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### Residents flood city council with complaints

Residents of Front Street whose homes were damaged in last week's flood, flooded the Hoopeston city council with complaints Tuesday night.

Approximately 10 Front Street residents attended the meeting to voice anger at the city's new Ninth Street detention basin.

"I lost just about everything I had," said Henry Swartz, long-time Front Street resident. "I was carried out of my house on the back of a policeman. I still want to live there."

Swartz' son, Perry, said the family - and other residents - aren't looking for sympathy, but financial help. "Sympathy don't buy the furniture that was ruined," he said. "It don't buy the carpet that was ruined. It don't buy the four feet of drywall around the house that was ruined."

Many residents said that three floods in six years have caused irreparable damage to their homes. "My house is beginning to buckle," said resident Tom Fredericks.

Alderman Drew Allen agreed that the detention basin needs improvement. Allen explained how the basin feeds into a manhole, drainage tile and makes an L-shaped turn into a ditch which, instead of allowing water to flow, sucks it back into the tile.

Allen said another drainage tile must be added from the basin to the manhole, but that would not have kept the area from flooding entirely during last week's torrential rains. "They would have had water in their yards, but they wouldn't have had water in their carpets," he said.

Resident Hale Burge said the basin could be deepened. "We can catch the rain today and pump it out tomorrow," he said.

Fredericks suggested the city buy neighborhood homes, tear them down and construct another detention basin. "Front Street's the catch basin," he said. My house is the catch basin."

Mayor Bob Ault said the county has been declared a disaster agency and is waiting for a federal disaster designation and possible accompanying funds. "That's how it's **supposed** to work," he said.

However, residents think they'll be forced to foot the bills themselves, as they have in previous floods "It don't work for Front Street people," Perry Swartz said.

### Rossville chief to try pager on three-month trial basis

Officials in Rossville will be able to reach out and touch police chief Paul DeWitt at all hours, following action taken at Monday's village board meeting.

The board approved a three-month rental of a pager from Premier Pager in Champaign.

Richard Birkey, chairman of the village police committee, recommended the rental, saying DeWitt could receive messages while on and off duty.

The village will pay \$22.95 monthly, which includes rental and service.

Trustee Mick Braddock requested that DeWitt inform the village if he will be out of town, and said the pager will change DeWitt's life. "I hope See PAGER on other side

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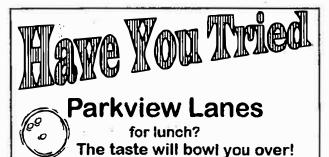
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### City council nixes adding third packaged liquor license

Hoopeston will not be getting a new packaged liquor store.

The city council voted 5-3 Tuesday night not to create a third license for packaged liquor sales. Aldermen Wes Dazey, Odell Crabtree, Mike Eckersley, Drew Allen and Susan Comstock voted against the license, while Bill Goodwine, Lloyd Blackwell and John Haughee voted in favor.

The decision did not come without much discussion both by aldermen and approximately 10 residents attending the meeting. Also, city clerk Don Dean read letters signed by residents and non-residents who were opposed to the license.

Those opposing the license cited alcohol-related statistics on such issues as driving fatalities and accidents and the number of young people who drink illegally.

Also cited were the number of existing liquor establishments in Hoopeston. "I think (Hoopeston) was called the holy city because there was no booze in town," said Hale Burge. "It's just more trouble for everyone."

Those favoring the license said Hoopeston

### Pager continued from other side

he understands he will be selling a little bit of his private life to carry one," he said.

Trustee Sherry Ray voted against the rental, saying she felt it is unnecessary. "I don't think he needs it," she said. "We'll find out at the end of three months."

In other business:

- Braddock informed the board that the village will have to buy necessary equipment for the gas, sewer and water departments.
   The equipment will cost approximately \$5,378, he said.
- trustees took no action on an earlier request from Marsha Dukes about a downtown concessions stand. Dukes withdrew her request.
- discussed the annual village rummage sale May 21.

needs growth. Also, resident Neal Chamberlain spoke in favor of Alan Reece, who had requested another license be added. "I'm a teetotaler, but I camer here to speak about Alan Reece," he said. "In Alan Reece, you have a man of the highest principles and ethics. I guarantee you...he will adhere to the laws of the city and the state."

Ted's Home Beverage and Hooks have the existing licenses.

### Police News

Hoopeston police recovered a vehicle reported stolen from Missouri. Management of Pamida Discount Store at the Hoopeston Plaza, requested that 1985 GMC truck be towed from the parking lot. The truck had been there since April 13. When police ran a check of the vehicle, they found that it was stolen.

One person was injured and another arrested during an incident at 12:15 a.m. at Schumacher Electric, 1025 E. Thompson.

Steve W. Cross, 523 W. Maple, was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after he was allegedly battered by Joie Torres, 21, 320 E. Thompson.

Torres was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear.

### In the hospital

### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital April 18, 1994

Admitted: Ottilie Gibbons, Rankin; Charles Nellie Anderson, Rossville; Charles Reed and Troy Denham, both of Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

### Weather

Sunny and cooler today. High in the low or mid 60s. Tonight, low in the mid 40s. Tomorrow, scattered showers. High near 65, low near 44.

# A letter to my friends & neighbors in Hoopeston

It has been a thrilling experience to return to Hoopeston, to see old friends and to make new ones.

As many of you know, I am no longer with Mr. Manion's firm. Paul has been a terrific teacher and remains my true friend. Still, I enjoy owning my own business and I have been very busy helping my prior clients and my new ones.

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