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Hoopeston officials set 1995 street repair program, budget

Hoopeston officials estimate spending \$130,000 on street repairs this year.

Engineer Jay Dingee of Sodemann & Associates presented the city's Motor Fuel Tax maintenance program at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Base repair, the most extensive of repairs, will be done on McNeil Ave. between Sixth St. and Eighth St.; Eighth St. between Young Ave. and McCracken Ave.; Fifth St., between Seminary Ave. and Young Ave. Seventh St. between Penn St. and Main St.; and in the alleys off Ninth Ave. and Fourth Ave., both between Penn and Main.

Seal coating will be done on Trego Drive. Thompson Ave. from Rt. 1 to Sixth ave., Sixth Ave., between Main and Thompson, Fourth Ave. between Elm and Main; Scott Drive between Third Ave. and Fourth Ave.; Second Ave. between Orange and the city limits; Hospital Road from Orange to the city limits; Sixth St., between Elm and Maple and Washington and Penn; and Fifth St. between Main and Seminary.

Dingee said the project, is "much bigger" than what he expected from Dave Knake, first-year street and alley superintendent.

Numbers in the motor fuel tax budget reflect the intensity, showing the city plans to spend \$80,000 on base repair and seal coat in 1995, compared with \$15,000 last year, Dingee said.

The estimated \$130,000 will not all go for street repairs. An estimated \$20,000 will be spent on the city's sidewalk repair program. Repair costs are split evenly between the city and residents who request repairs.

Bids on the sidewalk program will be opened March 7, said Mark Drollinger, chairman of the city's street/alley committee.

Bids for street repairs are expected to be opened at about the same time, Dingee said.

In other business, a proposed ordinance regulating inspection of smoke detectors took some heat from a council member.

See STREET on other side

Community Bank receives 22nd straight financial award

Bauer Financial Reports Inc., a Coral Gables, Fla., bank research and rating firm, announced that Community Bank has been awarded its fivestar rating for the 22nd consecutive quarter.

The award ranks Community Bank as superior for safety, strength and performance and is based on an anlysis of Sept. 30, 1994 data filed with federal regulators.

A five-star rating indicates the bank's tangible capital exceeds nine percent of tangible assets, its risk-based capital ratio exceeds 985 percent and

delinquencies and repossessed assets are manage-

Also, the institution is soundly invested and it earned a profit for the quarter ending Sept. 30,

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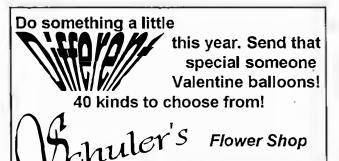
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Tags are available at city hall and Dr. Maudlin's office, 901 W. Main.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver SAMS meals to homebound senior citizens, just two days every seven weeks. Call the Hoopeston Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Drew Allen, chairman of the fire committee,

proposed the ordinance, modeled on the state

law, setting inspection guidelines and fines for

Under the proposed ordinance, inspections

would be done only after a written complaint was

received by the city. Fines were established at not

less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for a viola-

Also, under the proposal, newly-constructed

homes and remodeled portions of existing homes

would require wired smoke detectors, rather than

The ordinance applies not only to public build-

ings and rental properties, but also private

homes, a clause which fired up alderman Bill

"I don't want to see us pass a law that's the

start of many things," Goodwine said. "To start

telling me I have to have smoke alarms, I guess

you're going to tell me I need carbon monoxide

detectors next and then radon detectors. I just

think it's a bad philosopy of law to tell people

Allen disagreed. "You can't have a double

standard," he said. "That's like saying I can do

The ordinance is expected to be voted on at the

the battery operated variety.

Street continued from other side

violators.

Goodwine.

how to live."

something and you can't."

council's Feb. 21 meeting.

Create a Valentine

The Hoopeston Public Library is sponsoring an "I Love My Library" Valentine contest. People of all ages may submit a Valentine depicting whey they love their library.

The winner will receive a Valentine box of candy.

The contest will run Feb. 1-14.

Scripts available

Scripts for the Hoopeston PlayCrafters are now available at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Police News



Police are investigating a hit and run accident reported at 9:15 p.m. Monday. An unidentified vehicle struck a 1992 Mercury owned by Robert A. Bane, 401½ E. Penn. Bane's car was parked at 104 N. Market at the time of the accident.

A 15-year-old boy was arrested at 12:55 a.m. Tuesday, charged with illegal consumption of alcohol and aggravated battery after a fight in the Hoopeston municipal building.

According to police reports, the altercation involved the boy, his mother, Rankin police chief George Long, Rossville police officer Jerry Hicks and Hoopeston officers Joe Gaffney and Roger Beaty. The boy was released to his mother and step-father.

In the hospital



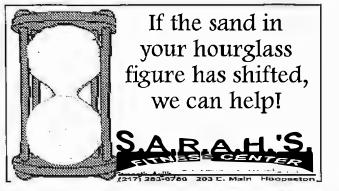
Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Feb. 6, 1995

Admitted: Wilburta Storm, Rossville. Discharged: Lucas Swartz, Wellington.

Weather



Mostly sunny, cold today. High in the low 20s. Tonight, increasing cloudiness with a 40 percent chance of snow. Low in the teens. Tomorrow, flurries likely. High near 35, low near 12.



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