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Police investigate as motorists discover perils of pellet guns

A scene from "A Christmas Story" is being enacted on Hoopeston streets.

Someone with a pellet or bb gun has been shooting car windows and should, like the character in the movie, be warned that they could shoot someone's eye out, police said.

Six reports of windows shot out have been made since Sunday, including two cars at Crown Ford, said police chief Carl Valentine.

Damage just to windows on a 1983 Lincoln Continental and a 1982 Ford pickup truck at Crown is estimated at \$630, he said.

Investigator Doug Wagoner, who is looking into the shootings, has a couple suspects, Valentine said. "We don't feel like it's an adult," he said. "We think it's somebody who got a new gun."

Police speculate the shooter rides a snowmobile and parks behind brush along Route 1. Most incidents have occurred at Route 1 and West Main, according to police reports.

Valentine stressed the seriousness of the act, saying the gun probably uses an air cylinder which is pumped up to increase the strength of the shots. "The pressure on it is

Unusual name helps broker at Hoopeston financial office

A new stockbroker's last name gives people pause - but just for a short time.

John Crook, formerly of Denver, Colo., is the newest account executive at First Allied Securities, formerly Barron Chase, in Hoopeston.

Crook admits his name "is funny" for someone in his line of work. "At first, you think you wouldn't want a name like this in this business," he said, "but I think actually, it works to my advantage."

Laughing with a potential client about his name gives Crook "more of a rapport" with clients, and the name tends to be remembered, he said.

Crook came to Hoopeston after working in Denver with Eric Shore, First Allied senior account executive. It was Shore who first hired Crook at the Denver Barron Chase office, Crook said.

When Shore returned to Hoopeston, Crook decided to stay in Denver, but personal reasons changed his mind recently.

Crook's wife, Kimberly, is expecting the couple's first

child in March. "Denver is nice, but it's a big city," Crook said. "We needed a good place to raise a family. All of a sudden, our priorities completely changed," he said, calling the opportunity "timely."

Crook is no stranger to the Midwest. Originally from Belleville, near St. Louis, he attended Wabash College in Indiana, then spent approximately five years in Indianapolis, Ind., before heading west.

Crook expects to retain most of the client base he established in Colorado, as well as southern Illinois, Indiana and the Chicago area. "That's the nice thing about it. I could be on Mars and still do it," he said.

Local people who find his style compatible with their needs may also benefit from his services, but Crook plans to do little active prospecting locally. "The Shores and Sharon (Dixon) have been here a lot longer," he said. Crook is a full-service broker, but said his strength is options, contracts to buy and sell stock, similar to options on commodities.

Crook began with the local firm on Dec. 20.

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★Police News★

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2 p.m. Tesday at Parkview Court.
Police said Jeremy R. Clingenpeel, #41 Parkview Court, drove a 1988 vehicle around a curve and hit a parked 1985 Ford owned by Francis Scharnhorst, #18 Parkview Court.
Amy Nosler, 809 E. Honeywell, reported Tuesday that while she was northbound on Route 1 north of West Main, someone shot out the driver's side window of her vehicle.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday in the 200 block of North Fourth St.
Police said April A. Yanders, 901 E. Wyman, was northbound on Fourth when she reached for a tape and struck a parked 1992 Plymouth owned by Frank Rutledge, 202 N. Walnut, Milford.
A rural Milford man was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after he was

attacked Tuesday night.
Police said Richard S. Anderson, route 2, Milford, left the Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market, and was jumped by unknown assailants.
Police and Hoopeston Ambulance Service personnel responded to the call.
Susan J. Ennen, 34, of East Lynn, turned herself in to police Wednesday. Ennen, wanted on two warrants, was released on \$175 cash bond.

🍏Lunch Menus🍏

Hoopeston Area grade schools
MONDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, tri tator, graham cracker, peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, slaw, pears, milk.
THURSDAY: Fish nuggets, fries, Jello w/fruit, bread, oleo, cake, milk.
FRIDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, corn, salad, orange,

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School
MONDAY: Sausage pizza or fish/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun or corn dog, tri tator, peas, pudding, peaches, milk.
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w/fruit, bread, oleo, cake, milk.
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Neighborhood Watch
Representatives of CRIS Senior Services will discuss topics relating to the elderly, such as elder abuse, at the Jan. 5 Neighborhood Watch meeting at 7 p.m. at the Hoopeston municipal building.

Circuit clerk's office changes policy
Effective Jan. 1, 1998, the Vermilion County Circuit Clerk's offices in Danville and Hoopeston will no longer accept personal checks.
Payment for fines and other fees must be made by cash, money order, certified check or traveler's check.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 30, 1997
Admitted: none.
Discharged: John Laurie.

Weather

Windy today. High 45. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 35. Saturday and Sunday, rain likely. Highs near 45, lows near 45.
For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

See PELLETS on other side
Pellets continued from other side
almost like a rifle shot," he said. "It could really put somebody's eye out or hurt someone."
Valentine is asking residents to be aware of anyone carrying a bb gun - or other firearm - in the city limits. Anyone carrying a gun should be reported to police "even if they don't see them doing anything wrong," Valenine said, adding it is illegal to discharge a firearm in the city limits.
"It would really help that if anybody sees anybody with a firearm walking around, they should call us," he said. "The best thing they can do is keep their eyes and

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