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## Police News



**Ty L. McMillan**, 32, of 819 S. Third St., turned herself in to Hoopeston police at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. McMillan, wanted of a Vermilion County small claims warrant, was released on \$200 cash bond.

**Caroline K. Smith**, 85, of 619 S. Fourth St., was ticketed for failure to yield following an accident at 9:56 a.m. Friday.

According to reports, Smith, driving a 1987 Lincoln, allegedly went through the yield sign at East Penn and Third St., striking a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Leandro E. Acosta, 320 Front St.

**The Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 11:18 a.m. Friday to a field fire at West Thompson and Route 1.

The fire department was called at 1:57 p.m. Saturday to provide mutual aid for the Rossville Fire Department at a brush fire at the Hubbard Trail Country Club.

**Judith A. Finnell**, 50, of 311½ E. Lincoln, was arrested at 12:59 p.m. Saturday. Finnell was charged with battery on a complaint from Jacinda A. Hart, 634 E. Thompson. Hart alleged that Finnell struck her.

Finnell was released on a notice to appear.

**Henry J. Rodgers**, 34, of 516 E. Young, was arrested following a traffic stop for speeding. Rodgers was also charged with operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He was released after

posting his driver's license in lieu of bond.

**Marla Gilbert**, #20, Parkview Court, reported Sunday that someone took a girls 26-inch Huff bicycle from her residence. The bicycle is green with a purple, pink and green seat.

**Jeff Wise**, 325 S. Third St., reported Sunday that someone took the tail light covers from his 1992 Chevrolet pickup truck while it was parked at his residence.

## Correction

It was incorrectly reported Friday that a creditors hearing regarding the bankruptcy of National Microsystems of Illinois, Inc., was held Friday. The hearing was Thursday. Just the Facts regrets the error.

## Obituaries

**KNOLL** -Laura B. Knoll, 87, of Rankin, died at 11:40 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1995, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Danville. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial was in Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rankin United Methodist church or charity of the donor's choice.

## Weather

Seventy percent chance of showers today. High near 50. Tonight, continued rain. Low in the upper 30s. Tomorrow, continued chance of rain. High near 45, low near 37.

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## Handy tips prevent motorists from driving others crazy

Now that the weather is getting warmer - at least a little - more and more people are on the roads driving.

And while some people may think that snow and ice bring out bad drivers, I like to think spring fever brings out the world's worst motorists.

Having driven a great deal last week, it seems I saw every conceivable no-no known to drivers.

In order to make local streets safer for motorists and pedestrians, I therefore am happy to provide this list of safe driving tips.

**Tip #1:** If you can't drive at least as fast as the speed limit, get off the road.

There are those drivers who can't even manage to drive 25 m.p.h. in areas so designated.

If pushing on the gas pedal is more than you can bear, please pull to the side of the road when cars approach from the rear.

**Tip #2:** At unmarked intersections, yield to the person on your right.

If you don't know left from right, you have no business behind the wheel of a car.

**Tip #3:** If you're a male driver and you're being passed by a female motorist, do not let your macho pride cause you to speed up so that she cannot get around your vehicle.

This is not only unsafe, it makes you look like an insecure male.

**Tip #4:** Female drivers should not apply beauty products while navigating their vehicles.

Unless, of course, you're running late for work.

**Tip #5:** If you drive a small car, steer clear of semis making wide turns.

Last week, a semi driver knocked down street signs because someone in a little sports car decided to be a road hog. Fortunately, the semi driver decided to demolish the sign rather than the little sports car.

**Tip #6:** Pay attention at the light. If everyone is alert, three people can get through an intersection

on a yellow light, making for shorter lines and happier drivers.

**Tip #7:** Ambulances, fire trucks and police cars have lights and sirens for a reason: to get other drivers out of the way. Be a conscientious driver and pull to the side so they can do their jobs.

**Tip #8:** Squealing tires and fishtailing when turning corners may impress your friends, but it doesn't do a whole lot for the neighbors and other motorists.

This tip is especially directed at those teenaged boys (and not so teenaged guys) who think such maneuvers are the way to impress people.

It's no wonder insurance rates are higher for teenaged males than females.

**Tip #9:** If you're going to pass a vehicle, pass it and be done with it. There are few things so annoying (to me, anyways) as having someone begin passing, then start chatting with passengers and stay in the passing lane too long.

The main problem with this driving tactic is a little something called ONCOMING TRAFFIC.

**Tip #10:** There is a reason all cars come with turn signals. That is because they ARE NOT OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT! If you're going to make a turn, use your signals.

**Tip #11:** Just because the car coming toward you looks like it might belong to someone you know doesn't mean it does, so don't swerve into the other lane.

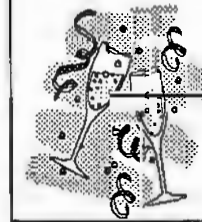
As a driver of a little white car in a world full of little white cars, I've had countless people think they recognize my car and swerve at me as a sign of greeting, only to discover I wasn't who they thought I was.

**Tip #12:** Do not use one finger to wave at other motorists. This causes hard feelings.

By following these easy tips, motorists can drive knowing they are not driving other vehicle operators crazy.



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