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## Alderman withdraws objection to commission naming new chief

A Hoopeston alderman has withdrawn his objections to the police commission hiring a new police chief.

Alderman Dave Borders had expressed strong objections to the commission naming a new chief, citing the importance of the job and the lack of input from the council in making the decision.

At the Jan. 21 council meeting, Borders requested, then retracted a change in the ordinance, allowing the council to approve the new chief.

However, after meeting with the commission Tuesday, Borders has withdrawn his objections.

Borders met with the three-member commission before they went into executive session to discuss applicants for the police chief's job.

"I'm very confident in them after talking to them," he said. "They just really impressed me. They had

some of the same concerns as I've had."

Those concerns, he said, include finding a chief who will have a positive public image and who will "be a disciplinary person," Borders said.

Borders said he was assured by commission members that input from the city's police committee is welcome. Borders said he will be satisfied with committee input. "There's no need for the whole council to sit through 20 applications," he said.

Borders said his questioning of the commission's ability to select a new chief was wrong, especially in light of the fact that he had not talked with commission members. "(The commission's) complaint was 'Well, you never did contact

us,'" he said. "It was my lack of talking to people. I think I was worrying for nothing."

After meeting with Borders, the commission reviewed applications and resumes of more than 20

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**Hoopeston alderman**

## Rossville police officials to take time replacing officer

ROSSVILLE—It will be approximately two months before Rossville officials fill a full-time police officer's position.

The position became open Jan. 1 with the resignation of Terry McCord, said police chief Paul Dewitt.

We're not going to fill the position right away," Dewitt said. "Our part-timers will work more hours than normal."

Village officials and Dewitt will work together to find a new officer, who, like McCord, will work

under Cops Fast, a federal program that pays the majority of the officer's salary.

The village applied for and received a \$65,000 grant, good for three years, Dewitt said. The money is used, in part, to pay approximately 75 percent of a full-time officer's salary. "It's a good program for places like Rossville," Dewitt said. "It's only costing the village about \$1.76 an hour to put a man on the streets."

The village requests money from the program every two months, so while officials look for a new

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#### Hoopeston Industrial Corp to meet

The Hoopeston Industrial Corporation was scheduled to meet Wednesday night. Items on the agenda included the election of new directors for 1997.

#### Military memories night set

The Hoopeston Public Library will host Military Memories Night from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Nick Sloan will show slides and there will be a panel discussion from veterans of WWII. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. For more information, call the library at (217) 283-6711.

people interested in the position, said commission

See **OBJECTION** on other side

### Objection continued from other side


chair Phyllis Freeland.

Some candidates were immediately disqualified for lack of experience. The rest will be scheduled for

## Obituaries

**COX** - Lois E. Cox, 63, of Hoopeston, died at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at International Nursing Home in Danville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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## Police News

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**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 8:04 a.m. Wednesday at East Wyman and North Sixth St.

Police said April R. Houser, 720 E. Seminary, was northbound on Sixth St., in a 1985 Buick, while Amber N. Morgeson, 313 E. McCracken, was eastbound on Wyman in a 1987 Ford.

Houser did not see Morgeson until the last minute and was unable to stop due to ice on street, police said.

interviews, probably within the next month, she said.

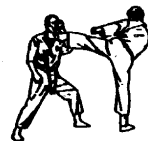
Applicants include local and area law enforcement personnel, as well as out-of-state candidates. "I think we've got a lot of good candidates," Freeland said.

The new chief will replace 35-year veteran Orval



## Hoopeston Lions Club Pancake & Sausage Day

**Saturday, Feb. 1 6 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
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