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Hard line taken with loiterers, hard water problem better

"Keep 'em moving" might be the motto of Hoopeston police.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Chief Carl Valentine told aldermen officers are cracking down on loiterers and bicyclists in the downtown area.

Six arrests for loitering were made last week, Valentine said. "The problem seems to have slowed down now since we made the arrests," he said.

Downtown business owners had complained that loiterers were hurting business, prompting the crack-down, which also includes foot patrols by auxiliary police.

And while the law may not be constitutional, Valentine said he has told officers to continue making arrests "and let the judge decide."

In unrelated business, Alderman Drew Allen said a phosphate compound added to city water to reduce lead and copper contents is working.

An Illinois Environmental Protection Agency report for Jan. 1-June 1 showed the city met limits for both metals in the water. "That wasn't so last year," Allen said. While lead levels were within acceptable guidelines, copper content was high, he said.

Samples are taken from taps in 40 homes throughout

Draft of R-A drug testing policy includes students, staff

ROSSVILLE—A draft of a drug screening policy for the local school district will be fine-tuned before next month's meeting.

A draft policy proposal submitted at Monday's Rossville-Alvin school board meeting lists several groups of students and employees who might be tested, said Superintendent Phil Smith.

Groups that could receive random testing include athletes in grades 9-12, student drivers, student machinery operators, extra-curricular participants, administrators and exempt full time employees and staff covered by union contract.

Bus drivers are currently tested under district policy.

Should the board approve a random testing policy next month, all groups except employees covered by a union contract could begin testing, Smith said.

Testing of teachers could only begin if testing were approved by the Rossville-Alvin Education Association, he said, adding that issue could be negotiated in the middle of the district's contract with teachers.

Although the district has discussed the idea of student

drug testing for several weeks, staff testing was added at the request of parents.

While the district is discussing a policy, whether one will be approved by the board will not be decided until next month at the earliest. "I think they're leaning toward doing something but I'm not sure," Smith said.

In other action, the board placed the 1997-98 budget on display.

The roughly \$2.8 million budget is "substantially balanced," Smith said. The budget includes expenditures of approximately \$100,000 more than the district will take in. Reserves will make up the difference, if needed, Smith said.

In other action, the board accepted resignations from custodian David Jett, business teacher Jill Byerly Kindred and art teacher Nelson Fertig.

New teachers hired include Shawna Richardson, art; John Vetrano, music; Michael Walsh, ag; Paula Marana, business; and Melissa Martin, speech/language.


Cathy Douglass was also hired, as assistant high school volleyball coach.

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Court Dispositions




Aug. 7: Amanda Strawser, Hoopeston, battery; summons issued.

Jacki Trautvetter, Hoopeston, general nuisance, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

Jeffrey Coss, Hoopeston, two counts nuisance; nolle pros.

Richard Smith, Hoopeston, leash law; nolle pros.

Police News



A 14-year-old boy was arrested at 8:28 p.m. Monday, charged with disorderly conduct after police said he hit a plate glass window at Der Schreiner, 205 E. Main.

The boy was released to a parent on a notice to appear.

David Kelnhofer, 101 W. Jones, Milford, reported Tuesday that his 1991 Ford station wagon was stolen from BJ's Pump, 1023 W. Main, sometime after 11 p.m. Monday.

Kelnhofer told police the keys had been left in the car.

Kimberly Longfellow, 606 W. Washington, reported Tuesday that someone shot the driver's door window of her 1985 Jeep van with a bb gun while the van was parked at her home.

See HARD on other side

Hard continued from other side

the city, then sent to the state to be analyzed, Allen said.

It has been a year since the compound was first added and Allen is pleased with the effect. "We're not there yet, but we're making real progress," he said. "I'm satisfied."

In other business:

City crews are working on McFerren Park for the National Sweetcorn Festival, said Alderman Mike Eckersley. Work has included a new sidewalk outside the main restroom and checking grounds for holes, he said.

A new tank will be needed for one of the fire trucks, said Alderman Harold Cox. Estimated cost is \$7,000.

West Thompson Ave. will be closed for at least two

Jeffrey Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, nuisance; nolle pros.

William Mitchell, Danville, \$875 due; in the Public Safety Building.

Harry Claeys, Rankin, battery; not filed by state's attorney.

Helena Durlfingler, Rankin, battery; not filed by state's attorney.

Larry Palomo Jr., Hoopeston, illegal possession;not filed by state's attorney.

Billy Robinson, Hoopeston, possession of cannabis; not filed by state's attorney.

Darren Wilson, Hoopeston, sale, use etc., fireworks; not filed by state's attorney.

Santiago Castaneda, Hoopeston, driving with suspended license, leaving the scene, uninsured, registration suspended, no insurance; continued.


Josh Edwards, Hoopeston, driving on revoked license, no insurance, pleaded not guilty; pretrial Jan. 15.

Doris Gilbert, Alvin, driving after suspension, no

Obituaries

YOUNG - Madonna Young, 56, of Rankin, formerly of Shelbyville, died at 5:57 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, 1997 at Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the KnappFuneral Home, Rankin. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Rankin.

In the Hospital




Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 18, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Roberta Wood, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High in the mid 70s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High near 75, low near 56.

insurance, pleaded not guilty.

Gerald McNamara, Hoopeston, DUI, blood alcohol content, pleaded guilty; continued for sentencing.

James Roach, Hoopeston, driving with suspended license; pleaded not guilty.

Christine Rhodes, Hoopeston, DUI, blood alcohol content, pleaded not guilty.

Darren Wilson, Hoopeston, fleeing, no valid driver's license, illegal transportation; failed to appear.

Jackie Winchester, Hoopeston, driving while license suspended, driving wrong way, pleaded guilty; continued for sentencing in Danville.

Ambrocio Ybarra Jr., Hoopeston, fleeing, reckless, two counts disobeying stop sign; pleaded not guilty.

Genice Bailey, Des Plaines, speeding; not filed by state's attorney.

Brian Beaty, Hoopeston, to pay \$95; continued.

Daniel Baker, Hoopeston, to pay \$657; failed to appear.

Michael Borders, Hoopeston, illegal squealing; pleaded not guilty, bench trial.

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