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City officials seek bids on summer mowing equipment

City officials plan to spend approximately \$17,000 on a new tractor mower for city property. Alderman Mike Eckersley, chairman of the city's parks committee, announced at Tuesday's city council meeting that bids for a new mower will be opened at 4 p.m. March 17. Eckersley said specifications for the mower are available at city hall. Bidders will be requested to demonstrate suggested models to make sure mowers can handle the job. Eckersley said hills at the sewer treatment plant have caused problems with the hydrostat system on mowers currently in use. "We just need

bigger equipment," he said. In other action, the council: —renewed an agreement with Russell Leigh & Associates to perform the city audit for \$3,800. —took no action on a proposed smoke detector ordinance because city attorney Calvin Hultquist was ill and unable to attend the meeting. —learned budget packets must be completed and returned to Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman, by March 7. —briefly discussed the city's failure to receive a Department of Commerce and Community Affairs housing rehabilitation grant.

Briefly

Rossville hires personnel

Personnel issues dominated Monday night's Rossville school board meeting. The board reappointed Phil Smith as superintendent and high school principal. Smith was given a three year contract, from July 1 1995 to June 30, 1998. His salary will be determined later. In other personnel action, the board hired Elizabeth Braddock as treasurer, effective July 1. She will receive \$1,750. Marcella Gress was hired as district bookkeeper at a salary of \$19,000. Finally, Mark Janesky was hired as part-time summer help at \$6.76 per hour, not to exceed 320 hours.

Death ruled accidental

A coroner's jury ruled the death of a Hoopeston man was an accident. After deliberating approximately 30 minutes,

the jury ruled at Friday's inquest that the death of James "Pokey" Wallace was accidental, said Lyle Irvin, Vermilion County coroner. Wallace was killed Jan. 13 when he was struck by a car driven by Edward A. Miller, 46, of Oakwood. Wallace was walking down U.S. 150 west of Danville at the time of the accident. The jury recommended that lighting along U.S. 150 be improved, finding the "darkened roadway was part of the problem," Irvin said. The panel also recommended that the special prosecutor assigned to the case continue investigating. A special prosecutor was assigned because Miller is a Vermilion County deputy chief probation officer. The state trooper who investigated the accident and members of Wallace's family testified at the inquest.

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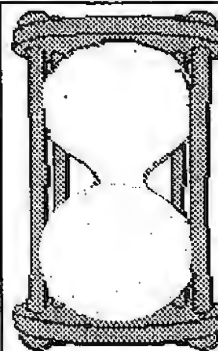
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Up & Coming...

EIMPC activities

Activities at the EIMPC community center this
week include: AARP meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday; coffee, 9:30 a.m. Thursday; euchre,
12:30 p.m. Thursday.

Co-op dinner

A co-op dinner will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 25
at Centennial Manor, with Ron and Elsie Cloud.
The public is invited.

Grain market assistance

The Hoopeston Public Library and Demeter,

Inc. will co-sponsor "Current Grain Markets -
What to do" at 2 p.m. Thursday at the library.

Darrel Good, University of Illinois professor
and extension economist, will be the featured
speaker.

For more information, contact the library at
283-6711.

Tax freeze applications

Senior citizen tax freeze applications, based on
1994 income, are available at the Grant Town-
ship assessor's office.

Police News



Max Longfellow, 863 E. Young, reported Tues-
day that someone took several antique dishes and
other items from his home.

Both drivers in an accident at 8:15 a.m. Tues-
day were ticketed.

Max Zamarripa, 43, of 805 E. Chestnut, was
westbound on Orange St., in a 1981 Oldsmobile.
He stopped to turn into the high school parking
lot and was struck from behind by **Jessica J. Mer-
rill**, 18, of 505 E. Main, also driving a 1981
Oldsmobile.

Zamarripa was cited for operation of an unin-
sured motor vehicle and Merrill was ticketed for
failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an acci-
dent at 10:32 a.m. Tuesday in the Revco parking
lot, Routes 1 and 9.

A 1979 Oldsmobile driven by **Fannie Simmons**,
323 E. Penn, backed into a 1989 Pontiac driven
by **Susan Voyles** of Wellington. Simmons was at
fault for improper backing.

Deborah J. Rucker, 46, of 315 N. Clinton,
Boswell, Ind., turned herself in to police at 1:50
p.m. Tuesday. Rucker, wanted on a warrant for
failure to appear, was released on \$95 cash bond.

Stuart Galloway, 822 E. McNeil, reported
Tuesday that someone took a small block Chevi
Brodix Track 1 head cylinders and Holly 750 car-
buretor from his garage.

Court dispositions



Jan. 19 - **Jack Slaton**, Hoopeston, cruelty, li-
cense required, failure to inoculate, owner's du-
ties, nolle pros.

Jason Tinch, Hoopeston, leash law, \$75.

Robert Akers, Hoopeston, total 403 hours pub-
lic service work, found in contempt, six months in
the Public Service Building.

Zenon Kucharczyk, Rankin, to pay \$75 and
restitution, writ to be issued.

Marvin Hunt, Hoopeston, to pay total \$113,
continued for payments.

Alice Russell, Hoopeston, writ hearing, bond
applied, continued for balance; deceptive prac-
tices, \$75, restitution to be made.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Feb. 20, 1995

Admitted: John Lockhart, Hoopeston.

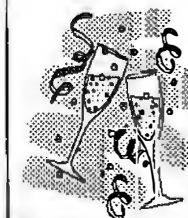
Discharged: Velma Daniels, Hoopeston.

Weather

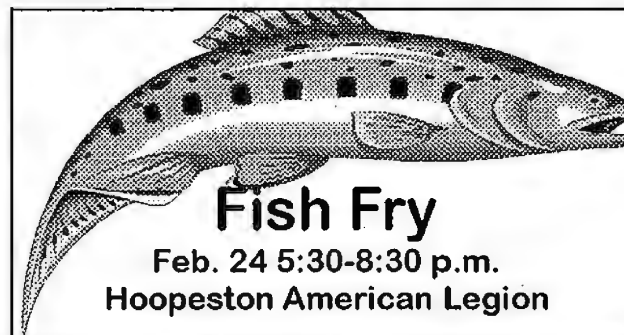


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Plan to attend Candidates Night

7 p.m.

March 9

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