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Police News



Police investigate Hoopeston autos damaged, burglarized in weekend spree

Hoopeston police are investigating reports of nine reported cases of criminal damage to auto and auto burglary, all reported Sunday.

Receiving damage were: a 1982 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by Minnie B. Nichols, 426 E. Honeywell; 1987 Oldsmobile owned by Darlen O. Makeson, 417 E. Honeywell; 1985 Oldsmobile owned by Lillian T. Grether, 417 E. Honeywell; 1989 Dodge, owned by Joseph M. Swincher, 417 E. Honeywell; and a 1993 Mercury owned by William Tweedy, Jr., 418 E. Seminary.

Also, a 1992 Chevrolet owned by Roberta Pennington, 915 W. Penn; 1986 Chevrolet Suburban owned by Mark Butterworth, 427 E. Young; 1985 Toyota owned by Gary D. Vansickle, 504 E. Honeywell; and 1989 Chevrolet pickup owned by Truman D. Page, 507 E. Young.

According to police reports, damage included breaking off rear view mirrors, damaging convertible tops, strewn papers throughout vehicles and breaking glove boxes and ashtrays.

Tamara S. Galloway, no age listed, of 408 N. Market, was cited for driving too fast for conditions after her 1985 Chevrolet Chevette struck a 1985 Chevrolet Caprice driven by Justin G. Fowler, 612 E. Honeywell.

According to police reports, Galloway slid through the intersection of East Washington and South Fifth St. Fowler tried to avoid Galloway, and slid into a utility pole but was uninjured.

Joshua D. Schwartz, 19, route 3, Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:52 p.m. Saturday, charged with criminal trespass and illegal possession of alcohol. See **POLICE** on other side

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EELLS - Harold E. Eels, 90, of Rossville, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 1995, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, in Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Rossville United Methodist church. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rossville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rossville Ambulance Service.

REED - Alberta Louise Reed, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 1995, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Sager campus, in Danville. Funeral services will be at 11

a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, with Rosary service at 7 p.m. Monday. A V.F.W. Auxiliary service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

SIMPSON - Katheryn A. "Kate" Simpson, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 5:43 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 1995, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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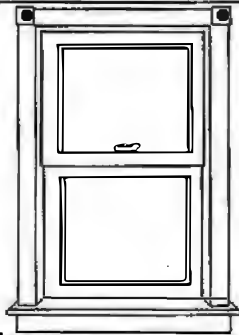
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Speakers cloud important issue with emotional rhetoric

Last week's meeting of Citizens Against Ruining the Environment had almost as much fervor as an old-time gospel tent meeting.

Speakers Terry Forshier and Richard Doyle, using carefully chosen rhetoric, played the crowd's emotions. The only thing missing was choruses of "Hallelujah."

It's not that people shouldn't fight the proposed expansion of the landfill. It's just that the issue is one that should be based on rational thought.

First, there is the push to get anti-landfill expansion candidates elected in the April 3 aldermanic race.

Attorney Richard Doyle suggested Mark Drollinger and Lloyd Blackwell, appointed to the council after the original vote was taken, should not vote if the issue is dumped back in aldermen's laps because both were appointed by a mayor who is pro-expansion.

However, both Doyle and Terry Forshier stressed the need to find and elect anti-landfill candidates so the issue can be decided by those

who share their views.

It doesn't seem to matter that these are the same tactics they criticize the current administration for.

And it doesn't seem to matter that newly-elected people will not have sat through the hearings and will not have a complete picture.

It also seems unimportant that a new council, elected solely to defeat the landfill issue could well violate the apparent requirement that elected officials vote solely on the evidence.

That requirement also negates the need for the advisory referendum being touted by C.A.R.E. leaders and some media.

The group is currently circulating petitions to get such a referendum on the April ballot. However, if officials are to decide based only on presented evidence, it really doesn't matter what residents think.

(Although it makes no sense to me that elected officials ignore the wishes of their constituents. But this is politics we're talking about here.)

While waiting for the results of April's election, C.A.R.E. leaders are determined to use the courts to stall any real action.

The decision to appeal for rehearing before the Appellate Court probably will be denied, according to Doyle. If so, Doyle said the group could petition the state Supreme Court. However, he said, the court only hears cases of special significance. Since landfill issues have been in the courts for several years, it seems there is nothing of special significance about this case, except, of course, to the people of Hoopeston.

Can I get an "Amen"?



Police continued from other side

by a minor. He was released on notices to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, when vehicles driven by Ernesto Salidana, 219 W. Main, and Shawn E. Williams, 710 E. Wyman, collided at West Main and South Sixth Ave.

Ronald A. Breeding, 930 E. Wyman, was arrested at 8:27 p.m. Saturday, charged with possession of cannabis, less than 2.5 grams. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Ronna T. Swincher, 417 E. Honeywell, reported Sunday that someone stole her 1983 GMC while it was parked at her residence.

According to police reports, the keys were left in the vehicle.

Weather

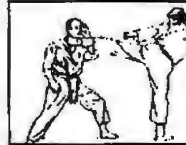


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