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## Hoopeston beats statistics on domestic abuse: advocate

Hoopeston beats the statistics when it comes to women getting beaten in relationships. That was the message from Ann Martin, local advocate for the YWCA's Domestic Abuse Program and shelter. Hoopeston has "one of the highest percentages of domestic violence, Martin told those attending Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting. "That's sort of overwhelming."

Martin handles 80 to 100 cases annually and "for every hundred cases, there are 400 not reported," she said. "I get called when it gets reported to the police or when someone goes to the emergency room."

Martin explained why women stay with abusive partners. Upper class women are afraid to lose the financial security they have come to have, she said. "(Leaving) could tear down that environment. Women in lower income brackets fear leaving

because of low self esteem or lower economic prospects. "The woman may not have a job and there's usually only one car," Martin said. "There may be three or four mouths to feed and (the woman) doesn't know how she'll do it."

Some women of all economic levels stay in abusive relationships "because she feels it's better for the kids," Martin

Neighborhood Watch members can help the domestic abuse problem by taking classes at the YWCA, Martin said. Those who cannot attend classes can help by talking to women they suspect are abused, urging them to get help and get out.

Also, she said, Watch members can support children in abusive families, acting as grandparental figures. "Children are the innocent victims in this," she said.

One thing Martin warned not to do is provide a

## Vehicles, belongings taken by thieves, recovered by police

Three vehicles reported stolen, found by police in last two days

Residents are again being urged to lock vehicles and pocket the keys.

Several vehicles have been stolen - or had items stolen from them - this week.

Pat Burch of 417 E. Wyman, reported Tuesday that her 1988 Chevrolet was taken from her home during evening hours Monday or early morning hours Tuesday. Burch told police she left the keys in the truck.

The truck was later recovered on county road 1550E.

The truck was the third vehicle reported lost, and found, in less than 48 hours.

Several reports of items stolen from vehicles have also been reported.

Sam and Louise Witty of 700 block of South Fifth St., reported scaring two individuals from their vehicle. When police investigated, they found CDs a cellular phone and papers belonging to Margaret Cope, who lives in the 600 block of South Fifth St.

When police contacted Cope, she told them several CDs and a garage opener had been taken from her vehicle, which was parked in her garage.

A radar detector, cassette tape case and flashlight were reported missing from a pickup truck owned by Ray and Michelle Leppard, who live in the 700 block of South Fifth St.

No arrests hae been made.

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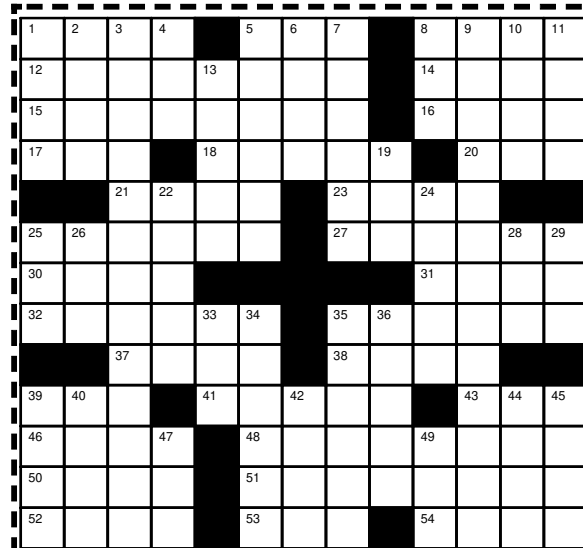
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## In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**June 24, 1996**

**Admitted:** Shirley Sprague, Rankin.  
**Discharged:** Elsie Milton, Rossville.

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See ABUSE on other side

**Abuse** continued from other side

place for an abused woman. "It's not safe," she said, adding that people should instead call the police, the women's shelter in Danville or Martin.

"Hoopeston has a lot of domestic violence, but it's coming out and that's good," Martin said.

Another family secret - sexual abuse - is not coming to light as quickly.

That will be the topic of the July 22 Neighborhood Watch meeting, when Nancy Shaffer, director of the YWCA domestic abuse

## Across

1. 'Without hearts there is no \_\_\_\_'
5. Sass : slang
8. Gone by
12. Appraise
14. Colorado's neighbor
15. Cash \_\_\_\_
16. Call publicly
17. Sea eagle
18. Confine : 2 wds.
20. Maxim
21. So shall it be !
23. Abandoned
25. Stroller : hyph. word
27. Body of water
30. Cuckoopint
31. Quechuan
32. King's \_\_\_\_, chess opening
35. Dug up
37. Country road
38. Crag
39. Cotton State : abbr.
41. \_\_\_\_ twang
43. Upper side

46. Flashy
48. Place of bliss
50. Stir : hyph. word
51. Item in 'Mrs. Murphy's chowder'
52. Available
53. Rake, as hay
54. Blemish

## Down

1. In this world
2. Once more
3. With great praise (Latin) : 3 wds.
4. Yale student
5. Inherent
6. It goes on the agenda
7. Dangers
8. Young seal
9. Stopped completely : 3 wds.
10. Adventure tale
11. Sindw
13. \_\_\_\_ in, lead
19. Tennis need
22. Deadly snake

## Police News



A boy's gray speckled Huffy dirt bicke was found at 801 E. Washington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

## Court dispositions



**June 20: Pam Chandler**, Hoopeston, three counts noisy animals, \$135 fine and costs, 45 days to pay; one count leash law and one count noisy animal, nolle pros; to pay \$50 each, one count noisy animal, one count leash law; due by Aug. 1

**Amanda Trevino**, Hoopeston, to pay \$120 by Aug. 1.

## Weather



Sunny today. High in the low to mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low near 60. Tomorrow, continued sunny. High near 87, low near 65.

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| 24. ____ Tuck              | borealis                     |
| 25. Joke                   | 39. Singing part             |
| 26. ____ pro nobis         | 40. Chicago downtown section |
| 28. Cold cubes             | 42. Keep                     |
| 29. Lincoln's son          | 44. European capital         |
| 33. Hospice                | 45. Nuisance                 |
| 34. Hot-beverage container | 47. Slip on                  |
| 35. Looked fixedly         | 49. Light touch              |
| 36. ____ lights, aurora    |                              |



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