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Vermilion County Board changes to night time meetings

DANVILLE—Night time is the right time for the Vermilion County Board.

The board voted 13-10 on Tuesday to move its meetings to evening for a six-month trial basis.

One board member abstained from the vote and three members were absent Tuesday.

The group now meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Proponents of the change said night meetings would allow more input from county residents, but opponents, including local District 1 representatives, disagree.

The district's three representatives - Tim Drollinger, Gary Weinard and Jack McQuigg - all voted against the change.

"The board felt it was in everybody's best interests to move meetings to improve participation," Drollinger

said. "I don't think it's right. If someone wants to attend a county board meeting, they'll find the time to do it."

Also, Drollinger said, most action is taken during board committee meetings, held at night, which have little public participation.

The meeting change will begin in January and will be re-evaluated in July. "To me, they picked the worst time to do it, when it gets dark early and with the snow," Drollinger said. "They should have picked summertime."

Drollinger, a member of the county's personnel committee, said the change will cost the county more in overtime. "You've got people who have to attend the meetings and the county is going to have to pay them," he said.

Weinard and McQuigg could not be reached for

Briefly

Correction

In yesterday's edition, ornaments being sold by the Friends of the Hoopeston Public Library were listed as costing \$2.50. The correct price is \$12.50.

Crossword puzzle winner

Jeannie Webber of Hoopeston is going from food to flowers as the October winner in the Just the Facts crossword puzzle contest.

Webber will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Schuler's Flower Shop.

Webber was also last month's winner with an entry at Pizza King.

Bloodmobile

There will be a bloodmobile from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 at the United Methodist Church, Hoopeston. Last eligible donation date is Sept. 20, 1996.

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Police News



Michael Shipman, 823 E. Penn, reported Wednesday that someone broke out the rear wing window of his 1992 Saturn while it was parked at his home.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:25 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said Cesar G. Montoya of Rankin, in a 1994 Ford, and Milton E. Ford of 726 E. Young, in a 1989 Chevrolet, were stopped on Thompson at the railroad crossing, heading in opposite directions. Each started to go around the gates when they collided.



Court dispositions



Oct. 17: Lowell Null, Hoopeston, noisy animal, nolle pros.

Bench Trials: Sandra German, Milford, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

William Henk, Hoopeston, noisy animal; found not guilty.

Nov. 7: Rob O'Neil, Hoopeston, to pay \$95; rule to show cause issued.

Jorge Antuno, Rankin, payment due on \$650 total,

failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

Icenacio Castillo, Rankin, to pay \$150 by Nov. 7 on \$1,150 total; rule to show cause issued.

Rebecca Eckman, Watseka, deceptive practice; \$45 and \$136.01 restitution, 90 days court supervision.

John Halley, Rankin, theft, pleaded not guilty; continued to Nov. 21 for plea agreement.

Lawrence Kochell, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty; \$100, six months court supervision.

Norma Montez, Hoopeston, battery; \$125 converted to 29 hours public service work, six months court supervision.

Tami O'Neal, Hoopeston, two counts deceptive practice, restitution; failed to appear, summons issued.

Barbara Pickett, Danville, restitution due, failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

James Roach, Hoopeston, \$35 and \$25 service fee due, failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

Wanda Storm, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, \$117.90 restitution; nolle pros.

Marie Schwartz, Hoopeston, nuisance junk, failed to appear; summons issued.

Shane Schultz, Ambia, to pay \$313.08, owes

Obituaries

WILSON - Richard W. Wilson, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 12:20 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Heartland Health Care Center, Paxton. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in the East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the East Lynn Methodist Church or Covenant Medical Center, c/o Dialysis Unit, 1400 W. Park St., Urbana, IL., 61801.

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Last winner: **Jackie Johnson**

Last answer: **The most simple hydrocarbon is
methane.**

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Nov. 12, 1996

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid teens. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, warmer. High near 43, low near 25.

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