

Repairs on the Thompson Ave. railroad crossing,

originally scheduled for this week, have been re-

scheduled for the week of Oct. 5.

Hear **Sole Survivor** 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Fri.

Those planning to attend the class should call (217) 431-2607 or 431-2611.

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Awards continued from other side

President's Award, presented by the Chamber, to Russ Leigh.. Leigh was selected for his dedication to the Chamber and community, including time spent installing new Chamber banners and Sweetcorn Festival banners; serving as Chamber president for two years and currently as past president and fundraising committee chair; long-time membership with the Hoopeston Lions, high Sunday school teacher and youth group leader at the East Lynn United Methodist Church; Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital board president; and allowing the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to meet in the lower level of his office.

Business of the Year - Service: Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, including Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation, Country Terrace and Hoopeston Nursing

Home.

This year, Hoopeston's healthcare facilities started a chaplain program, jumpstarted its auxiliary program, recruited a new doctor, implemented the healthcare foundation and is beginning a modernization program that includes an updated computer system.

Business of the Year - Industry: FMC employs approximately 140 area people and gives much to the community. In conjunction with the Hoopeston Multi Agency, FMC began a school supply drive for underprivileged children; through the corporate foundation, donated \$5,000 to the Hoopeston Jaycees, Hoopeston Public Library and Multi Agency; helps support the Hoopeston Migrant Council and Hoopeston Girls Softball.

Business of the Year - Retail: Price Less Foods, which initiated the Advantage Plus Savers Card program, extended store hours for customer convenience, donated breakfast for the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and the Hoopeston Healthcare Foundation/Grant Township Community Fund golf outing.

Teacher of the Year: Linda Duffin, 23-year Hoopeston Area teacher received the honor, presented by the Hoopeston Area Education Association, for her dedication to the school system, her students, family and the community.

An almost-lifelong Hoopeston resident, Duffin graduated from Hoopeston High School and attended Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She teaches physical education at John Greer Grade School and coaches the girls volleyball team. She is also head of the school's Parent-Teacher Organization.

Citizen of the Year: Presented by the Hoopeston Chronicle, the award honors someone who has actively served the community over the past year.

Mike Pemberton, State Farm Insurance agent, who, since moving to Hoopeston in 1996, has been active in the Chamber, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Hoopeston Rotary, Multi Agency board and Grant Township Community Fund, where he served as 1997 fund drive chairman and is 1998 president.

Hoopeston Hall of Fame Award: Also presented by the Chronicle, the award recognizes a lifetime of service.

Howard Gaddis, who has lived in the Hoopeston Area all of his life, was recognized for his contributions not only through his former business, Hoopeston Monument, but also volunteer work, including his efforts for the American Legion and the Hoopeston Lions Club.



Classifieds

RUMMAGE SALES

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 18-19, 9-3, 714 E. Thompson, Hoopeston. 2 tables & chairs, large dresser, 2 hide-a-bed sofas, lots of other furniture, nice ladies, men's children's, baby clothes, shoes, hospital bed & table, shower stools. Rain date: Sept 25,26 9-3

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Police seek robbery suspects

Hoopeston police are seeking two men in connection with an armed robbery early Wednesday morning.

The men robbed the Shell Mart gas station, Routes 1 and 9, at gunpoint.

Police were called at 2:50 a.m. after the men entered the business, displayed a gun and demanded money from the cash register. Although no one was seriously injured, a female attendant was pushed to the ground.

The suspects are 5'6" to 5'8" and weigh 150-170 lbs., said Hoopeston police Investigator Doug Wagoner. The men were wearing black hooded sweat shirts at the time of the robbery.

After taking an undisclosed amount of cash, the men fled on foot, Wagoner said.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the Hoopeston Police Department at (217) 283-5196. In other police news:

A boy's red Huffy bicycle found Tuesday and a black Magna bicycle found Sept. 4 were claimed by the owners Tuesday.

James R. McCullough, 27, was arrested at 8:44 p.m. Tuesday, charged with domestic battery on a complaint from Penny S. Galloway of Hoopeston.

Police said McCullough threw Galloway's car keys at her, cutting her hand. The incident occurred in the 500

block of West Lincoln.

McCullough was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Police News

Jason A. Buss, 22, of #14 Baer's Trailer Court, was arrested at 12:35 a.m. Wednesday, charged with four counts of criminal sexual abuse on a complaint from a 12-year-old girl. He was taken to the Public Safety Building.

Christopher J. Goodrum of 722 E. Chestnut, was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after an accident at 10:08 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said Goodrum ran into a 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Arthur T. Galloway, 801 E. Washington. The accident happened behind Hoopeston Area High School.

Kenneth L. Ramsey, 357 First North St., Wellington,

Obituaries

RITTER – William Howard Ritter, 84, of Rossville, died at 8:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 1998, at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Fund.

reported Wednesday that someone scratched the left front fender and fender well of his 1994 Dodge truck. The truck was parked in the 300 block of East Main when the damage occurred.

Nathan P. Longfellow, 20, of 728 S. Market, turned himself in to police at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday. Wanted on Vermilion and Iroquois counties warrants, he was released on \$400 cash bond.

Jerry Schieler, 317 W. Maple, reported Wednesday that someone took a 1979 Honda motorcycle from 725 E. Seminary.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Sept. 15, 1998 Admitted: Hayden Jenkins, Hoopeston. Discharged: Ava Marie German.

Weather

Chance of showers today. High 80. Tonight, clearing. Low 63. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 82, low 65. For the current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.



