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## City council looks at Fifth Street traffic problem again

Hoopeston city officials are still discussing what to do concerning speeding traffic on South Fifth St.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council received a petition, signed by more than 300 residents, asking that something be done.

The request came after five-year-old Samantha Phillips, who lives on the street, was struck by a car approximately two months ago.

The petition was presented to the council by Samantha's grandfather, Jim Richards.

Alderman Mark Drollinger, chairman of the city's street and alley committee, said the Illinois Department of Transportation conducted a 24-hour traffic study on the street. Details of that

study should be available within a week.

City officials and engineers have previously said stop signs could be installed on the street only if traffic warrants it because the street was repaired with federal funds and is a through street.

Drollinger said the study will probably not help the problem. "I don't think the numbers will be there," he said after the meeting.

A street and alley committee meeting has been set for 6 p.m. Monday "where we hope to come to a resolution on this," Drollinger said.

In other action, the council approved hiring Rick McCay, Billy Kaag and Shannon Ramos as first responders for the ambulance service and approved Rick Birch as a new fireman.

## The check's in the mail

## Local students collect over \$5,000 for Oklahoma relief

A \$5,350 check is making its way from Hoopeston to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The check was sent Friday to the Oklahoma City Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund, said Hoopeston Area teacher Rita Tolch, who coordinated the fund drive.

Tolch said she and students talked about sending the money to the American Red Cross, but wanted to be sure that all money went directly to the families of victims in the tragedy. "We wanted the people there who had suffered through it to really get the money," she said.

Tolch called the Oklahoma City mayor's office and was told money donated to the disaster relief fund would go directly to families, "for counsel-

ing or whatever needs they had," Tolch said.

Accompanying the money is a card made and signed by students and copies of local articles on the fund drive.

Much of the money was collected in small donations. The largest donation was \$150 from the Hoopeston Jaycees, followed by three or four \$100 donations.

The community's support surprised Tolch, who expected to collect about \$500.

"I thought if we could collect \$1 for each high school student, that would be good," she said. "At the beginning, you think 'Is this silly? Is this crazy? Do other people feel the same?' We're so thankful."

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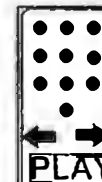
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## Briefly

### Well Baby clinic change

The Hoopeston Well Baby clinic scheduled to be held at the Presbyterian Church Thursday will instead be held at the Lutheran Church at the corner of Market and Honeywell. Participants are asked to use the south door.

The hours will remain the same, 9-11 a.m.

### Success story winners

Don "Bud" Ervin Jr. was named the "Success Story Winner" for April at S.A.R.A.H.'S Fitness Center.

Finalists were Megan Longfellow, Becky Quimby, Karen White and Donna Wilkening.

### Trees available

Rossville residents may sign up at the village office for free trees. Trees available include red oak, white oak, red maple, sugar maple, hack berry, Norway maple and pin oak.

Also, it is once again time for the village sidewalk repair program. Residents interested in sharing the cost of repairing sidewalks should sign up at the village office.

## Police News

### Local girl injured in accident, ticketed for alcohol offenses

Lisa K. Williams, 17, of 210 E. Thompson, was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital following an accident at 11:33 p.m. Monday at East McCracken and North Market.

Williams was northbound on Market when she allegedly lost control of her 1982 Plymouth, striking a street sign and breaking a utility pole before being thrown from her car.

She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor and driving too fast for conditions.

Frances Sharnhorst, #17 Parkview Court, reported Monday that someone scratched the left side of her 1985 Ford while it was parked in Parkview Court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:35 p.m. Monday.

A 1985 Jeem, driven by Ava D. Johnson, route 1, Wellington, struck a tree at Honeywell School.

Everett G. Lane, 83, of 527 E. McCracken, was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital following an accident at 4:38 p.m. Monday.

Lane, in a 1980 Chrysler LeBaron, struck a 1990 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Charles Duna-

van, 690 Euclid, at Route 9 and South Third Ave.

Lane was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Wayne S. Propes, 21, 611 E. Wyman, was arrested at 8:14 p.m. Monday, charged with counts of violation of an order of protection and one count of stalking.

Propes was arrested on a complaint from Veronica Propes, 421 E. Thompson.

Trent A. Savage, 23, of 217 N. Market, was arrested at 2:41 p.m. Tuesday on an Iroquois County warrant. He was released on \$500 bond.

## In the hospital

### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital May 15, 1995

**Admitted:** Marjorie Brockway and Claude Arterberry, both of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Claude Arterberry and Theresa Powell, both of Hoopeston.

## Weather

Sixty percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today. High near 70. Tonight, 80 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid to low 50s. Tomorrow, continued chance of rain. High near 73, low near 57.

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