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**City, engineer, residents displeased about road progress**

Hoopeston residents, officials and the city's engineer are all unhappy with the progress of the Market Street project.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Brenda Pancake, a Market St. resident, asked why the construction crew has not worked on the street in nearly a week. Pancake said residents on the street are "eating dust" and suggested that "if they're not going to work, let's give the job to somebody who's going to work."

Engineer Jay Dingee of Sodeman & Associates agreed, saying he was in Hoopeston last Friday and no work was done because of rain. Dingee said a representative of Iroquois Paving Company, who got the bid for the work, said crews did not work Thursday, either. "I asked if they (took the day off) to prepare for the rain," he said.

According to the contract, IPC has 65 working days to complete the project, which includes widening and resurfacing the street, as well as installing new curb and gutters. Rain days on Fridays do not count against the 65-day limit, Dingee said.

"The way they're going, they're not going to bring this job in on time," Pancake said.

Dingee commented on the difference between this job and a previous job the company did eight to 10 years ago. "The last time they were in town...they were right here," he said, adding "when they were the low bidder on Market, they said they had absolutely nothing to do this year."

Mayor Chalmers Flint asked Dingee to try to hurry the job along, which may be helped by more work in Hoopeston as Iroquois Paving was awarded the bid for 2004 Motor Fuel Tax work on the FMC addition, South Third St. and Elm. The bid, for \$94,159 was less than the estimated cost of

\$105,326. That work is supposed to take six weeks and be completed by Sept. 15.

In other public comment, Dianna Wohler complained about an opossum problem in the 400 block of East Washington and Hale Burge complained about pit bulls, vehicles being repaired in residential areas, motorists making U-turns on city streets and construction on the old Dyer house.

Regarding the animal control and nuisance ordinances, Flint and city attorney Bill Nelson said the animal control and police departments are doing the best they can with the manpower they have. "There are not enough policemen in town, there are not enough dog catchers in town to catch every violation every day," Nelson said.

**Briefly**

**Victim identified**

One victim of Sunday's fatal one-car accident in rural Hoopeston has been identified as Hector Galindo, 19, of Danville. The other has been tentatively identified as Eric Torres, 19, also of Danville. D N A tests will be used to confirm Mr. Torres' identity. Results are expected to take two to three weeks.

The men were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at approximately 6 a.m. on County Road 4000 N, near 1550 E Rd.

**Cub Scout picnic**

Cub Scout Pack 118 will hold a picnic/registration from noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the Legion shelter in McFerren Park. All new and old boys welcome and asked to bring a favorite picnic dish. Boys may register at the picnic.

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Hoopeston Area Cornjerker Cheerleaders

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## HA cheerleaders win dance competition at UCA camp

The Hoopeston Area Cornjerker Cheerleaders attended the Universal Cheerleading Association's Cheerleading Camp at the University of Illinois.

The event, held July 19-22, included rigorous training in cheers, stunts and sidelines. The first night, they competed against other camp teams with their home dance routine and won a first place ribbon and trophy.

At the end of the camp, they competed in sideline, dance and cheer competitions, winning camp champs in the dance category. Trophies will be on display in the high school.

Senior co-captain Kali Lane was chosen as a UCA All-Star Cheerleader and is eligible to perform in the London Christmas parade in London, England.

This summer, the team has been busy training for the new year, as well as fundraising and supporting community events. There will be surprises at the games this year and the community is invited to attend games and show their Cornjerker spirit.

Spirit leaders for 2004-05 are seniors Lindsey Crose and Lane, co-captains, Samantha Johnson and Brittany Slack; juniors Andrea Crothers, Alex Hasbargen, Cristin Prince, Kelsey Stock; sophomores Katie Collins and Cayla Knight; and

## Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 84, low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 78, low 54.

For current weather conditions, call **Hoop-**

## Police News



Police solved two thefts, charging a 16-year-old boy with the offense. The thefts were reported over the weekend in the 600 and 700 blocks of East Young.

A juvenile petition was filed on the boy.

## New Books at the Library



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