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Door man

Hoopeston electrician Kenny McVicker begins work on installing the electronics for an automatic door at Hoopeston City Hall. McVicker worked on the project Wednesday. When completed, the wireless system will allow handicapped people to more easily access city services, such as paying water bills, going to the police department or attending meetings.

Grant Township soon to take over rural Thompson Avenue

County road crews are expected to soon begin seal coating Thompson Ave., from Hoopeston's city limits to Cheneyville Rd.

At Tuesday's Grant Township Board meeting, Road Commissioner Gary Weinard said county workers will begin work on the project soon, in preparation for turning the road over to the township.

Weinard said the road will not be as nice as some other township roads. "I can't say I'm extremely pleased with the surface of the road," he told trustees, adding there was nothing that could be done about the matter.

The addition of the road will add approximately 3.5 miles to roads overseen by the township road crew.

A county crew will also be tar and chip sealing Antioch Road, but that road will remain with the county.

In other business, Supervisor Bill Boose said repairs to the Lincoln St. CSX crossing in Hoopeston had been expected to be completed before Labor Day but work was not started until Monday. "It seems like we always have one crossing closed (for the Labor Day holiday)," he said. Crews are also expected to repair the siding on the Thompson Ave. crossing.

The board briefly discussed an ongoing matter concerning a request from the Hoopeston Fire Department to increase the amount it pays for fire protection in rural Grant Township from \$13,000 to \$30,000 per year.

Boose told trustees he wrote to state Rep. Shane Cultra about the situation. In his letter, Boose told Cultra that rural township residents may not be billed for fire calls because they are taxed for fire protection and wondered if it might not be prudent for the fire department to bill homeowners for calls and the bills be forwarded to the company providing home insurance. Policies usually

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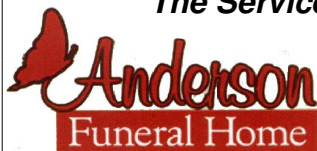

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Police News

Randy S. Dillon, 25, of 322 W. Lincoln, was arrested at 2:14 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Court. He was charged with criminal trespass to state supported property and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

At 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dillon was arrested again after violating a notice not to return to the property. He was again released on a notice to appear.

Derek A. Rutledge, 24, of 305 W. Chestnut was ar-

rested at 7:16 p.m. Tuesday at Market and Seminary on warrants from Iroquois and Ford counties. Unable to make bail, Rutledge waived extradition to Iroquois County.

Joelda Coon, 26, of 204 W. Elm, Ambia, Ind., was arrested at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday at 1030 W. Chestnut. Police said Coon allegedly crossed the center line of the road several times and a check showed her driver's license is revoked. Coon was released on \$100 cash bond.

Iroquois County grain elevators to reopen with new owners

Two shuttered Iroquois County grain elevators formerly operated by A-Way, Inc., will reopen in time for this fall's harvest, the Illinois Department of Agriculture announced Wednesday.

Wheatfield Grain of Wheatfield, Ind., will purchase A-

Way's elevators in Crescent City and Onarga. The deal, which has the approval of A-Way's board of directors, was reached Monday, after competitive bidding.

Briefly

Free preschool screening

A free preschool screening for children ages 3-5 will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. The screening determines each child's knowledge of general concepts, motor and speech language skills, hearing and vision. To schedule an appointment, call 283-6668.

Parents are asked to bring each child's Social Security number.

Obituaries

VAUGHN - Rick Vaughn, 58, of Rossville died at 9:55 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Township continued from other side

include coverage for fires in amounts ranging from \$300 to \$600, he said in his letter.

Boose said in his letter that he has spent many hours "trying to find alternative sources of revenue for our local volunteer, city-owned fire department" and that while he realize fire department costs rise annually, "I don not want to have to increase taxes when it appears that several thousand dollars should be paid by insurance companies for fire calls."

In unrelated business, the board:

- Discussed but took no action on future funding for Hoopeston's economic developer position.
- Thanked Assessor Susie Sheppard for decorating work done in the township office, including painting the front office, applying a border and hanging pictures.
- Learned that recently-appointed trustees to Grant 1

and Bridgeman drainage districts are expected to be rescinded because the candidates do not own property in those districts.

Those appointments, made by the Vermilion County Board, were expected to be rescinded when that board met Tuesday evening after residents of the drainage districts called the county board office about the appointments being inappropriate.

Weather



Sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms, then partly cloudy. High 71, low 42.

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