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## Alderman questions cable increase without new channels

A local alderman wants to know "where's the beef" when it comes to increased cable channels.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting, Alderman Drew Allen questioned a \$2 rate increase by Hoopeston Cable Company which became effective during the summer and was tied to a promise of additional channels.

"It seems like we're getting a rate increase and nothing for it from those guys," Allen said. "They got a rate increase and for what?"

Mayor Bob Ault said the company installed new cable throughout the city, but Allen responded that "my reception isn't any better."

Ault suggested a cable representative attend the Jan. 7 council meeting to explain the increase and when new channels will be added.

"Yes, let's get a representative here to explain when this miracle is going to happen," Allen replied.

In other business, the council learned the city will change lead banks from Palmer Bank to Community Bank.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman, had requested interest rates and fees from all local financial institution. "Community gave us the best overall rates," he said.

The change will affect the city's checking and savings accounts. Certificates of deposit will remain disbursed at several local banks, Goodwine said.

In other business, the council:

☐welcomed interim police chief Joe Gaffney and said retiring Chief Orval Kaag will be honored at a reception

**See ALDERMAN on other side**

## Rossville-Alvin board seeks to lease fleet, hires new aide

ROSSVILLE—A new fleet of buses will transport Rossville-Alvin school students next year.

The school board on Monday night approved seeking bids for leasing six new buses next year, said Superintendent Phil Smith.

The district leases new buses annually because of mileage. "We're so spread out," Smith said.

Bids are expected to be approximately \$15,000 for each of the buses.

In other action, the board approved the new tax levy of \$1,165,912, up approximately \$80,000 from last year, Smith said.

In other business, the board:

☐hired Dawn Sangkawatana as an aide for the Children At Risk Educationally program.

☐heard concerns from resident Beryl Fritz about regulations that members of sports teams must wear

dress pants. Smith said Fritz' concerns centered around parents who might not be able to afford dress clothes for their children.

☐heard an overview on the ag program from instructor Craig Potter.

☐approved letting the district representative to the Vermilion Association for Special Education (VASE) vote on the requested pullout of the Danville district.

Danville has asked to be released from the cooperative. If the change is allowed, smaller districts will have to pay more into the association, which provides special education services to Vermilion County schools.

The VASE board is expected to vote on the request next month.

Tony Zarate is the board's representative for the

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### Luminaries available

Luminary materials are now available at the Grant Township office 525 S. Market. Bags, candles and sand for six candles is \$3.

Those who paid for, but did not pick up, their materials may do so at the office.

The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. through Monday. The office will close at noon Tuesday for Christmas.

### Christmas sing

The Hoopeton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Community Christmas Sing from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. tonight at the lot next to Global Fashions on Main St. The event is open to individuals, youth

groups and adult choirs.

Vocal pipes that become frozen can be thawed with hot chocolate at S.A.R.A.H.'S., 203 E. Main, following the singing.

### Yard decorating contest

The Hoopeton Jaycees Christmas Yard Decorating contest, cosponsored by Just the Facts, will be held Friday, Dec. 20.

Only yards in Hoopeton are eligible for judging. Residents are asked to call 283-9348 between 2 and 4 p.m. with nominations.

The owner of the yard with the most nominations will receive \$25 from the Jaycees. Second and third place winners will receive \$15 and \$10, respectively.



## Police News



**Jamey D. Strawser**, 21, of 1115 W. Orange, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 8:05 p.m. Monday.

Police said Strawser, in a 1981 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, was westbound on Route 9 at Baer's Trailer Court. Strawser was making a left turn when he was hit by a 1193 Chevrolet driven by Eddie L. Edwards, 865 E. Seminary.

Police said Strawser was at fault for failure to yield before turning.

**Linda L. Brown**, #34 Parkview Court, reported Tuesday that an unknown vehicle struck her 1985 Chevrolet S-10 while it was parked at her home.

**Kayla Jean Wilson**, 18, of North Main St., East Lynn, was ticketed Tuesday for disobeying a stop sign and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 3:33 p.m. Tuesday.

### Alderman continued from other side

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 1997.

☐learned 10 homes have contracts for the housing rehabilitation program and another five are pending. The city got a state grant to pay for the repairs.

☐were told the fire department responded to 69 fire calls, three mutual aid calls and two emergency medical service calls so far this year.

## In the Hospital



**Hoopeton Community Memorial Hospital**  
Dec. 16, 1996

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Roy Lewis and Ruth Bruce, Hoopeton.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy, cold today. High in the mid teens. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low teens. Tomorrow, flurries, warmer. High near 23, low near 11.

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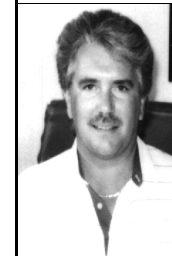
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