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State official may get to root of city tree trimming issue

State Sen. Dan Rutherford (R-Pontiac) may help Hoopeston officials get to the root of a tree-trimming problem.

At issue is trimming done to trees on Market Street at the request of AmerenCIPS. Some residents and officials have called the trim job "butchering" the trees and want the utility held accountable.

Rutherford told Alderman Rod Kaag, street/alley committee chairman, that guidelines exist for trimming trees and that the utility should have followed those guidelines. Rutherford has offered to meet with representatives of the city and AmerenCIPS for a solution, includ-

ing reimbursement to the city for new trees.

In related Market Street business, Kaag said repairs to the street will be delayed until next spring due to a disagreement between the city and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The state wants to take out the traffic light at Market and Penn and put in a four-way stop.

IDOT also wants the city to make parking at Price Less Foods parallel due to the number of accidents in front of the store.

Until the issues are resolved, companies will not bid on repairs, Kaag said.



Rural Hoopeston man faces drug charges after fire at home

A rural Hoopeston man was arrested Tuesday morning, a result of an investigation into a fire at his home.

Todd Cook, 34, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine manufacturing chemicals with the intent to manufacture methamphetamines 15-30 grams; manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance - methamphetamines 15-100 grams; and possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamines, according to a spokesperson with the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department.

Cook was arrested at about 10 a.m. at his home at 2600 E 100 N Road in Iroquois County, the spokesperson said. He was being held in the Iroquois County jail on the felony charges.

Wellington-Greer fire chief Ross Butzow said he was
See FIRE on other side

Milford and Hoopeston firemen come out of a burning home in rural Hoopeston Tuesday morning. A rural Hoopeston man was arrested as a result of the fire.

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:05 a.m. Saturday near the post office. Police said Dave Wood of Tuscola, in a 1996 International, backed into a 2000 Chevrolet 1500 driven by Norman L. Fraley of Hoopeston.

Police are investigating a burglary reported at the Masonic Star Lodge, 202 W. Orange. Items were strewn on the floor but nothing appeared to be missing, police said. The incident occurred after 3 p.m. Friday and before 8:10 a.m. Saturday.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:45 p.m. Saturday in the Dairy Queen parking lot, 715 W. Main. Police said Darlene Walder of Rankin backed a 1997 Chevrolet Venture into a parked 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier.

Two men were arrested at McFerren Park at 9:15 p.m.

Fire continued from other side

called to the fire just before 5 a.m. Hoopeston and Milford fire departments were called shortly after to provide additional manpower and water.

The fire appears to have started in a northeast corner living/family room, caused by a space heater, Butzow said. The heater ignited a pillow and nearby sectional sofa

Saturday.

Daniel E. Lile Jr., 23, of 304 N. Seventh Ave., was charged with battery on a complaint from Christopher T. Napier, 18, of 141 Winding Lane, Rantoul. Napier was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

A 31-year-old Wellington man reported Saturday that someone damaged his 1998 Ford truck while it was at McFerren Park.

A 44-year-old Rantoul woman reported Sunday that someone scratched and dented her vehicle while in was in the 600 block of East Main.

A boy's 20-inch green Magna Rip Claw bicycle was found Monday on East Penn at Fifth St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

James D. Brown, 48, of 218 E. Lincoln, was arrested

and recliner and the heat from those ignited the structure, which took several hours for firemen to extinguish, he said..

Also living in the house were Pam Stevens and either three or four children, Butzow said. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

HOWK - Armenia C. Howk, 73, of Melvin died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003 at Gibson Area Hospital, Gibson City. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m.

Tomato contest winners listed

Winners in the annual tomato contest sponsored by Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert have been named. They are:

Largest by weight, Blanche Armantrout and Marlo Davis (tie), \$25; largest by measure, Larry Ridl; best of show, Tom Fortier; best 3 red, Tom Fortier; yellow by weight and measure, Frances Long; grape, Margarita Payne; cherry, Angie Simpson; pear, Granville Stone, best 3 medium, Angie Simpson; best 3 yellow, Tom Gress.

Specimen plants: flowering cabbage, Granville Stone; potatoes, pepper collection, onions, Margarita Payne.

Thursday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall, Melvin. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church, 502 E. Main St., Hoopeston., IL 60942; Tazewell Animal Protective Society, 2675 Allentown Road, Pekin, IL 61554; or Champaign County Humane Society, 1911 E. Main, Urbana, IL 61801. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Patchy fog this morning. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 54. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 73, low 48.

For current weather conditions, call (217) 283-6221.

at 8 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of East Main. He was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property under \$300 after a 49-year-old man alleged Brown threw a chair from a balcony and hit his truck.

Brown was released on a notice to appear.

A brown purse was found Tuesday on a country road

by Wellington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 51-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone broke the passenger side window of his vehicle while it was parked behind a residents in the 700 block of West Penn.

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