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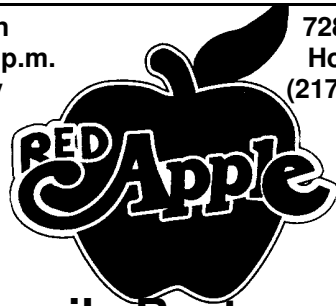
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## City tables construction bid, approves purchasing police cars

The sole bid to construct handicapped accessible ramps on Route 9 was tabled by the Hoopeston city council Tuesday.

The bid, about \$37,000, was roughly \$14,000 higher than the estimated project cost, said Alderman Mark Drollinger, chairman of the city street/alley committee.

The bid, from Silver Brothers Construction, was opened at a committee meeting Tuesday.

In other business, the council approved participating in the state fleet pool to buy two 1997 Ford Crown Victoria police cars.

The cars will cost \$19,394 each, said Alderman John Haughee, police committee chairman. With a \$6,500

trade-in, the total price for both cars will be \$25,788, he said.

Haughee urged approval of the purchase, saying the city has spent \$5,000 on repairs to existing police cars. "We've got the money, we should do it," he said.

The council also:

Learned wastewater treatment plant renovations are completed. The electrical system must be hooked up for the project to be finished. Alderman Drew Allen, water/sewer committee chairman, said the entire project should be completed by Nov. 24.

Learned grave decorations must be removed from Floral Hill Cemetery by Oct. 15.

## Scam artists, recent drug raids topics of Neighborhood Watch

If an offer seems too good to be true, it usually is, according to a video shown at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

A video, "Too Good to be True - How to Avoid Ripoffs," was shown to about 25 people who attended the meeting.

The film outlined tactics con artists use in scams, including, high pressure, lack of written information and pushing clients to accept a deal on the spot.

Police chief Carl Valentine urged residents to be wary of possible hucksters, who include home repair contractors, mechanics and phone solicitors for various products.

People are especially vulnerable to those who promise to perform services, such as car or home repairs, Valentine said. "You're at somebody's mercy whenever you have something worked on," he said. "Make sure you deal with somebody who's reputable."

In other discussion, Valentine spoke about recent drug arrests, including one done by Hoopeston officers and

auxiliary and another last week conducted by agents from the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group and the Illinois State Police SWAT team.

"Whenever you get these drug dealers off the street, it makes you feel pretty good," Valentine said, admitting there is some danger involved.

At a recent raid on Washington St., once police knocked on the door, the inhabitants of the house shut the lights off. "I have to admit I was scared," he said. "There is some danger to it. That's when I feel the police officers really earn their money."

Valentine said he believes the raids have made a dent in local drug traffic, but that more will be done. "I want to send a message to all these drug dealers and potential drug dealers," he said.

He also praised the city council for passing an ordinance creating a fine for people who possess 2.5 grams of marijuana. "That was a good thing the city council did," he said.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 at city hall.

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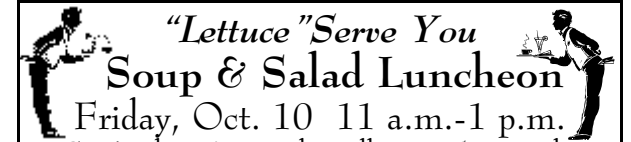
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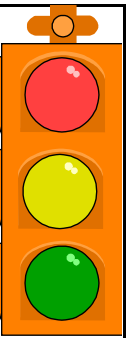
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## Police News

**Betty M. Benson**, 46, of 424 E. Penn, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 3:35 p.m. Monday.

Police said Benson, in a 1990 Ford Mustang, was southbound on North Fourth St. when she hit a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Viola M. Franklin, 424 N. Third St., who was westbound in the 500 block of East McCracken.

Benson was at fault for failure to yield the right of way.

**Charles Reynolds**, 914 S. Sixth Ave., reported Monday that someone damaged his privacy fence.

**Johnathan A. Miles**, 32, of 512 E. Main, was

arrested at 8:15 p.m. Monday, charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from Santiago Casteneda, 526 E. Main.

Police said Miles battered Casteneda at about 11 p.m. Oct. 3 in the alley behind the Lorraine Theatre.

Casteneda was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after the incident, police said.

Miles was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 11:55 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of West Penn.

Police said Brad Wells, 625 E. Washington, fell

asleep in his 1989 Plymouth Voyager and hit a parked 1979 Ford pickup truck owned by Tommie Winger, 405 W. Penn.

**Cathy L. Guldán**, 40, of 204 Locust, Loda, was arrested at 1:17 p.m. Monday, charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving on suspension.

Police said they received a call that a woman in a white pickup truck had been swerving and had run a vehicle off the road and that the woman and vehicle were at Shell Mart, Routes 1 and 9.

Police found Guldán at the gas station and took her to the police station where they found the controlled substance.

## Court Dispositions

**Sept. 18: Jesusa Salinas**, Hoopeston, criminal damage, battery; \$50 on each and \$53.13 restitution.

**Marie Sisk**, Hoopeston, theft, pleaded not guilty; bench trial Dec. 18.

**Robert Staley**, Hoopeston, nuisance, pleaded guilty; \$50 to pay.

**Joseph Thrasher**, Hoopeston, noisy animals, pleaded guilty; \$60 to pay.

**James Compton**, Wellington, disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty, \$90, once year court supervision; resisting, nolle pros.

**Max Boswell**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty; \$90, six months court supervision.

**Julie Holt**, Hoopeston, battery, pleaded guilty; \$100 and costs, one year court supervision.

**Oct. 2: Connie Donnelly**, Terre Haute, Ind., three counts deceptive practice, \$147.43 restitution; nolle

pros.

**Brandon Shipman**, Hoopeston, improper lane usage, pleaded guilty; \$75 total, one year court supervision.

**Todd Crose**, Hoopeston, paid \$100 balance.

**Juan Colunga**, Hoopeston, battery; failed to appear.

**Martin Cornelius**, Rankin, two counts deceptive practice, \$130 restitution; nolle pros.

**Eva Cordova**, Hoopeston, leash, pleaded guilty, \$75 total; failure to inoculate, license required, nolle pros.

**Ricky Coffey**, Hoopeston, junk car, pleaded guilty; \$50 total.

**Jennifer Downing**, Hoopeston, leash law; summons issued.

**Richard Dancey**, Rossville, two counts leash law;

continued.

**Sandra Esquivel**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct; nolle pros.

**Imogene Fink**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause issued.

**Tanya Fancher**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause and \$45 fine and costs; failed to appear.

**Shanna Garcia**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct; nolle pros.

## Obituaries

**CROOK** - Myrtle E. Crook, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston Ambulance Service or Prairie Green Church of Christ.

## In the Hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Oct. 6, 1997

**Admitted:** Frances Zurlinden, Rossville.  
**Discharged:** Virginia Songer and Margaret Cox, Hoopeston.

## Weather

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