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## Rossville board approve engineering for downtown sidewalks

ROSSVILLE—Village sidewalks are expected to be replaced thanks to a \$99,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant and \$10,000 in-kind contribution from the village.

At Monday's village board meeting, trustees approved spending \$15,600 on the engineering proposal submitted by Joe Gleisner of Gleisner Engineering of Danville.

In unrelated business, the board approved the purchase of 14 radio-read water meters and related equipment from Underground Pipe and Valve, based in South Bend, Ind.

Water department chairwoman Tia Petersen said 54 meters had been returned for credit of \$2,376.

The 14 meters will replace meters that are old and need to be replaced, she said.

In other business, trustees:

Heard from Randy Dukes concerning flooding in his driveway and garage on Benton. Dukes said if the problem was not fixed soon, he would pay to have it fixed and submit a bill to the village.

City employees are expected to install a culvert in the area in the near future.

Split a vote on amending the golf cart ordinance to allow 16-year-olds to drive them in the village and also to allow night driving of carts.

Voting for the change were Dennis Barragree, Dick Queen and Petersen. Nancy Null, Mary Beth Rhodes and Chuck Cornell voted to leave the ordinance as is.

Mayor Terry Prillaman declined to break the tie, say-

**See ROSSVILLE on other side**

## Main Street to decorate downtown with Scarecrow Contest

Hoopeston Main Street invites you to help decorate downtown Hoopeston this fall with festive scarecrows by entering the first scarecrow contest. Scarecrow entries will be displayed in downtown Hoopeston store windows throughout October.

Prizes for the adult and youth categories are: first, \$100 in Chamber Bucks provided by Hoopeston Regional Healthcare; second, Movie and Snack Value Pack provided by Lorraine Cinemas; and third, dinner for two at L& M's Lunch Counter. The community is invited to help select the winners by voting for their favorite scarecrows.

For more information, contact Judi Benjamin at the Hoopeston Main Street office, 216 S Market or by phone at 217-283-5175.

Scarecrow entry fee is youth \$3, adult \$5. Rules are:

- 1) All Entries and Scarecrows must be turned in to the Hoopeston Main Street Office, located at 216 S.

Market Street by Friday, October 2, 2009. Scarecrows will be displayed October 5, 2009 thru November 1, 2009.

- 2) Scarecrows should be fully assembled and must be able to sit or stand on their own.
- 3) Scarecrows should be minimum 3 ft tall and maximum 5 ft tall and no more than 3 ft in diameter.
- 4) No store bought masks are allowed. No fresh fruits or vegetables may be used. No torches, gas powered generators or any other flammable objects are allowed.
- 5) All entries must be tastefully decorated. Political, religious, excessively violent or adult-themed scarecrows will not be allowed.
- 6) All scarecrows must be picked up after the contest at the Hoopeston Main Street office located at 216 S Market Street (283-5175) by November 6.

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Just the Facts

Fallen chief remembered

I was unable to come back to Hoopeston for the memorial of Orval Kaag, but I feel compelled to honor the memory of my fallen chief and extend my deepest sympathy to Sandy, Amy and Rod Kaag.

Orval was more than a Chief of Police for Hoopeston. He was a very kind man, who was both fair and wise in his leadership. He was a chief who embraced the people of Hoopeston like his own family, served with honor, and

gave 110 percent to his officers. Trust me when I say he could put you in your place when needed. But Orval was more than a chief to me; he was a wonderful friend and a father figure. In my opinion, he took a bunch of guys and turned them to one of the best police departments in Vermilion County.

I am devastated at the loss of one of the most amazing and dear friends I have ever had in my life. My memories of Orval make me both laugh and cry. For instance,

the officers on the department would put rubber bands in his pipe tobacco to make it smell like burning rubber. And I can't tell you how many times we changed his margins on his famous typewriter were he would write his famous notes to us. The notes, which often included the word "stupid," would be typed up after an incident occurred that Orval was not happy with. The notes would explain in detail everything we did wrong to generate the note. You could always tell when Orval was mad when he wrote the notes because the "i" in stupid would be punched out from him hitting the keys on the typewriter too hard. I think I had the record for the number of stupid in a row – nine.

When Orval was chief, most of the officers would go to the station the next morning after the night shift to have coffee with Orval. We would all talk about events the night before or how we could change the world. Orval enjoyed this time with his officers and he would welcome both the media and friends in to share their stories and have coffee.

During my 18 years at HPD, Orval was a great leader and I was proud to work with him. He was both my friend and a fellow officer who led his men with courage and old-fashioned grit.

I know there will be other officers who will provide outstanding service to the citizens of Hoopeston, but no

one can ever replace Orval. He will be sadly missed by his family and those who served with him – especially by me. Orval changed my life just by being in it and I will carry a piece of him with me forever. His example has helped me be better to my employees and to my children.

May God bless his family, and above all, thank you Orval for being there in one of the greatest parts of my life.

Chuck Moyer  
Indianapolis, IN.

Festival chairman says thanks

I would like to thank the community of Hoopeston, Hoopeston Jaycees, Jaycee Senators, Jaycees from nearby communities and all those who helped make the 66th annual National Sweetcorn Festival a success. Without all of you, it wouldn't have been possible.

Liz Brewster  
Chairman

Rossville continued from other side

ing he favors letting 16-year-olds drive but not at night.

Heard from Prillaman about a letter from Insurance Services Organization (ISO) about the possibility of lowering the village rating. He said the village has done its part by installing a dry hydrant and other changes; the fire department must now submit training records.



Seeking Health Center Board Nominations

The Hoopeston Regional Health Center Board of Directors is seeking nominations for three of the nine Board of Director positions. The Board of Directors plays a critical roll in the oversight and governance of Hoopeston Regional Health

Center and its success in meeting the mission and vision of the organization. Listed below are general outlines of the personal and professional qualifications for being a Board Member.

Personal Qualifications

Certain basic qualifications must be possessed by all Directors for the Board to function effectively. Those qualifications are:

- Honesty, Integrity, having a sense of justice, and of sound moral character.
- Commitment to community health
- Availability to participate in Board and Community Activities
- Ability to conceptualize
- Objective and deliberative approach to problems
- Respect for confidentiality
- Experience translatable to Health Center Operations
- Experience in group decision-making
- Understanding the role of the Board of Directors as related to the overall organization
- Acceptance of the Board policy relative to conflict of interest
- Willingness to accept responsibility of governance

Professional Qualifications

Since the Board of Directors is a composite of persons who have various professional backgrounds, nominees should have one or more of the competencies below:

- Health care competency
- Managerial competency
- Financial competency
- Legal competency
- Education competency
- Engineering competency
- Knowledge of the civic community
- Knowledge of legislative activity

If you are interested in nominating someone or you have a personal interest in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit your nominations in writing to:

Hoopeston Regional Health Center, Attn. Board of Directors Nominating Committee  
701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942

If you have questions regarding the nominating process, please call  
Harry Brockus, Chief Executive Officer at (217) 283-8240.

Nominations must be received by September 30th, 2009 by 4 p.m.

Obituaries

FANNING - MaryAnn Fanning, 83, of Milford, died at 8:50 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Milford Christian Church. Private family burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation will be one hour before service Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Knapp Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Weather



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