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### Group leader asks council for parental accountability ordinance

Some local residents want parents made accountable for the criminal actions of their children. Approximately seven members of the Neighborhood Watch attended Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting to request aldermen consider an ordinance making parents financially responsible for crimes committed by their children.

Truman Page, Neighborhood Watch coordinator, addressed the council, detailing the group's history and stressing that local police need the council's help in dealing with juvenile crime.

"We've got drugs here in Hoopeston," Page said. "If you don't believe that, come sit on my patio for a week. We've got gangs in Hoopeston; they're mutilating animals and leaving parts in vacant buildings."

Page told aldermen there is little police can do with juvenile criminals. "They can't hold them, they can't even handcuff them to a chair," he said. "Your police need your help."

Page said the Neighborhood Watch wants parents to be held financially liable for damages caused by children, "even if they have to do (community

service). I think we need to change the attitude of a lot of people around here."

Page cited other communities, such as Belgium, where such ordinances are already enacted. "I talked to the mayor there and he said it's working," he said.

Page said his request did not demand immediate attention. "I don't expect you to make a decision until we discuss it again," he said. "I just want you to think hard about it."

In other business, the council:

☐learned the ambulance department has added new equipment, including two inflatable infant seats and air splints. Alderman Dave Borders, city ambulance committee chairman, said the infant seats are expected to become mandated in the near future.

Additionally, Borders reported an ambulance was damaged Monday night when it hit a deer. Ambulance personnel were not hurt, but the vehicle will be out of service until it is repaired.

☐approved annexing approximately 22 acres containing the lagoon system which will be part of the city's sewer treatment expansion program.

### Woman sentenced for taking money from Rossville Ambulance fund

DANVILLE—A Hoopeston woman was sentenced Monday for taking more than \$2,000 from the Rossville Ambulance Service.

Ronda S. Mikel, 28, pleaded guilty to theft for stealing checks from the ambulance fund. She was sentenced to two years probation and must pay more than \$2,600 in restitution.

In other court action, two Hoopeston men pleaded guilty to burglarizing an apartment in the 500 block of East Main.

Trinidad R. Hernandez, pleaded guilty to burglary for breaking into the apartment on Feb. 14.

Hernandez was sentenced to three years in prison, with credit for 117 days served in jail.

Timothy E. Coon, 18, pleaded guilty to theft for taking part in the burglary. He agreed to testify against Hernandez.

Coon will be sentenced July 25 and could face up to one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine, but he is

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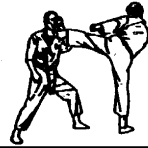
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## Iroquois County seeks disaster designation from Monday floods

CISSNA PARK—Iroquois County officials have requested the county be declared a state disaster area following heavy rains and flooding Monday afternoon and evening.

The southern part of the county - especially Cissna Park and Milford - was hardest hit, according to reports, getting 4 to 6 inches of rain in approximately two hours.

Cissna Park was flooded by 9 p.m. Monday and was closed to traffic as Illinois Department of Transportation shut down Route 49 through town.

Route 1 south of Milford was also closed, as that community was beginning to flood at 10 p.m.

In Hoopeston, storms caused spotted flooding and disrupted telephone service for approximately 10 minutes.

### 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.

#### Thompson Avenue closed

Thompson Avenue, from Route 1 to Sixth Ave., will be closed for the next three or four days for



### Court dispositions



**May 30: Wanda Shore**, Hoopeston, parked in handicapped area, paid \$45 in full.

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

**Sarah P. Watts**, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, \$45, \$30 restitution.

**Willia Burton**, Hoopeston, to complete 47 hours public service work, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

### Police News



**The Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 2:57 p.m. Monday to 328 E. Penn St. for a fire started by lightening.

**Lynn Rutledge**, #25 Parkview Court, reported Monday that the front license plate, XU7656, is missing from her 1985 Oldsmobile.

**Linda Scott**, 426 E. Honeywell, reported Tuesday that someone scratched the passenger side of her 1986 Plymouth while it was parked at Hoopeston Plaza, Routes 1 and 9.

**Tunis Clyden**, Hoopeston, owes \$225, \$253.89 restitution, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

**Dennis Herbst**, Hoopeston, owes \$90, \$209.12 restitution, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

**Jayne Keith**, Hoopeston, \$45 fine and costs, \$29.69 restitution, continued to June 20 for payment.

### In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
June 17, 1996

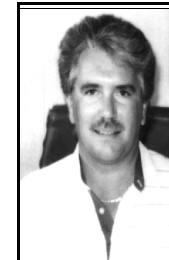
**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Allena Drollinger and Jean Stephenson, Hoopeston.

### Weather



Mostly sunny today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid to upper 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 85, low near 65.



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