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## Labor group withdraws request for local police bargaining unit

Hoopeston police officers will not be represented by a bargaining unit.

A petition to organize the Hoopeston Police Department, was withdrawn by the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee on June 4, said Mayor Bob Ault.

The Benevolent filed its original petition on April 4.

Ault said the petition was withdrawn after the Benevolent discovered the city does not have enough full-time employees to meet the criteria for establishing a union.

For police to join the group, the city had to have a minimum of 35 full-time employees among all municipal departments. Hoopeston has 32 such employees, Ault said, adding some of those would

have been disqualified because they are department supervisors.

Benevolent representatives examined city employment records before withdrawing their petition, Ault said. "I think they looked at the facts and said 'Why waste our time,'" he said.

A hearing on the request was scheduled last month, but was postponed until June 10-11. On May 31, however, the Benevolent requested continuance to June 27 or July 11 before withdrawing the petition.

Eric Poertner of the Benevolent, who worked with local officers, did not return telephone calls and could not be reached for comment.

Officers had hoped the Benevolent would help negotiate better salaries and an additional officer to the nine-man department.

## Briefly

### Marilyn alert

The Hoopeston Playcrafters will pay tribute to Marilyn Monroe by performing "Seven-Year Itch," based on one of Monroe's most popular movies.

Beginning June 15, area residents will be able to win two free tickets to the play by registering when "Marilyn" is displayed in local businesses, including: Global Fashions, June 15-21; Der Schreiner, June 22-28; Weber Drugs, July 6-12; and S.A.R.A.H.'S., July 13-19. Winners will be selected from each store.

Play dates and times will be 7 p.m. July 20, 26-27 and 1:30 p.m. July 21.

### Benefit scheduled

A benefit has been set for Janet (Egnew) Eells, a life-long Hoopeston resident. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. June 14 at the Hoopeston American Legion. Scheduled are a steak fry until 8 p.m.; auction from 8 to

9 p.m. and dance from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. All proceeds will go toward medical and travel expenses.

Eells is the wife of Kevin Eells and daughter of Beverly (Egnew) Cowan. She was diagnosed with leukemia last year and has been undergoing treatment, including a bone marrow transplant.

For more information, contact Gary Warf at Warf's Marathon, Randy Carter at King Motor Sales or Nancy Kester, (217) 283-9503, evenings.

### Phone book recycling project set

A Telephone Book Recycling Collection will be held June 14-July 15 in Vermilion County. Local collection points are McDonald's, Routes 1 and 9 throughout the entire collection time, and, from July 1-15, Rossville-Alvin Elementary School.

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## Court dispositions



**May 30: Randall Smith**, Danville, no insurance, no valid registration, warrant to be issued.

**Jamey Strawser**, Hoopeston, no insurance, speeding, failed to appear; warrant issued.

**Ian Tuggle**, Rossville, expired registration sticker, pleaded by mail.

**Gordon Hedrick**, no address, writ hearing, pleaded by mail.

**Patrick Henning**, Hoopeston, paid \$95 in full.

**Tonya Irvin**, Hoopeston, owes \$95, failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

**Daniel Miller**, Hoopeston, 165 hours public service work; owes 161 hours or \$684.25, rule to show cause issued.

**Rogelio Bernal**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause

## Police News



**Cindy Houmes**, 528 W. Penn, reported Tuesday that someone took roofing nails, three rolls of 30 lb. roofing felt and other nails from her home.

A **girl's bicycle** was found in the alley between West Maple and West Lincoln off South Sixth Ave. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

hearing, owes \$95; continued to July 11.

**Wendi Bruner**, Hoopeston, found in contempt; owes \$148, continued to July 11.

**Michelle Grove**, Hoopeston, petition to revoke, found in contempt May 2; failed to appear, warrant issued.

**Henry Rodgers**, Hoopeston, 92 hours public service work, found in contempt May 2; failed to appear, warrant issued.

**Jackie Winchester**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, paid \$43 in full.

**William Mitchell Jr.**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, to do 177 hours public service work; paid \$50, status check July 11.

**Daniel Miller**, Hoopeston, no insurance, improper lighting, continued to July 11.

**Lance Brougher**, Rantoul, possession of cannabis, not filed by state's attorney.

**Luiz Perez**, Hoopeston, illegal consumption, not filed by state's attorney.

**Timothy Schroeder**, Hoopeston, battery, resisting arrest, not filed by state's attorney.

**Tommy R. Creamer**, East Lynn, battery, illegal dumping; pleaded not guilty to both counts.

## Obituaries

**FLOREK** - Anastasia C. Florek, 89, of Watseka, died at 11:25 a.m. Monday, June 10, 1996, in Chicago. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Edmund Catholic Church in Watseka. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Memorial contributions are suggested to CareMed Hospice, 322 Green St., Chicago, 60607-9934.

**SCHMIDT** - Henry E. Schmidt, 74, of rural Milford, died at 9 a.m. Monday, June 10, 1996, at his home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church in Schwer. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Monday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorial contributions are suggested to ARC of Iroquois County or Prairieview Lutheran Home.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
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**Admitted:** Robert Johnston and Walter Evans, Hoopeston; Dorothy Marshall, Rankin.

**Discharged:** none.

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