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### Fog causes accident that injures Hoopeston police chief

Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital following a fog-related accident.

Drollinger was treated for back and leg injuries after his squad car was struck from behind by a pickup truck. That truck was then struck by a van.

The accident occurred around 12:30 p.m. Drollinger was north on Rt. 1, just south of Rt. 9, following a piece of farm machinery when his squad car was hit by a pickup truck driven by Mason Livingston, 18, of Hoopeston.

Drollinger estimated his speed at 20-25 miles per hour and the truck's speed at about 50 miles per hour.

Livingston was ticketed by state police.

Neither Livingston nor Jessica Cline of Wellington, driver of the van that struck Livingston's truck, were reported injured.

Drollinger said his accident puts the number of available police cars down by "one and a half." His car is drivable and will be repaired soon.

Early Sunday morning, the department lost a vehicle when a squad car driven by Officer Chad Smith was hit by a Chevrolet driven by Kory Johnson, of Hoopeston.

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department and



**Fog blanketed much of central Illinois Monday, reducing visibility to less than half a block by afternoon. Foggy conditions were responsible for several accidents in Vermilion County, including a fatal accident west of Catlin.**

Coroner's office are investigating a fog-related fatal crash, also at 12:30 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Catlin-Homer Road and 800 East Road.

Jeremiah Wilson, 22, of Fairmount, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, involving his vehicle and a tractor trailer, according to information from Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson.

Mr. Wilson was westbound on Catlin-Homer Road when a northbound semi pulled out from Oakwood Road.

An unidentified female passenger in Mr. Wilson's vehicle was taken to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

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***Signing in***

Haley Coss watches as Cathy and Frank Smith of Hoopeston sign affidavits to vote Tuesday at St. Anthony Parish Hall. Election judges reported a steady turnout for the primary election.

***Briefly***

**Sweetheart Banquet**

Reservations are being accepted for the 17th annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet, sponsored by the Hoopeston Area High School Student Council.

The banquet will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, in the high school gym. Any Hoop-

eston Area or Rossville senior citizen may attend.

Reservations, including names and how many will attend in each party, may be made by calling 283-6668 on or before Feb. 8.

**Church to hold concert**

Jim & Shirley Tubbs will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb 10 at Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell. Concert is free; a freewill offering will be taken.

**Police News**



Edward A. Houser, 52, of Hoopeston was arrested after an incident at 9 p.m. Monday in the 1000 block of West Chestnut. He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a Hoopeston woman who alleged Houser made verbal threats to her.

Houser was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston court.

**Weather**



Chance of snow today. High 34. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 19. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 36, low 25.

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

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