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## Police seek citizen help in finding armed robbery suspect

An unidentified man tried to hold up the Casey's General Store Tuesday night and police are asking for citizen assistance in the case.

Police are looking for a male Hispanic, approximately 5'5"-5'7" of medium build. The man was partially masked and was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and cargo type shorts, according to a statement issued by Chief Mark Drollinger. No injuries were reported.

The man entered Casey's at 8:04 p.m. and demanded money from employees. A weapon was implied but not

displayed. The man was last seen on foot running west-bound from the business. The immediate area was searched but the man was not located.

Physical evidence was gathered at the scene and leads are being checked.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Hoopeston Police at 283-5196 or Crime Stoppers, (217) 446-TIPS.

Information to Crime Stoppers may be given confidentially and cash rewards are offered.

## Township officials look at ways to pay for fire protection

Grant Township officials are once again looking at ways to generate more income for the fire department that provides coverage in rural township areas.

At Tuesday afternoon's regular meeting, Supervisor Bill Boose presented information on the number of fires the Hoopeston Fire Department has responded to in rural Grant Township. Boose said that according to information provided, the fire department responded to 21 country calls in 2005-06, including vehicle-related calls.

Under an agreement between the city and township, the department provides fire coverage in the rural area. Currently, the township pays \$13,000 annually for the

coverage. Fire officials want the amount raised to \$30,000 per year.

Since the increase was requested last year, township officials have questioned whether the city might bill residents' homeowners insurance, which usually includes fire protection coverage. "It seems to me, if we're trying to come up with additional money, that would be the place to start," Boose said.

At Tuesday's meeting, that issue was again discussed, with attorney Bill Nelson telling trustees he plans to contact the Illinois Commissioner of Insurance about the issue, specifically whether residents may be billed for fire protection when they are also taxed for it. If that is

See TOWNSHIP on other side

## Lawbreakers force slab change

Due to stealing and illegal dumping at the city slab, the slab will be locked from 3 p.m.-7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning June 23, an attendant will be on duty on Saturdays from 7 a.m.-noon.

The slab is for yard waste only. Anyone caught putting anything else at the slab or caught stealing, will be prosecuted.

**Fish Fry**

5-8 p.m. Friday

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**Hoopeston**  
**Saturday, June 16**

**8 a.m.-?: Yard & Craft Sale/Flea Market**  
**McFerren Park**

**9 a.m.: Hospitality Booth opens at**  
**Main St. entrance to park**  
*(Driving participants get stamped here)*

**10 a.m.: Kids' Fishing Derby at Lagoon**

**11 a.m.-?: Food vendors open**  
**Lions Club Fish      Monical's Pizza**  
**Rotary Ice Cream**

**Henning's Root Beer Stand 50s & 60s Day**

**11 a.m.: Firemen's Water Ball - park annex**

**11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Kids games & face painting**  
**Watermelon eating contest**  
**sponsored by Sav-U-Mor Food Store**

**11:30-1-Get your picture taken with Jerky**  
**1-3 p.m.: Car Show**

**ALL DAY:**  
**Pamida Sidewalk Sale**  
**IGA Produce Tent Sale**  
**Olympic Hardware Sidewalk Sale**

## Give dad an important telephone number for Father's Day

As Father's Day approaches, public health said the best gift for the man who smokes is to give him the phone number for the Illinois Quitline. "If you have a family, you put them at risk each time you light up," said Linda Bolton, Vermilion County Health Department Community Relations/ Community Health Education Program Coordinator. "Every time a man lights up a cigarette, he is putting his own health at risk, and if he smokes around his children, he is putting his kids in jeopardy."

The health department is encouraging families to give their special dads the Illinois Quitline phone number this Father's Day. "1-866-784-8937 could be the most important phone number anyone ever calls," Bolton said. Based at the American Lung Association in Springfield, the Illinois Quitline provides counselors

who guide callers through the steps they need to take to quit tobacco. "Trained counselors are available from 7am to 7pm Monday through Friday," Bolton said, adding, "The Illinois Quitline counselors are great, and you can call them as often as you may need help."

Through funding from the Illinois Tobacco-free Communities grant, the Vermilion County Health Department offers 4 weeks of free nicotine replacement patches for county residents who use the Quitline services, or who participate in the health department's cessation classes. The health department received just over \$28,000 during the current grant year, which ends June 30. "We expect to receive about \$20,000 in the new grant year, and we will set aside as much of that money as we are able for patches," Bolton said. There were 309 calls from Vermilion County to the Quitline in 2006.

Bolton said it is especially important not to smoke around children. "If you're not ready to quit, then smoke outside and away from your children, and never smoke if your kids are in your vehicle," she said. Tobacco-free Kids estimates almost 60% of children in the United States (ages 3-11) are exposed to secondhand smoke, putting them at risk for lower respiratory and ear infections, and asthma. For more information on the health department cessation classes or the Illinois Quitline, visit their website at [www.vchd.org](http://www.vchd.org), or call 431-2662.

### Letters to the Editor



#### Legion says 'thanks'

The Hoopeston American Legion would like to thank everyone who helped place and pick up flags from graves at Floral Hill Cemetery.

This year, we placed 1,512 flags on graves. When collecting the flags, it is difficult to tell if a flag might have been placed by a family member. If, by chance, we took your flag by mistake, it can be replaced by going to the sextant office, American Legion Post Home, 502 E. Penn or the Hoopeston VFW on Rt. 9.

Thanks for your help.

#### Township continued from other side

true, Nelson wondered whether the township should do away with the tax levy for fire protection so that residents could be billed on a per-fire basis.

Grant officials are trying to come to terms with the amount of increase requested by the fire department. Trustee Dale Lithgow said he told Alderman Brandon Hamilton, city fire committee chairman, that if the township agrees to the increase, it will have to be done in stages.

Any increase would result in an increase in the tax levy and that should be decided by October, Boose said.

### Weather



Sunny today. High 89. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 62. Tomorrow, sunny. High 90, low 66.

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

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### Classifieds

#### CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank my family, friends and Terry and Smoke River Band for making my surprise 70th birthday party memorable.

Ruby Summers

#### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area C.U.S.D. #11 is seeking applicants for part time and full time personal aides for special needs students for the 2007-08 school year. Applications may be picked up at the High School Office next week from 8-4.

#### RUMMAGE SALES

417 Holmes, Rossville. Sat., 8-1. Wood burning stove, sleeping bags & tent, movies, lawn mower, book case, children's clothes. (217) 748-6937

519 S. First Ave., Hoopeston. Sat., 8-12. Women's, junior clothes, bikes, hope chest books, misc. 853 E. McCracken, Hoopeston. Sat., 8-4. Fishing reels, power tools, kid & baby items, household, exercise equipment, books & more!

Rt. 1 north of Rossville on east side. Fri & Sat., 8:30-5, Sun., 2-5. Antiques, grandfather clock, wood burning stove, small chain saw, 2 air compressors, brand name girls', boys' & women's clothing, old doors, old corner hutch, lots of home décor items.

827 S. Third St., Hoopeston (1 block east of Casey's on Rt. 9) Fri., 7:30-noon, Sat., 7-1. Lots of name brand girls clothes 6X-10/12, Boys clothes 18 mos.-3T, adult clothes, girl jr. sizes M-20W, toys, hope chest, end table, kitchen supplies, jungle print bedroom set. Come see! Lots more!!

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