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Hoopeston gains, surrounding towns lose in 2000 census

Figures set towns' share of state funds
 Hoopeston didn't grow by leaps and bounds in the
 last year but the 2000 census shows some growth in
 the city.

Census figures, released last week, show Hoopes-
 ton gained 94 residents between 1990 and 2000. The
 city's population last year was 5,965, according to
 the Census Bureau.

The official numbers reflect more people but
 Mayor Bob Ault said Monday the increase may be
 due in part to more accurate counting in the 2000
 census. "I thought many of them were here all the
 time," he said.

Of new residents, most are retirees and younger
 couples with no children. "I think we'll be seeing
 more and more of that," he said.

Neighboring communities Rossville and Milford
 declined in population in the last decade. Wellington
 lost 30 residents, making its 2000 population 264.
 Milford's total went from 1,512 to 1,369 while Ros-
 ville's dipped to 1,217 from 1,334.

The numbers effect not only population signs but
 municipal budgets. Each of Hoopeston's 94 addi-

tional residents count for about \$120 each in Motor
 Fuel Tax, Build Illinois and other state dollars, Ault
 said.

The census figures are not a cause for celebration
 at Hoopeston Area schools. The district receives
 more than \$2,000 in state aid for each student but
 Hoopeston's increased population is not reflected in
 the number of students, said Superintendent Mark
 Conolly at last Thursday's school board meeting.
 "It's nice to know the community is growing but the
 school population is not," he said.

Ault said he was "surprised but pleased" by the
 numbers. "We have a lot to offer people in this
 town," he said.

1990-2000 Census comparison

City	1990	2000	Change
Hoopeston	5,871	5,965	+94
Rossville	1,217	1,334	-117
Milford	1,512	1,369	-143
Wellington	294	264	-30



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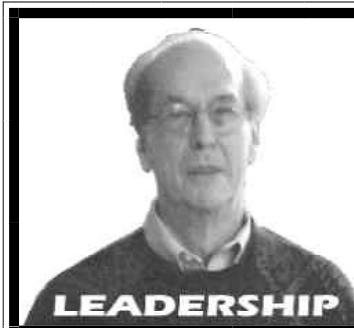
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Bowling Scores



Thursday Afternoon Ladies League Standings 3/15/01

1. Pla-Mor Lanes	48½	23½
2. Crunch's	45½	26½
3. 4 MRS	42	30
4. Rex's	41½	30½
5. Gress I	40½	31½
6. H&R Block	31½	40½
7. Knuth's	31	41
8. Bye	7½	64½

High Team Game: Pla-Mor 876; **High Team Series:** Pla-Mor 2,517; **High Individual Game:** Darlene Musk 234; **High Individual Series:** Glenda Reed 527.

Tuesday Night Classic League Standings 3/13/01

1. Production Tooling	405½	224½
2. Crop Production Service	391	239
3. Ferdinand Construction	359	271
4. Ross Electric	350½	279½

5. Hoopeston Weather Line	340	290
6. Pla-Mor Lanes	335½	294½
7. Danny's Sign Shop	292½	337½
8. O'Malley Insurance	46	584

High Team Game: Production Tooling 862; **High Team Series:** Production Tooling 3,284; **High Ind. Game:** Bob Bruens 300; **High Individual Series:** Bob Bruens 982.

Games over 200: Dave Carter 206, 248; Mark Butterworth 235, 200; Jay Ferdinand 207; Tony Gress 204, 204, 247; Dave Gaddis 207; Hank Longfellow 200; Mike Dean 214, 214; Jerry Smith 215, 214; Jeff Gaffney 201, 232; Rick Birch 214; Dennis Gress 214, 214; Doug Wagoner 207, 205; Randy Hiltz 211, 247; Dave Warf 202, 228; Todd Keith 201, 213, 225; Bob Bruens 300, 258, 200, 224.

Series over 800: Dave Carter 831, Tony Gress 805, Randy Hiltz 811, Todd Keith 808, Bob Bruens 982.

Hall of Shame: Nate Norris 101.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League

Standings 3/12/01

1. R&R Body Shop	43	29
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Police News



Brandon M. Young, 17, of 316 W. Elm, was arrested at 12:35 a.m. Sunday. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 16-year-old girl who, police said, reported that Young threw her to the ground and struck her.

Young was released on a notice to appear.

Santiago M. Solis, 28, no address listed, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an acci-

dent at 2:52 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of West Main. Police said Lonnie R. Davis, in a 1995 Chevrolet C1500, backed into Solis' 1987 Chevrolet Corsica. Davis was at fault for improper backing.

A 16-year-old boy was arrested at 10:30 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Court. The youth was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was released on notices to appear.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital March 15

Admitted: Patricia Hall, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Gladys Ingold, Thelma Lackey.

March 16

Admitted: Pearl Bridges, Hoopeston.

Discharged: John Simpson.

March 17

Admitted: Frances Johnson, Rankin.

Discharged: Pearl Bridges, Patricia Hall.

March 18

Nothing to report.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 55. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 35. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 57, low 36.

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