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**Hoopeston man faces prison, fine for embezzling money**

A former Hoopeston bank official is facing up to 30 years in prison and up to a \$1 million fine for embezzling money.

Brian K. Williams, 39, of Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to embezzling approximately \$20,000 from the former Palmer American National Bank.

Williams pleaded guilty to taking the money between May 28, 1998 and July 23, 1999 while he was employed as a loan officer. He took the money by issuing cashier's

checks which were left unfunded on the bank's books and by taking money that was listed as draws against customers' loan accounts.

Williams appeared in federal court in Urbana, waiving his right to have the case presented to a federal grand jury.

Williams told Judge Michael McCuskey that he has made partial restitution to the bank.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 2, 2003.

**Hoopeston Art Association names winning works, artists**

Alane Pajor won Best of Show at the annual Hoopeston Art Association art show held during the National Sweetcorn Festival.

Linda Randal Powles judged the event at the Girl Scout House at McFerren Park.

Purchase award winners included "Dahlias" by Kolleen Asaad, purchased by the Fred Weaver family; "Untitled" by Eileen Layden, bought by Kankakee Federal; "Majestic Visitor" by Pat Songer, purchased by Community Bank; Judy McKee's "End of Summer & Summer Day" purchased by Drollinger Insurance; and The Mark Linesch family's purchase of "Street Scape" by Wanda Coady.

Also, "The Friendly Confines" by Mary Fielding was purchased by Dr. Alan Brewer; Capstone Bank bought "Ming II" by Nancy Dyer; "Never on Sunday" by Dryer went to State Farm Insurance; Neal Tire purchased "Carolina Sunrise" by Robert Williams, Unger Jewelers bought "Flowers & Fruit" by Dyer; and the John Cadle Special Award went to Virginia Thomas for "Kindergarten - Not Me."

Blue ribbon winners were Dorothy Fava for "Cabin in the Woods," Coady for "Cloister," Asaad for "Jason," Louise Hathaway for "Snack," Julie Porcheddu for "A




Visitors to the National Sweetcorn Festival visit the Hoopeston Art Association display.

Yellowwood Afternoon," Thomas for "The Junkyard Dog," Bernice Bruns for "Earl," Fava for "Annie's Attic," Margaret Mathew for "Leaving Chenonceaux," and **See ARTISTS on other side**

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**Briefly**

**Correction**  
 It was incorrectly reported in Wednesday's edition that city employees who test positive for drugs or alcohol will be placed on unpaid leave. Employees who test positive will be terminated. Those who admit drug use before being randomly tested will be put on unpaid leave while they receive help for substance abuse.

**Winners**  
 Winners in the yard decorating contest sponsored by the Hoopeston Visioning Committee are: Marta Pierce,

 **Police News** 

A **30-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took an AM/FM/cassette stereo and kicker box from her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway in the 500 block of North Ninth Ave.

A **69-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone cut a tire on her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway in the 800 block of West Penn.

**The car reported** stolen Sunday from a driveway the 700 block of East McNeil was returned to the driveway Tuesday.

**An employee of** Vermilion Iron, 200 N. Sixth Ave., reported Tuesday that someone had broken into the office and ransacked desks and filing cabinets. An undetermined amount of money was also taken.

**Artists continued from other side**  
 Chris Starkey for "Planet Discovery Continues.  
 Red ribbons were awarded to Bruns for "Spring," Sharon Schmitz, "Sumac," Coady, Burgundy Beauty," Tom Verhoeven, "New Mexico Sunset," Schmitz, "Coke Break," Bonita Wyatt, "Feeding Time," Asaad, "Desert Man," Vi Rosenberger, "Apples on a Shelf," Gwen Eyman, "Search for Sunken Yacht," and Stephanie Bowers, "Sugar Maple."  
 White ribbon winners included Thomas for "Pooky," Dyer, "Flowers & Fruit," Schmitz, "Window - Homer's Pond," McKee, "Summer Day," Judy Putnam, "Iris," Fielding, "The Friendly Confines," Porcheddu, "Indian Wagon," Layden's "Untitled," Jennifer Huls, "Snowmobiling in the North woods," and Loretta Stirek, "Midnight Miracle."

first place, \$100; Pat Fraley, second, \$50 and Marcia Gossett, third, \$25.

**Preschool screening**  
 A free preschool screening for three-, four-, and five-year olds will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange.  
 Call (217) 283-6668 to make an appointment before Sept. 17. Please bring your child's shot records and Social Security number to the screening.  
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**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of South Fourth St.  
 Police said Arthur Jeffries of 709 S. Fourth St., backed a 1983 GMC into a parked 1997 Jeep owned by John Simpson of 612 E. McNeil.

A **20-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone scratched his 2001 Chevrolet S-10 while it was parked in the 200 block of North Sixth Ave.

A **Hoopeston woman** reported Wednesday that someone cut the two left tires of her vehicle while it was parked in the 600 block of South Fourth St.

**Obituaries**

**DENMAN** - Wayne Arnold Denman, 78, of East Lynn, died at 3:59 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Danville. Burial with military rites will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Danville. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Catholic Church or the American Heart Association.

**Weather** 

Mostly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 88, low 62.  
 For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

4, y 5 años. Martes, 17 Septiembre por favor triage a sus niños a Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. Favor de llamar al telefono 283-6668 para hacer una cita. Favor de traer porueba de vacunas (immunizations) y numero de seguro social.

**Neighborhood Watch**  
 Vermilion County Sheriff Pat Hartshorn will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 at Country Terrace.

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