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**Hoopeston council OKs bid to fix Market St. fire station**

Damage to the Market St. fire station will be repaired soon.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday accepted a \$5,786 bid from DEB Construction to repair the roof and wall damaged when the White Elephant was razed last year.

Three bids were received for the project, said Alderman Dave Borders, city fire committee chairman. Other bids were from HOW Construction for \$9,100 and Silver Brothers Construction for \$12,600.

In unrelated business, Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said the city could save as much as \$300,000 over the next 12 years if bonds issued in 1991 are refinanced with currently avail-

able lower interest rates.

Goodwine hopes paperwork to refinance the bonds—including information on the city's financial health—can be completed before the Feb. 6 council meeting.

In other action, the council:

unanimously approved vacating an alley behind the Hoopeston Public Library on North Fourth St. The alley will be used as part of the library's expansion program. Ann Webber, who lives next to the library and used the alley, has also agreed to the change.

remembered John Rayls, a 31-year veteran of the Hoopeston Fire Department. Rayls died Sunday in a car accident.

**Trustees extinguish hopes of new fire station on north side**

ROSSVILLE—Fire district officials will have to find a different site for a new fire station.

The Rossville Village Board on Monday voted 4-2 to deny an ordinance amending a zoning ordinance to allow constructing a fire station in a residential area with a special use permit.

Fire district officials had hoped to build a new sta-

tion just north of residences on the village's northern border. Officials had selected the site approximately a year ago and have attending hearings by the zoning board, village board and, most recently, a special hearing officer, to change the ordinance.

The village board's decision went against the independent hearing officer's recommendation.

The proposed location has come under fire from neighboring residents who worried a fire station would decrease the value of their homes. Most vocal of the residents has been Ed Perkins, who, represented by Hoopeston attorney William Nelson, threatened to file suit against the village if the ordinance change was granted.

Fire officials will now have to find a new site for their building. One suggestion has been to put it outside the village limits. Such a move would increase homeowners' fire insurance due to an increased response time to fires.

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## Police News



Two teen boys were arrested at 6:57 p.m. Sunday at the police station.

The boys, both 16, were charged with theft in connection with a Jan. 10 incident at Jerry's IGA.

Each was released to a parent on a notice to appear.

Police are investigating a theft which occurred during the last month at 317 S. Market. Further details were not available.

A 35-year-old man reported Monday that his cell phone was either lost or stolen.

An employee of the Clark Station, 301 W. Penn, reported Monday that someone left the station without paying for \$5 of gas. The person came in Tuesday to pay for the gas.

Ruth A. Bushong, 85, of 625 W. Maple, was ticketed

for disobeying a traffic control device following an accident at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday at East Orange and South Seventh St.

Police said Bushong, in a 1988 Oldsmobile, was at the stop sign when she entered the intersection and was struck by a 1998 Dodge driven by Earl Dixon of Wellington.

## Obituaries

**RAYLS**—John L. Rayls, 52, of Hoopeston, died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston Volunteer Fire Department.

## In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
Jan. 15

Admitted: Fern Hofer, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 30. Tonight, cloudy, chance of flurries. Low 25. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of flurries early. High 30, low 25.

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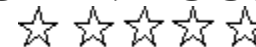
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