Ludlow teenager, was sentenced in absentia to 36 years on Vermilion County charges and, concurrently, 12 years on Champaign County charges.
 Catron remains a fugitive.

The battery was later found as part of the investigation into a burglary earlier this week at 922 W. Penn.

Ed Bernson, 2905 W. Springfield Ave., Champaign, reported Wednesday that someone climbed the cellular phone tower one-half mile south of town and damaged a mounting bracket holding antennas.

Thurman W. Moore, 81, of 840 E. Chestnut, was ticketed for improper backing following an accident Thursday in the 200 block of Main St.

Moore was parked and backed his 1978 Buick into a 1991 Ford Ranger driven by Shannon M. Goodrum, 722 E. Chestnut.

Obituaries

MANUEL - Kenton G. Manuel, 51, of Hoopeston, formerly of Effingham, died at 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994, at Americana Healthcare Center, Danville. He was the brother of Nancy Doty of Hoopeston. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Oakridge Cemetery in Effingham. There will be no information. Memorial contributions may be made to Carle Hospice Unit, 612 W. Park St., Urbana, Ill. 61801. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In the hospital 

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 28, 1994
Admitted: none.
Discharged: Nadine Longfellow, Hoopeston.

Weather 

Mostly cloudy today. High near 40. Tonight, 50 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, rain likely. High near 38, low near 35. Sunday, snow showers. High near 25, low near 14. Monday, mostly cloudy. High near 26, low near 15.

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