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East Washington residents seek help with roaches, vermin

Some residents of the 700 block of East Washington want help from city officials in cleaning up their neighborhood.

Several citizens attended Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting to ask for help dealing with a family who, the residents said, have cars full of debris that are attracting rats and cockroaches.

The family moved to Hoopeston from Rankin early this year and includes an older woman, her son, his wife, three children and their three dogs. The family has eight vehicles parked on the property, including three that are used for storage. A pool on the property sits empty and has reportedly had the liner punctured.

Speaking for her fellow residents, Vickie Means said the Vermilion County Health Department is working on

the issue but the representative suggested city ordinances might be more useful in solving the problem.

Means' husband, James, said the problem is a town-wide joke. "Everywhere I go, people say 'what's going on next door,'" he said.

Another resident said the situation is compared to having the Beverly Hillbillies in the neighborhood. "It does get old," he said.

One problem is that all vehicles are licensed and cannot be considered abandoned or junk vehicles, said Hoopeston Police Sgt. James Goodrum, adding the department is aware of the situation.

Zoning administrator Tom Bookwalter is expected to review existing ordinances and the council may look at creating a new ordinance to address the problem.

U of I trumpet instructor, students teach local grade schoolers



Dr. Michael Ewald of the University of Illinois and students perform at a trumpet assembly recently.

On November 18, 15 trumpet players from the University of Illinois and their instructor, Dr. Michael Ewald arrived in Hoopeston. They played two assembly programs at Honeywell and John Greer schools. Reese Land, a graduate student in the ensemble, organized and conducted the assemblies with a clinic session between to instruct John Greer trumpet players. John Greer students then played a harmonized version of "O Come All Ye Faithful" with the college students at the assembly and were "inducted" as official members of the Trumpet Studio at the University of Illinois.

The assemblies featured music in the classical style mixed with the finale Latin style of "Tico Tico". Each piece highlighted different aspects of musical performance including dynamics, tempo, and imitation. Land also talked of the history of the trumpet and showed a variety of trumpets including the pic-

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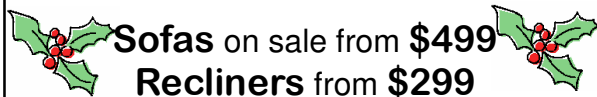
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Hoopeston Legion to hold taco dinner benefit for woman

The Hoopeston American Legion will hold a taco dinner to raise money for a woman injured in an accident.

The benefit, for Brenda Linares, will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Legion, 502 E. Penn. Tickets are \$6 each for the dinner and include three tacos, beans and rice. Ala carte food will also be available with tacos at \$1.50 each and \$1 each for rice and beans. Assorted desserts will also be available.

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:23 a.m. Tuesday to a natural gas leak at 102 N. First Ave. A heater had been pulled from a wall. Police, EMTs and electric company personnel also responded.

Trumpet continued from other side

colo trumpet, the slide trumpet, and a type of herald trumpet.

Honeywell, Cadet Band Trumpet Students: Cody Inman, Karina Montoya, Sarah Dixon, Thad O'Neal, Bobbi Gossett, McKaylah Bieber, Hannah Meece, Sawyer Neal, Nick Pascoe, Kirby Burk, Cheyenne Nicholson, Andrew Winchester, Joel Torres, Jordan Carter, Shawn Guynn, Breanna Staats, Danny Justice.

John Greer Trumpet Students: Zach Puralowski, Dustin Hurt, Alan Leigh, Patrick Drollinger, Maya Clemmons, Trevor Rush, Tyler Selsor, Bryce Keith, Levi Schmid, Joel Schuler, Dylan Seidel.

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A silent auction will also be held, including a Schumacher Electric battery charger, painting by a local artist, gift basket, gift certificates and more. A 50/50 drawing will also be held.

Linares, of Hoopeston, remains in Carle Foundation Hospital, where she has been since the Nov. 14

New Books at the Library



Fiction

Don't Cramp My Style: Stories About That Time of the Month (young adult)

Retro: an Amos Walker Novel by Loren D. Estleman
Memorial Day by Vince Flynn

Obituaries

HUFFMAN - Daniel A. Huffman, 25, of Normal, formerly of Rossville, died at 6:44 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at home. Arrangements are pending at Wolfe Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Ross-

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:01 p.m. Monday at Sixth Ave. and West Main.

Police said Arthur J. Clark of Sheldon, in a 2000 Ford, rear-ended a 2002 Jeep driven by Marilyn Hollen of Hoopeston while she was stopped in traffic waiting to make a left turn.

Clark was at fault for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

James C. Russell, 17, of 18818 St. Rt. 9, was arrested at 4:51 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of South Market.

Russell was charged with battery on a complaint from a 17-year-old man who alleged Russell struck him with his fist during a confrontation.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 47. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of rain late. High 50, low 34.

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