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Rossville trustees approve purchase of local pond

The Rossville village board put its final approval on the purchase of approximately 23 acres of property, including a pond, despite the fact that the pond could be contaminated.

The board voted 4-0, with trustee Richard Kiser abstaining, to purchase the Deaton property, approximately 23 acres adjacent to Chrisman park, for \$17,000.

The property contains a pond which village officials plan to use for clean fill.

Trustees said they voted for the purchase on the advice of village attorney Joseph Moore.

When questioned by resident Dave Rayfield, Mayor Merv Smith said there is a possibility the pond may be contaminated from refuse dumped

into what was a second pond, used as the village dump.

Trustee Sherry Ray said that if the board did not proceed with the purchase, the village would be sued. "Basically, we're between a rock and a hard place," she said.

Smith said he was told, in phone calls to the Illinois EPA or the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, that each organization "has no problem with" the village's plans. After the meeting, however, Smith said plans to use the pond as a clean fill site are outside IDOT jurisdiction.

The village purchased the land at an auction last month, with \$15,000 in village funds and a \$2,000 donation from Kiser.

Military adventures theme of special night at library

Area residents will have the chance to learn from other residents at the Hoopeston Public Library's Military Memories night Nov. 16.

Head librarian Lou Graham announced the special evening at Monday's Community Involvement Committee meeting.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature local residents sharing their experiences in all facets of military life.

"We're hoping it will appeal to all age groups, so younger people will know what happened in the world," Graham said. "There are so many experiences out there. We would even love to have a Rosie the Riveter."

In other community news:
• The Hoopeston Jaycees will sponsor apple sales on Oct. 29. Proceeds will be used to host a dance

for local Special Olympians. The Jaycees will also host a kids' Halloween party from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 29 at the American Legion. Tickets are \$2 for the party, which is open to children 4-10 years old. There will be a maximum of 100 children.

• The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce will host a workshop at 7 p.m. Nov. 17, titled "Dealing with Stress, Worry and Tension," presented by Dr. Joseph Zaccariah, University of Illinois psychology professor. The seminar will be open to all Hoopeston residents.

• The Chamber office will move as of Nov. 1, to the former Grant Township building.

• The group also will have new officers, including Dick McMurray, president, Russell Leigh, vice president, Charlie Smith, secretary, and Deb Dixon, treasurer.



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Miracle Tree screening
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 The screening will be 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. beginning Oct. 24 and ending in mid-November, at the Township building, 525 S. Market.
 Recipients must have proof of income, proof of address and social security cards for everyone in the household.


Meet the candidates
 A Republican "Meet the Candidates" night will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion. The public is invited.

Quartet to perform
 The Key City Quartet will be in concert at the Hoopeston Westside Nazarene Church on Oct. 21-23. Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22 and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23.
 The public is invited to attend.

EIMPC activities
 Activities at the community center this week include today, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., hearing aid screening; Thursday, 8 a.m., Community Bank euchre, 9 a.m. coffee hour; 12:30 p.m. euchre.

Obituaries

McBRIDE - Chester M. McBride, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, the result of an auto accident one mile south of Hoopeston.
 Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In the hospital 


Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 13, 1994
Admitted: none.
Discharged: none.

Oct. 14, 1994
Admitted: Kathleen Longest, Hoopeston; John Mullen, Rossville.
Discharged: Marie Fraley, Hoopeston; Charles Reed, Danville.

Oct. 15, 1994
Admitted: Mark Glenn, Hoopeston.
Discharged: John Mullen, Rossville.

Oct. 16, 1994
Admitted: Robert Gilmore, Hoopeston.
Discharged: Kathleen Longest and Joseph Long, both of Hoopeston.


Band finishes second, fifth
 The Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers finished second in parade and fifth in field competition at the Arthur Marching Band Contest Saturday.
 The band was one of 25 schools participating in the day's activities.

Police News 

Joseph Charles Cannon, 22, of 621 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, charged with reckless driving on a complaint from Jeromy Powell, lot 38, Baer's Trailer Court. Cannon was released on a notice to appear.


Doug Bray, 866 E. Honeywell, reported Monday that his license plate, 65 BRAY, is missing from the front of his 1994 Ford truck.

A boy's black 20-inch bicycle was found Sunday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Weather 

Mostly cloudy today with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the low 70s. Tonight, continued chance of rain. Low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, scattered showers. High near 71. Low near 60.

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