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Hoopeston man repairs memories along with collectibles

Your two-year-old just did a flying tackle into your grandmother's vase.

The statue your son made in summer camp just lost an arm.

While dusting, you accidentally knocked over a plate that's been in your family for generations.

In each of these situations, there are two possible solutions: sweep up the pieces and put them in the trash or call Erik Hultquist.

Hultquist, owner of Erik's Restorations, repairs ceramics, pottery, china, decorative items, metal pieces and oil paintings.

His work is the culmination of years spent studying and buying antiques mixed with a knack for duplicating items. "If half the piece is there, I can probably build the other half," Hultquist said.

Hultquist stumbled onto his career. "I wanted to

get in the auction business, but there was too much competition," he said. "I had to find something that everyone else wasn't doing."

An avid auction-goer since the age of seven, and former owner of a Rantoul antiques store, Hultquist turned his knowledge of valuables into a tailor-made career.

"When I was at auctions, I'd see valuable pieces go for next to nothing because they were chipped or something," Hultquist said. "I'd buy pieces, bring them home and fix them."

Hultquist's home is filled with pieces he's found and fixed, from a metal statue of a horse and cavalryman to a Flo Blue soup bowl.

The horse's legs were chipped and the cavalryman's right arm was missing. Now, the horse seems ready to

See COLLECTIBLES on other side

Briefly

Group to mark century anniversary

The public is invited to a reception sponsored by the Mary Hartwell Catherwood Club in celebration of the group's 100th anniversary.

The reception will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Hoopeston Public Library. Library tours will be given and refreshments will be served.

The club was the founding patron of the library and instrumental in establishing the library in 1904.

Class reunion update

The H-EL class of 1981 is inviting their counterparts from Wellington and Rankin to join in their class reunion. To join in, contact Vickie (Clyden) Chism at (217) 283-6191. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. May 19 at Burger King.

Hydrant flushing

Hoopeston water/sewer workers will flush hydrants every Friday throughout the summer, weather permitting.

Pancake & sausage day

The Hoopeston Area Little League and Colt League will sponsor an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage day May 25 at St. Anthony's parish hall. Serving will be from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Crossword winner

Sandra Latham of Hoopeston was the April winner in the Just the Facts crossword puzzle contest. She received a \$50 gift certificate from Carolyn's Beauty Salon.

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Collectibles

run and the cavalryman holds a flag in a reconstructed right arm.

The handle of the soup bowl lid was originally missing, but has been replaced with one newly-made.

Besides practicing, Hultquist also learned his craft from a brief trip to South Dakota, home of one of the few companies that repairs collectible items. "They were doing the exact same thing I was doing, but not as well," he said.

Repairs do not lower the value of collectibles, Hultquist said. And repaired pieces are as useful as they were before they were broken. "If it's a coffee cup you were used to drinking from, you can drink from it again," he said.

The hardest part of repairs, Hultquist said, is matching colors. Also, he said, clear glass items that have been broken will never look the same. "You'll

always have that crack there," he said. "Of course, I can paint it and then you won't be able to tell."

Rates for repairs vary according to the job. "If it's sentimental value, I'll do it fairly cheap," he said.

Hultquist will pick up and deliver pieces and offers free estimates. Most items can be repaired and returned within two weeks, Hultquist said.

While he has a new career, Hultquist still yearns for the action of auctioneering and scours sales for broken treasures. "Maybe someday, I can put it all together," he said.

Erik's Restorations can be reached at (217) 283-

Court dispositions



May 2: David Lackey, Hoopeston, parked here prohibited, paid in full.

Tammy Longest, Hoopeston, to pay \$45 and proof of insurance, failed to appear, rule to show case issued.

Nicole Matthews, East Lynn, deceptive practice, \$45, restitution.

William Mitchell, Danville, to pay fine, costs of \$234, \$160.53 restitution, continued to June 20.

Laurie Munson, Fowler, In. deceptive practice, \$45, \$51.04 restitution paid, six months court supervision.

Thomas Norris, Michigan, deceptive practice, to pay restitution, third alias summons.

Allen Shumate, Rankin, deceptive practice, failed to appear, summons issued.

Jackie Trautvetter, Hoopeston, nuisance junk car, failed to appear, summons issued.

Kayla Wilson, Hoopeston, to pay \$69, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Paul Oeding, Rossville, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty.

Frank Chavez, Hoopeston, possession of drug

Weather



Partly sunny and warmer today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the low to mid 60s. Tomorrow, isolated thunderstorms. High near 85, low near 64.

Police News



A red 1979 Dodge Caravan was towed Wednesday from 1027 W. Thompson because it was a traffic hazard.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 14, 1996

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Lillian Betka, Rankin.

Thursday Trivia



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Last week's winner: Willa Burton
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LOST AND FOUND

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Erik's Restorations restores ceramics, pottery, china and