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## Mark Drollinger to represent Ward 1 on city council

Hoopeston native Mark Drollinger was named Tuesday night to fill a Ward 1 alderman vacancy.

He replaces Wes Dazey, who died Oct. 25.

Drollinger said he was honored to take Dazey's place, but admitted it would be a challenge.

"I kind of feel like the guy who replaced Lou Gehrig," he said. "Everybody remembers Lou Gehrig, but nobody remembers who followed him. I hope I can bring the same dedication to the job that Wes did."

Drollinger will serve as chairman of the city's street and alley committee, and a member of the ambulance and civic committees, said Mayor Bob Ault.

The new alderman plans to meet with ward residents on a regular basis "to get their feedback on

anything and everything," he said. "I'd like to find out their general feelings and concerns."

Another area of interest is the city's fiscal status. "I'm excited about the new budget," he said. "I want to get my feet wet with that."

This is not Drollinger's first venture in politics. In 1992, he ran against Dazey, losing by only 11 votes.

Drollinger will try to retain his aldermanic seat in the April election. If successful, he will again face re-election in 1997.

Drollinger and his wife, Julie, have two children: Christopher, 6 and Patrick, almost two.

He has been with the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department for the past 6 1/2 years, currently serving as an investigator.

## Hoopeston city officials ink ten-year cable contract

Hoopeston residents will continue to have cable service provided by Hoopeston Cable TV.

The city council Tuesday night approved a 10-year, non-exclusive franchise with the company, part of Omega Communications of Indianapolis.

The franchise agreement, similar to one expiring at the end of this year, gives the city three percent of gross receipts as a franchise fee, which, according to Mayor Bob Ault, adds approximately \$27,000 to city coffers annually.

Alderman Bill Goodwine questioned the three percent figure, saying if the city could get more under Federal Communications Commission laws, it should.

However, other officials said the increase would be passed on to the consumer. "We're really ask-

ing the people of Hoopeston to pay more for cable (with an increased rate)," said alderman John Haughee.

The agreement becomes effective Jan. 1, 1995.

In other business, the council:

✓passed a \$400,446 tax levy, down approximately \$30,000 from last year. Goodwine, chairman of the city finance committee, said much of the decrease was caused because the Hoopeston Public Library formed a library district and is levying its own taxes.

✓discussed, but took no action on an ordinance regulating cats in the city. The ordinance, which will be voted on at the Dec. 20 meeting, imposes a \$5 registration fee on sterilized cats and a \$10 See COUNCIL on other side



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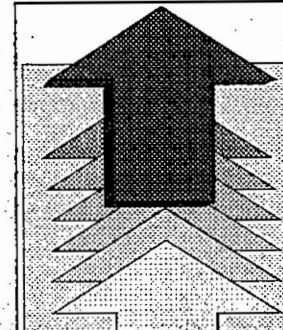


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**Up & Coming**

**Legion auxiliary meeting**  
The Rossville American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Feedbag Restaurant for their Christmas party and \$3 gift exchange. For reservations, call Marge at 748-6694 by Dec. 10.

**Varsity chorus on television**  
The Hoopeston Area senior high varsity chorus will make a television appearance following tonight's 6 p.m. news on channel 15 (channel 6 for cable viewers).

**Christmas concerts scheduled**  
Christmas concerts for Hoopeston Area schools are: 2 p.m. Dec. 11, junior high bands and choruses, junior high gym; 3 p.m. Dec. 11, senior high bands and choruses, junior high gym; elementary band and chorus, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13, John Greer Grade School.  
Music Booster calendars will be on sale at all concerts. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Court dispositions**

**Nov. 17 - Ronald Miller**, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

**Richard Thompson**, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, dismissed.

**Shirley Burton**, to pay total of \$102, continued to Dec. 15, rule to show cause issued.

**Jimmie Bridgman**, Hoopeston, to pay total of \$161.20, court supervision revoked, rule to show cause to be issued Dec. 15.

**Steve Cross**, Hoopeston, to pay \$150 in full, rule to show cause issued.

**Diana Edwards**, Hoopeston, to pay total of \$100, rule to show cause issued.

**Jerry Lindsey**, Hoopeston, to pay total of \$150, rule to show cause issued.

**Chris McCay**, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, rule to show cause issued.

**Dennis Herbst**, Danville, to pay total of \$430, rule to show cause issued.

**Dennis Herbst**, Danville, deceptive practice, summons issued.

**Phylliss Hamilton**, Milford, deceptive practice, summons issued.

**Police News**

**Libby Taylor** on Monday claimed a red Murray bicycle found Friday at East Washington and Seventh St.

**Linda Daniels**, 859 E. Seminary, reported Monday that someone took a green Freedom One bicycle from her residence.

**Pamela J. Stockdale**, 850 E. Lincoln, reported Tuesday that someone took a Motorola cellular phone from her 1991 Chevrolet Carryall.

**Council continued from other side**  
fee on unsterilized cats. A similar ordinance for dogs is also being considered.

✓will accept bids on two new police cars. Specifications are available at city hall. Bids will be opened at the council's Jan. 13, 1995 meeting.

**In the hospital**

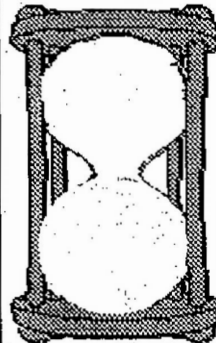
**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**Dec. 5, 1994**  
**Admitted:** John Ingram, Milford.  
**Discharged:** Margaret Gregoire and Crystal Irwin, both of Hoopeston.

**Weather**

Cloudy today with a 40% chance of snow. High in the upper 30s. Tonight, continued chance of snow. Low in the low to mid 30s. Tomorrow, rain likely. High near 40, low near 33.

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