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Grant Township officials approve new trustee for board

A new trustee has been named to the Grant Township board.

Jean Minick was approved at Monday's regular township trustees meeting.

Minick was one of two people who expressed interest in the position, said Carol Flint, Grant Township supervisor.

An opening was created when former trustee Carl Weber, citing health reasons, resigned last month.

Minick "has shown a keen interest in township," and has attended meetings for over a year, Flint said. "She'll do a good job because she's shown that interest."

Minick, 50, and a life resident of Grant Township, decided to seek the seat because "it seems (township officials) have a problem getting any interest in getting people involved in township. I think (residents) think township runs all by itself."

This is Minick's first venture into politics, but it is one she believes she can do well at. "I think I have the ability to be openminded and clear

headed when it comes to making decisions," she said. "I can see both sides."

That talent can be used to balance responsibilities to all taxpayers with responsibilities to the people served by township programs, she said.

Minick also brings a strong personality to the board. "If I don't agree, I'll tell you I don't agree," she said.

One of the major issues facing Grant Township, Minick said, is the amount of legislation mandating services at the township level. "They're telling us we're going to do these things, but they don't give us any money," she said.

Whether Minick will seek re-election when her term expires in 1997 is still undecided. "I want to get in and get my feet wet," she said. "I'm not a quitter. If I'm able and I'm not a detriment, if I can do some good, then there's always that possibility (of seeking re-election)."

Minick and her husband, Gerald, operate a design and drafting service from their home. She has also served as an election judge for the past 25 years.

Hoopeston man to report to prison on fraud conviction

A local man convicted of defrauding a former Hoopeston credit union is expected to begin serving a three-year sentence this week.

Robert Longfellow, 70, of 710 E. Euclid, is to report to an unidentified prison by 2 p.m. July 13.

Longfellow was convicted of two counts of defrauding the former Grant & Ross Township Credit Union and one charge each of benefiting personally from loans made to seven credit union

members and misapplication of funds.

Longfellow was convicted in November 1993 after his second trial. His first trial, in March 1993, ended in a mistrial after jurors could not reach a verdict.

U.S. District Judge Harold Baker sentenced Longfellow to three years in prison. Longfellow was also ordered to pay more than \$67,000 in

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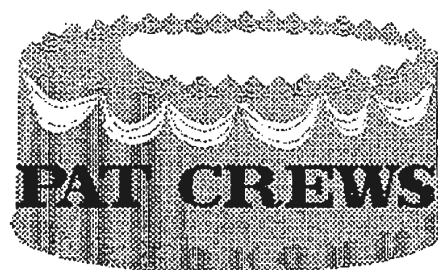
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Brian Rayburn, Milford, deceptive practices, failed to appear, summons issued.

Shane Schultz, Ambia, Ind., deceptive practices, failed to appear, summons issued.

Richard Smith, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Erick Shipman, Hoopeston, parked on sidewalk, \$55, three months court supervision.

Evelyn Swartz, Wellington, nuisance weeds, nolle pros.

John J. Thompson, Paxton, deceptive practices, \$75 and restitution.

Jackie Trautvetter, Hoopeston, to pay \$95, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Fraud continued from other side

restitution and over \$50,000 in fines and court costs.

Longfellow appealed, but the conviction was upheld by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. The case was then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which, last month, refused to hear the case.

A request to reduce Longfellow's sentence due to his deteriorating physical condition was denied.

Obituaries

MATTHEWS - Mary L. Matthews, 96, of Hoopeston, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday, July 10, 1995, at the Ford County Nursing Home in Paxton. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before services Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rossville Church of Christ or the United Methodist Church of Hoopeston.

Catlin girl captures Miss Vermilion County Fair title

A 19-year-old Catlin girl is the new reigning Miss Vermilion County Fair.

Pamela Gail Edwards was crowned Monday night by 1994 winner Emily Jahn of Hoopeston.

First runner up was Michelle Mowery of Danville, with Jennifer Evans of Ridge Farm named second runner up.

Winner of the swimsuit category was Carrie Burns of Danville. Hether Snedeker, also of Danville, won the evening gown competition.

Marilyn Danner of Rossville was pageant director and the Maui Wowee Refreshment Girls were the Rossville-Alvin cheerleaders.

Marcia's Bloomers of rural Rossville provided stage decorations for the pageant while Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert provided Jahn's bouquet.

Police News



Santiago Castaneda, 38, 222 E. Lincoln, was arrested at 4:45 p.m. Monday, charged with possession of a controlled substance - cocaine (under 15 grams). He was taken to the Public Service Building in Danville.

Hilario Palomo, 1125 W. Orange, reported Monday that he loaned his gold 1985 Mercury Cougar to an unidentified person who failed to return the car. Police are investigating.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 10, 1995

Admitted: David Leroy, East Lynn.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Partly cloudy and hot today. High in the mid to upper 90s. Tonight, warm. Low in the mid 70s. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High near 98, low near 76.

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