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## Milford superintendent is topic of meeting

Supt. William J. Pearch will be the topic of a special joint session of the Milford high and grade school boards.

The boards will meet at 4:30 p.m. Monday to discuss Pearch's employment or discipline, following his arrest last Friday.

Pearch was suspended with pay after being charged with theft and official misconduct. He was also charged with disorderly conduct - filing a false police report.

The charges came after Pearch, 49, of Dwight,

allegedly sold one of the high school's computers to a person in Dana, Ill., where Pearch was employed before coming to Milford.

Iroquois County sheriff's police said after the arrest that a check connecting Pearch to the computer had been found. Pearch allegedly sold the \$1,500 computer for \$350.

Pearch became superintendent of the Milford districts on July 1.

He faces a preliminary hearing on the charges March 10, when a court date will be set.

## Local Grain Millers ink new contract with Pillsbury

Members of Local 399 of the Grain Millers Union will not be going on strike.

Union members voted Thursday night to sign a new contract with Pillsbury, keeping them working.

The union, along with members of Teamsters Local 26, have been negotiating with the company for about a month.

Details of the contract were not disclosed, although members of both unions said previously

that insurance, not wages, was the main sticking point in negotiations.

The vote came after Grain Millers met with company negotiators in Danville. Union members met at 6:30 p.m., deciding to vote on the company's offer.

Teamsters, who went on strike Feb. 12, continued on the picket lines last night. Negotiations between Teamsters and the company broke off Tuesday.

## Ross-Alvin board accepts superintendent's resignation

Members of the Rossville school board accepted the resignation of the district's superintendent Monday night.

James O'Donley, in his second year of a three-year contract, offered his resignation in December, to take advantage of the state's five plus five retirement package.

Board president Jack Gregory said the board is

advertising for a new superintendent and is reviewing five to 10 applications already received. "We are in no real big hurry about this and are planning to take our time in making a decision," he said.

O'Donley's resignation is effective June 31.

In other action, the board voted to make all district buildings smoke-free.

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## Briefly...

### Car-train collision injures three

MILFORD—Three people were injured Wednesday morning when their car collided with a train northwest of Milford.

The driver of the car, Randall R. Lauterbach, 32, was treated and released from Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Passengers Jean Lauterbach, 26, and Tyler Lauterbach, 5, were admitted and were

listed in satisfactory condition yesterday.

### Black to speak

State Rep. Bill Black will speak at the CRIS Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. March 8. He will discuss programs for energy assistance and public aid benefits. The center is at 309 N. Franklin, Danville. Reservations may be made by calling 443-2999.

## Court dispositions

**Lori Brewster**, Hoopeston, battery, dismissed, nolle pros.

**Robert Clayburn**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause to be issued.

## Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:44 p.m. Wednesday. A car driven by Anthony W. Barker, 819 W. Penn, struck a parked pick up truck owned by Robert E. Brown, 603 W. Maple. According to police reports, Barker was approaching the intersection of South Fifth Ave. and West Maple when he slid on the ice and struck Brown's truck.

**Michelle D. Behrens**, 417 N. First, Cissna Park, reported to police Thursday that someone stole her purse, containing coin, currency, keys and a diamond engagement ring. The theft occurred while Behrens was at Pamida.

**Elizabeth Catron** reported to police Thursday afternoon that someone took two signs and the air hose from the Clark station, 301 E. Penn. The incident occurred between Feb. 19 and Feb. 24.

## Obituaries

**HUFFMAN**, Leo, 86, of Rossville, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

## In the hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Feb. 23, 1994

**Admitted:** Mary Kunce, Rankin; Charlene Warner, Maxine Garman and Leo Huffman, all of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Maxine Garman, Hoopeston.

## Weather

Mostly cloudy today, 40 percent chance of morning snow. High in the low to mid 30s. Tonight, cloudy, low in the mid to upper teens. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 27, low near 15. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 34, low near 16.

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