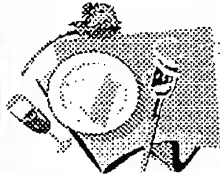


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Briefly

Storm causes little damage

Mother Nature put on a display Saturday night that caused little damage locally.

Funnel clouds were reportedly spotted near the Alvin-Bismarck area and within three miles of Hoopeston, but the sightings were not confirmed by local officials.

While spared damage from tornadoes, several residents were without power and many found

themselves clearing debris on Mother's Day.

Meetings scheduled

Several governmental agencies will meet this week, including:

Rossville village board: 7 p.m. Monday.

Rossville school board: 7 p.m. Monday.

Hoopeston city council: 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Hoopeston Area school board: 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

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May 16: Merle & Jean Lockhart, Wellington

May 17: Bettie Walker, Hoopeston

May 18: Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home, Hoopeston

May 19: Fran Thomas, Hoopeston

Cathy S. Smith, 21, and Robert L. Clayburn, 22, both of 817½ E. Elm, turned themselves in to police Thursday. Both were wanted on traffic warrants. Smith was released on \$95 bond and Clayburn was released on \$90 bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:50 a.m. Friday. Marjorie J. Lamb, route 1, Cissna Park, in a 1990 Ford, was backing from 703 S. Third St., when she struck a parked 1983 Oldsmobile owned by Adam Watson, 705 S. Third St.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:58 p.m. Friday. Michael Shipman, 823 E. Penn, in a 1992 Saturn SL1, pulled away from a curb in the 800 block of East Penn and did not see a Buick Park Avenue driven by Betty R. Huffman, 911 Sprague Road.

Pixie Weinstein, 526 E. Thompson, reported Friday that someone pulled approximately 40 new trees from the property.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:05 p.m. Friday. Angela K. Burke, 215

E. Seminary, in a 1991 Chevrolet Lumina, struck a stopped 1994 Jeep Cherokee driven by Raul Linares, 918 W. Washington. Linares was in the 200 block of West Penn waiting to make a turn.

No tickets were reported in an accident at 11:51 p.m. Friday. Mark G. Potter, Champaign, told police someone swerved at him, causing him to swerve and strike a hydrant on the corner of West Penn and South Sixth Ave. Police do not have a description of the other vehicle.

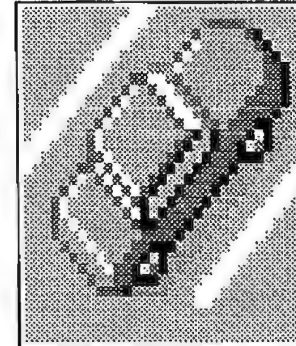
A passenger in Potter's vehicle was injured but refused medical treatment.

Eileen Leemon, 316 W. Orange, reported Saturday that someone struck her mailbox, breaking the post in half.

Samuel P. Browne, 602 E. Honeywell, reported that someone took a radar detector and gun from his 1994 Dodge truck while it was parked at BJ's Pump.

Ora J. Baer of Baer's Motel, reported Sunday that someone took a television from a motel room.

See POLICE on other side



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Hoopeston is not on it's way out, despite what critics say

To paraphrase a quote from Mark Twain, the report of Hoopeston's death was an exaggeration. If you listen to a lot of the comments made about Hoopeston, you'd think the town was on its sickbed in the midst of death throes. But a careful look shows that is not the case.

Yes, there's been bad economic news: National Microsystems bit the dust. Pillsbury will shut its doors this summer and FMC downsized considerably.

However, those changes have and will not sound the death knell for Hoopeston.

While Pillsbury, as we know it, will close, officials are working hard to fill the void it will leave. There is every indication that another company will purchase the facility.

As for downsizing at FMC, companies across the world are downsizing. It would be unrealistic for us to expect not to experience the same.

As a community, we're really very fortunate. Few towns can boast of having an American National Can, a Schumacher Electric, a Stokely USA, an FMC. For a city our size, we have a lot of industry.

Then, too, we have new people coming to Hoopeston.

Ron King recently purchased the former Burton Motors. Casey's General Stores plans to open a second location, Bryan Tarnacki opened a used car dealership and Don Wolfe will open a third funeral home next month.

There can only be one reason why these people are willing to open businesses here: they believe our economy is on the upswing.

This shows that people have faith in the economic climate of our community, which is more than can be said of many residents.

It's so much easier to focus on the negative: Things are going badly. Hoopeston used to be a bustling community and now look at it. There are so many empty buildings. Things will never be

the same again.

There is truth in those comments. Hoopeston is not as bustling as it once was.

And yes, businesses have closed.

But we're still here and we're recovering.

Not only have new businesses and owners located here, but existing businesses are doing well.

Hoopeston residents are still dining out, still buying groceries, gas and clothing, still renting movies or going to the theater.

The schools are still educating our children, city officials are still spending our tax money.

People are still congregating in coffee shops complaining about all of the above.

In short, it's business as usual in Hoopeston.

Things may not be as good as they were, but they're a far sight better than they could be.

And for that, we should all be thankful.



By LOURDINE FLOREK


Police continued from other side

Brad Glover reported Sunday that someone threw a piece of asphalt through a Honeywell School window.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:25 a.m. Sunday. Richard D. Wright, 417 E. Hickory, Milford, in a 1977 Chevrolet, pulled on Route 1 from between Honeywell and McCracken, not seeing an approaching 1994 Dodge driven by Marian M. Merkle, Danville.

Laura L. Parks, 44, 106 Iroquois, Rankin, was arrested at 9:37 a.m. Sunday, charged with aggravated battery and criminal damage to property on a complaint from Bob Inman, #9, Downtown Motel. Parks was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.


Weather



Partly sunny today. High in the mid to upper 70s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High near 78, low near 56.

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