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Hoopeston company celebrates second anniversary, award

A Hoopeston company celebrated its second anniversary - as well as the announcement that it won an award - last week.

Hoopeston Foods, Inc., which celebrated its second anniversary Thursday, was named 1997 Vermilion County Industry of the Year for a company with 50 to 100 employees.

The award, given by the Danville Area Economic Development Corporation, will be presented at a dinner

Sept. 30.

Nominations for the annual award are made by employees of industry in the county, said Karin Graeff, DAEDC office manager.

The group's public relations and marketing committee selects three finalists in the small, medium and large industry categories, then tours each plant before selecting winners in each group.

See AWARD on other side

Briefly

Music Booster winners

Winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: July 28, Deanna Silver, Silver Brothers, Hoopeston; July 29, Betsy Schellhardt, Hoopeston; July 30, Tim and Carrie Taylor, Hoopeston (donated back); July 31, Linda Meeker, Community Bank, Hoopeston.

Multi Agency van, activity schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency senior van is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Watseka; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

To make reservations or for more information, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Activities at the center include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, 12:30 p.m.; Friday, unemployed discount program, 1-3 p.m.

Woman convicted in drug bust

A Hoopeston woman was convicted Thursday on charges stemming from two record-setting cocaine busts last February.

Adela Castaneda, 34, of 307 N. Sixth St., was found

guilty of delivery of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and two counts of criminal drug conspiracy.

Castaneda was not arrested in the Feb. 5 bust, when police seized 18 ounces of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$138,000.

She was indicted by a statewide grand jury that investigates drug rings crossing county lines.

Castaneda faces a mandatory sentence of at least 12 years in prison because some of the charges are Class X felonies. She is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 12.

The other bust occurred Feb. 26 when police raided a home at 327 Front St., seizing 20 ounces of high-quality cocaine powder with an estimated street value of \$140,000.

Castaneda's husband, Jose Julio Castaneda, was arrested in that bust and is serving a 12-year sentence after pleading guilty to criminal drug conspiracy.

Neighborhood Watch meeting

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hoopeston municipal building.

A film on gangs is expected to be shown and Chief Carl Valentine will have handouts on the subject.

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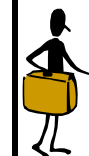
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Police News



A **10-year-old girl** was charged Thursday with theft under \$300.

Police said the girl took a package from a mailbox at 930 S. Sixth Ave.

The theft was reported last week by Sandra K. Priddy of that address.

Police said the stolen item was returned to Priddy and that the girl was released to her parents on a notice to appear.

Joshua J. Edwards, 19, of 816 E. Main St., was arrested at 7:08 p.m. Thursday on a Champaign County warrant.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Patrick E. Henning, 24, of 421 E. Honeywell, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 6:15 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Lynette S. Lawton, 422 E. Seminary, backer her 1995 Ford into Henning's 1977 Ford at East Seminary and the alley.

Henning was then arrested on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear. He was released on \$300 cash bond.

Randi R. Henning, 28, of 421 E. Honeywell, #10, was arrested at 7:35 p.m. Thursday on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear. She was released on \$200 cash bond.

A **Hoopeston man** was injured and a woman ticketed following an accident at 12:01 p.m. Friday at North Third St. and East Young.

Jeffrey A. Keith of 645 E. Young was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after the accident, police said.

Ticketed was Brenda J. Tyler, 48, of 315 N. Third St., who was cited for failure to yield at a marked intersection.

Police said Keith, in a 1991 Ford Tempo, was eastbound and Tyler, in a 1997 Dodge, was southbound on Third St. when Tyler hit Keith.

Charles A. Bolin, 38, of 3212N 1000W Road, Williamsport, Ind., was arrested at 2:35 p.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Bolin was released on \$300 cash bond.

Marvin E. Tull, 33, of Rankin, was arrested at 2:29 p.m. Friday, charged with driving while

suspended, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol, disobeying a yield sign and possession of cannabis, less than 2.5 grams.

He was released on \$200 cash bond.

Jason Garrett, 818 S. Market, reported Friday that someone took several computer games from his home.

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Friday night camper fire under investigation: chief

A late-night camper fire is being investigated by the Hoopeston Fire Department.

The department was called to the fire, at 514 E. Main, at 11:45 p.m. Friday.

"We're looking into it," said fire chief Brian Laird, adding the investigation is expected to take about a week.

Laird said he had heard someone had been living in the camper but that there were no signs of that after the fire. The cause of the fire is also under investigation.

Laird estimated damage to the camper at

approximately \$1,500.

The department was called to a second fire over the weekend, this one at 4:56 p.m. Friday when debris was reported on fire on Conservation Club Road.

Award continued from other side

"I'm very proud and pleased with the fact that we won the award," said John Steele, company president and CEO. "It's representative of the effort the employees put forth."

The award, based on growth, problem-solving, community service, employer/employee relationships and quality improvements, is especially sweet to Steele. "We've had a lot to overcome," he said. "A lot of people didn't think we'd last six months, let alone two years."

The company employs approximately 80 workers. More will be added when the company begins packing Brooks Beans later this year, Steele said.

"We've made a lot of inroads," he said. "I'm optimistic about the future."

Obituaries

ALESHIRE - Paul D. Aleshire, 67, of Hoopeston, died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 1997, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial will be in Rosemont Cemetery, Plymouth. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home and one hour before services at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

PEERS - Docia Grider Peers, 97, of Hoopeston, died at 6:20 p.m. Friday, July 25, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services.

Weather



Scattered thunderstorms today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 70s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 82, low near 65.

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