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**Residents asked to call local police number for critter calls**

As officials work on bringing police dispatching back to Hoopeston, one type of call has already been given back.

Aldermen learned at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting that Vermilion County is not dispatching the city's animal control calls.

Resident Jeff Keith reported calling the county's non-emergency line for an animal issue but neither police nor Hoopeston's humane officer were sent.

"It's my understanding that Vermilion County no longer dispatches our animal control," said Hoopeston Police Officer Jeremy Welch.

Instead, for animal control matters, residents are asked to call the Hoopeston Police administrative line, 283-5196.

Residents who call 911 for animal issues will have their calls answered by Vermilion County.

**Briefly**  
**See new Miss Hoopeston crowned**

The public is invited to attend the on-stage portion of the 2017 Miss Hoopeston contest and watch as the winner is crowned.

Brea Bushong, Shania Goble and Autumn Layden will compete in public speaking, evening wear and on-stage question beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Lorraine Theatre, 324 E. Main St.

The event is open to the public and admission is free.

**At the Library**

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: Coffee & Coloring will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9. This program is free for adults. Materials will be provided or feel free to bring your own.

For information on any library activity, call the library, (217) 283-6711.

In other council business:

• Ald. Chad Yaden, cemetery committee chairman, reported that cemetery Sexton Steve Rhodes has a couple question before repair work starts on the Floral Hill Cemetery pillar damaged in a recent accident.

• Mayor Bill Crusinberry called a liquor commission meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday to review the categories and number of liquor licenses available.

He encouraged all council members to attend and hopefully have changes to vote on at the January 17 meeting.

• The council unanimously approved a change in the golf cart ordinance stating that carts may be driven year-round. Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, said that although the council had approved the change, it had not been recorded and the vote was needed as a housekeeping matter.

• Ald. Bill McElhaney, water/sewer committee chairman, said two new pumps have been delivered and installed at the wastewater treatment plant.

**From the Blotter**

**Alexis De La Rosa**, of Hoopeston, was cited for restraint of dogs by owner after two Husky dogs were running at large at 9:03 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of East Penn. She was given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **49-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 4:52 p.m. Wednesday that someone took a Play Station from his home in the 200 block of North Fourth St.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday. An unknown vehicle was witnessed traveling southbound on Market at Honeywell when it hit a parked 2015 Chevrolet Malibu owned by Jenna Pyle of Hoopeston. Her car was towed from the scene.

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	<b>Coffee</b> Wed., Jan. 11 6 p.m.		<b>Night Owl</b> Thurs., Jan. 19 6 p.m.
	<b>Couples Night</b> Wed. Feb. 8 6 p.m. Special price \$50/couple		<b>Pour the Wine</b> Thurs., Feb. 16 6 p.m.

## Letter to the editor

### Parent praises opportunity to choose

For the past 10 years, parents in the Rossville-Alvin school district have had a unique opportunity that many in our country would be thrilled to have. We have been given a choice as to where we would like our children to attend high school. In April, a vote will be taken that decides whether we keep this choice or not. It is my hope that we will be able to retain the ability to choose our children's high school.

I have multiple reasons for believing the current situation is a good fit. People have their own reasons for picking one school over the other. It is a personal decision for families to make.

1. As a family, you get to decide which school is the best fit for your child. There have been families that had one child attend one school, but it may not have been the best experience. For their next child, they chose to go the opposite direction and it worked for their family.
2. Different opportunities are offered at each school. Students can decide which school offers programs in

which they would want to be involved. For my family, the music program at Hoopeston has been a huge part of my children's high school experience. Fall is spent going to marching band competitions, February and March bring show choir with New Direction and then everything wraps up in May with Fine Arts. Two years ago, my daughter performed at the Chick-Fil-A Bowl and next year will be performing at the Outback Bowl with the Marching Cornjerkers. My son had a wrestling coach that encouraged, pushed and believed in him, even though he had never set foot on a wrestling match before his freshman year. All of these experiences have helped form them into the young adults they are. They would not have had these moments elsewhere.

3. It provides a fresh start for some kids. For some students, it provides them a chance to go to a different school with new people and to leave past experiences behind. After nine years in a small class, some kids welcome a new set of friends in order to help them thrive. Knowing they can make this choice to move on is a light

at the end of a tunnel.

4. The choice works. I have been through the process twice. I can honestly say that I did not see any of the angst and stress among the kids that was mentioned at the October meeting. Pretty much every student in my children's classes knew where they were going. From my son's class, the informational meeting held in Hoopeston for parents and students had exactly two families attend. A few more came when it was my daughter's turn. Minds were made up long before the actual decision had to be made.

There are families from Alvin that chose to go to Hoopeston and there are families from the northern part of

Rossville that go to Bismarck. There are families with students in both schools. That was their choice. They picked what was best for their family and their individual child. They had the luxury of having a choice.

As I stated before, we, as parents, have a very unique opportunity to choose what is best for our children. Many people like having this option. The system works.

Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning are both good schools. Neither school is perfect. It is my hope that people will be able to continue choosing which one is perfect for their families.

Dona Simpson  
rural Hoopeston

## Deadline nears to submit flood-related disaster loan applications

ATLANTA—The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in Illinois of the deadline to submit disaster loan applications for economic injury caused by the severe storms and flooding on Dec. 23, 2015 through Jan. 13, 2016.

Low-interest disaster loans are available in the following counties: Christian, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Macon, Montgomery, Sangamon, Shelby, and Vermilion in Illinois; and Benton and Newton counties in Indiana.

Working capital disaster loans up to \$2 million are available at 4 percent for small businesses, and 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up

to 30 years. The loans are intended to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other expenses that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. To be considered for this assistance, eligible entities need to apply by the deadline.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Businesses may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov). Loan applications can also be downloaded at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.



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### Obituaries

**JAMES** - Parker A. James, 96, of Watseka, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016 at Gibson Area Hospital, Gibson City. Visitation was 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. memorial service Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 15. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 6. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 22, low 5. Sunday, sunny. High 19, low 13.

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