



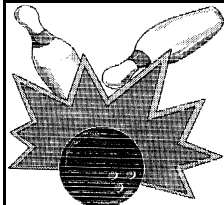
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## New trustee disagrees with new Rossville gas rate law

ROSSVILLE—Discussion at Monday's Rossville village board meeting was heated by gas.

A proposed change in a village ordinance covering gas, sewer and water rates, giving the gas committee chairman the power to change rates after consulting with the village president but without full board approval.

Newly-elected trustee William Galloway disagreed with the proposal. "You're taking it away from the trustees," he said. "You still have to bring it up before the board and vote on it."

Village attorney Steve Miller of Danville told Galloway the board could rescind any raises made by the chairman. "It would be an imposition to schedule a special meeting every time the price of gas fluctuates," Miller said.

Mayor Merv Smith argued that the process has been in effect since gas prices were deregulated in the 1980s.

Furthermore, said trustee Mick Braddock, village gas committee chairman, gas prices have only been raised

three times in four years, the last time late last year when prices charged to the village were greatly increased.

Galloway, however, was undeterred. "You're taking it away from the people and don't tell me you're not," he said. "We were elected to represent them and we can't if we don't vote."

Galloway was the lone dissenter in the 5-0 vote. In other business trustees:

☐ approved an ordinance mandating 400 hours of training for part time police officers. Officers will have 18 months to complete the training, which is free.

☐ approved spending \$35,000 for pedestrian curb ramps on Chicago Street to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Half the money will come from the state, Smith said.

☐ set a 30-minute limit for parking spaces in front of the village hall.

## High school is among leaders in effort to crack security code

Hoopeston Area High School is fifth among organizations trying to break a code used by the U.S. government.

Thousands of computers across the U.S. and Canada are linking together via the Internet to crack the Data Encryption Standard (DES).

DES is a national standard adopted in 1977, mandatory in most federal agencies except the military, and is widely used in the private sector for such things as

interbank wire transfers, VISA transactions, medical and financial records and employers' financial data.

DESCHALL, the name of the code-breaking effort, is a response to a challenge offered by RSA Data

Security to decode a secret message. A top prize of \$10,000 is being offered to the first individual or group to break the code.

The school is ranked fifth among groups trying to find the right key among 72 quadrillion possible keys. As of Sunday, only 1.26 percent of all possibilities had been tried.

The contest began Jan. 27, but the district did not enter the competition until last week, said James Eyrich, district computer network specialist.

As of Monday, 75 of the district's computers had checked nearly 3 trillion keys, he said.

Eyrich learned of the contest from Corey Betka, former Hoopeston Area student, now a computer

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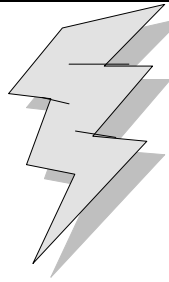


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science major at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

After gaining permission from high school principal Mark Conolly, Eyrich set the school's computer labs to work, trying and rejecting key after key.

That a high school is competing, let alone doing so many calculations, is unusual. Most organizations searching for the correct key are universities. The U of I is leading the search for the correct key, with more than 9 trillion keys tried, followed by Oregon State University, Michigan Technical Institute and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

In fact, only one other elementary/secondary school district is listed among groups trying to crack the code.

Eyrich expects the school to fall from fifth place during the week when the computers currently crunching keys are used for school-related work instead. However, "I believe on the weekends, we'd move back up," he said.

Eyrich has designed a Web page on the Internet, explaining the challenge and what the local district is doing. The page may be found at <http://deschal.hoopeston.k12.il.us>.

The page also links to official Web pages regarding the contest, at <http://frii.com/~rcv/deschall.htm>.

**In the Hospital**



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**April 17, 1997**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Robert Dalton, Hoopeston

**April 18, 1997**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Ethel Huckleby, Hoopeston.

**April 19, 1997**

**Admitted:** Jewel Merritt, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Leona Allison, Hoopeston.

**April 20, 1997**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** none.

As of Monday, 56 people had visited the page, from computer users throughout the country. One viewer was from the United Kingdom.

Word of the effort has spread primarily by word of mouth and Internet equivalents - Internet relay chat, newsgroups and mailing lists.

Eyrich hopes other groups and individuals will get involved in the project, expected to take up to two years.

Computers in businesses and homes may get involved, Eyrich said, adding that computer addresses may be listed anonymously if necessary.

The program is designed primarily for computers that are on-line 24 hours a day, Eyrich said, although

**Briefly**

**Sports Booster meeting**

The Hoopeston Area All Sports Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 in the high school cafeteria. Use the back entrance. The public is invited.

**Police News**



**Four Indiana men** were arrested at 8 p.m. Sunday, charged with illegal transportation of alcohol.

Jonathan P. Hutchins, 20, of 405 E. Allen, Kentland; Jessie T. Vernon, 19, Boswell; William L. McCormick, Boswell; and Christopher B. Childress, 20, 8039 N. 800 North, Earl Park, were charged.

Childress was also charged with speeding.

Police said they were called to the area of Pizza King on East Main for an argument. Further investigation led to a traffic stop in the 300 block of East McNeil, where the men were arrested.

Childress, Hutchins and Vernon were released on notices to appear, while McCormick was released on \$100 bond.

**Weather**



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