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Lourdine Florek  
editor

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Monday, January 23, 1995

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### Police News



A keyring with seven keys was found in the  
1000 block of West Thompson. The owner may

identify and claim it at the police station.

**Edward H. Lockhart**, 526 W. Orange, re-  
ported Saturday that someone took his red 1993  
Ford Explorer. The vehicle has the license plates  
4621HP.

**Timothy R. Boots**, 33, of route 1, Wil-  
liamsport, Ind., was arrested at 12:29 a.m. Sun-  
day, charged with driving on a suspended license.  
His arrest came after he was stopped for allegedly  
running a stop sign. Boots was released on a  
\$1,000 recognizance bond.

**Raymond Gregoire** of Hoopeston Community  
Memorial Hospital, reported Sunday that an ear  
thermometer was taken from an examing room at  
the hospital.

### Court dispositions



**Jan. 5 - Robert Bogard**, Hoopeston, parking  
where prohibited, \$75 fine.

**William Bogard**, Hoopeston, parking where  
prohibited, \$75 fine.

**Brian Broucher**, Hoopeston, deceptive prac-  
tice, nolle pros.

**Joseph Cannon**, Hoopeston, criminal damage,  
pleaded not guilty, trial set ofr March 2.

**Stuart Galloway**, Hoopeston, illegal parking,  
nolle pros.

**Larry Goodrum**, Hoopeston, restraint of dog,  
pleaded guilty, \$75 total.

**Charlene Hofer**, Hoopeston, deceptive prac-  
tice, \$65 fine.

**Keith Hicks**, Hoopeston, failure to inoculate,  
\$75.

**Dawn McNeese**, Danville, deceptive practice,  
\$75.

**Harriet McElhaney**, Hoopeston, no parking,  
nolle pros.

**Patsy Morgan**, Wellington, deceptive practice,  
\$75, 90 days court supervision.

**Drynda O'Neal**, Hoopeston, deceptive practice,  
\$75, 90 days court supervision.

**Roger Payne**, Pekin, deceptive practice, sum-  
mons to be issued.

**Marilyn Perkins**, Hoopeston, owners duties,  
nolle pros.

**Steve Pinter**, Danville, two counts deceptive  
practice, continued.

### Obituaries

**FORSHIER** - Linda L. Forshier, 50, of Rox-  
bury, Mass., formerly of Hoopeston, died Thurs-  
day, Jan. 19, 1995, at home. Graveside services  
will be 11 a.. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery.  
There was no visitation. Memorial contributions  
may be made to the Hoopeston Public Library.  
Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of ar-  
rangements.

**HOWARD** - Pearl A. Howard, 87, of Rossville,  
died at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 1995, at United  
Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus. A  
memorial service was held Sunday at the West  
Side Church of the Nazarene. There was no visi-  
tation. Memorial contributions may be made to  
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## Economic development in Hoopeston: a family affair

It's been said of Hoopeston that the community is like a family: when the chips are down, residents really come through for each other.

I agree with that statement, as far as it goes.

But as a relative newcomer who has been here long enough to know the major players, I must say Hoopeston is like a family in other ways, too, ways that may be detrimental to its economic survival.

And let there be no mistake: Hoopeston, along with countless cities across the world, is in a battle for its very economic life.

Someone said to me recently that this time, more than any other, is crucial in determining Hoopeston's future.

And, at last week's DSA banquet, Mayor Bob Ault spoke of the city's accomplishments, adding that we must have P & A - pride and attitude, as well as the three Fs - faith, focus and follow-through.

But continuing with the family analogy, perhaps there are things that we must first work on.

Hoopeston is like a family with more than one child. There is an undercurrent of sibling rivalry between some groups in the community.

Sibling rivalry can get pretty nasty.

I remember when I hit one of my sisters in the mouth with a telephone receiver for some perceived slight. It made me feel good - momentarily - but it did nothing for family unification.

So it is with fighting among some of Hoopeston's organizations and residents. Being on top, even if others were bullied in the process, is momentarily pleasant, but it does nothing to help the overall structure of the family.

In another sense, Hoopeston is sometimes like a tight-knit family whose children are old enough to marry.

Newcomers are under a cloud of suspicion: what do they want, what do they hope to gain? Eventually, the interlopers will be accepted, but they play

hell getting to that point.

Hoopeston is like many long-time marriages: there are no surprises.

The relationship is a comfortable one. There are few uphill battles, and yet there is little passion, either.

It's not easy to get excited about something when it's the same ol', same ol', whether it be the same old thing for supper or the same old economic ideas which have been bandied about for years.

In some ways, Hoopeston is less like a family than it is like a divorced person who must first get himself together before he can be ready for a relationship with someone else.

This person can make his outside appearance attractive to others and even mouth words that make him seem ready. But without the actual work, it's a sham.

Like a divorced person, if we are to compete in attracting new business, we must first be the "person" we were meant to be.

Yes, we need pride in our community. Yes, we need a good attitude. Yes, we need faith that we can survive. And we must focus on our goals and follow through with our plans.

But we must also look at ourselves as others see us, including others who have the power to hurt or help us as a community.

And to some, Hoopeston resembles something of a dysfunctional family.

So while we're working on our attitude and cleaning up so we'll be attractive and stressing the many good qualities that are part of life in this community, maybe we need one more thing:

Family counseling.

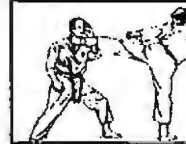


## Weather



Mostly cloudy today with a chance of flurries. High in the mid 20s, low in the teens. Tomorrow, flurries. High near 30, low near 16.

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