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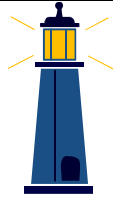
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Grant Township United Community Fund tops 1998 goal

Once again, Grant Township residents have come through.

Residents pledged \$35,358.19 to the Grant Township United Community Fund, topping the organization's \$35,000 goal.

The announcement was made at Wednesday's United Community Fund board of directors meeting.

"It's \$10,000 more than what was pledged last year," said organization president Mike Pemberton. "With everything going on in town, the individual people and businesses really stepped up and filled the gap."

Pemberton served as chairman of the successful drive.

The money will help fund approximately 20 agencies providing services to Grant Township residents.

In other business, the board made plans for the Feb. 18

Recognition Breakfast.

The breakfast, to be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, will recognize residents and businesses which contributed \$200 or more to the 1998 campaign drive, Pemberton said.

A plaque listing names of those donors will also be unveiled at the event and 1999 drive chairman Troy Jacks will be presented, he said.

In other action, the board discussed allocation hearings to be held next week. The group's allocations committee will meet with representatives of some receiving agencies to discuss financial needs before making recommendations to the full board.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for March 4 in Crunch's back room.

Judicial candidate explains system at watch meeting

The local judicial system and candidates for the March 17 primary were the focus of Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting in Hoopeston.

Christopher Meyer, Republican candidate for resident circuit judge, listed the current judiciary, including circuit judges and associate circuit judges.

Meyer explained that Vermilion County has six judges based in Vermilion County. Of those, three are circuit judges and three are associate circuit judges.

The circuit judges, currently John O'Rourke, Thomas Fahey and Claudia Anderson, are elected by voters, Meyer said.

Circuit judges may hear a wide range of cases, including civil, felony, juvenile and misdemeanor. Full circuit judges serve six-year terms, he said.

Associate circuit judges are appointed, based on a vote of circuit judges in the area. Associate judges do not

hear felony trials or large civil cases, unless specifically appointed, Meyer said.

Current associate circuit judges are Joseph Skowronski, Gordon Stipp and James Borbely.

In the primary, Meyer is running against fellow Republicans Charles Hall and Robert McIntyre for resident circuit judge, while Vermilion County state's attorney Michael Clary is running on the Democratic ticket.

In separate circuit judge contests, Anderson, a Republican, and Democrat David Ryan are running unopposed.

In a second circuit judge race, involving a position created by an Edgar County judge, Democrat Daniel Brown has no opposition. However, Republicans Thomas Mellen, Fred Kreckman, Daniel Arbogast, James Glenn and Marsha Combs will face off in the

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Candidate continued from other side

Meyer also outlined his qualifications for judge. The Danville resident is a partner in the law firm Dukes, Martin, Ryan, Meyer and Krapf and has 12 years' experience.

Meyer graduated from Northern Illinois University; was a state foster parent for five years; and is a former teacher, coach and athletic director. He is past chairman of the Public Utilities Section Council of the Illinois State Bar

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1. Stokely USA, Inc.	43½	22½
2. Family Affair	43	23
3. Red Apple Restaurant	39	27
4. Hoopeston Hospital	38	28
5. Ten Pin Alley	38	28
6. Community Bank	36	30
7. The Moody B's	36	30

8. Palmer Bank	34½	31½
9. Gillins Oil	34	32
10. Goof-Balls	32	34
11. Razor's Edge	31	35
12. Weber's Drug Store	29	37
13. Carolynn's	28	38
14. Rethelford Carpeting	27	39
15. Shala's Hair Studio	26	40

16. Team #16-Bye	13	53
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High Ind. Game: Glenda Reed, 212; **High Ind. Series:** Angie Reed, 548; **High Team Game:** Community Bank, 1,088; **High Team Series:** Community Bank, 2,994.
Games over 200: Patti Lowe, 208; Sue Powell, 201; Glenda Reed, 212; Angie Bell, 207.
Series over 500: Patti Lowe, 535; Glenda Reed, 536; Angie Bell, 548; Kathy Harding, 525; Barb Rethelford, 518.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the children's room of the Hoopeston Public Library.

This week's theme is "Stories by Flashlight." Children are encouraged to bring flashlights with them.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1 to 4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Election judges training

Vermilion County clerk Lynn Foster will conduct a make-up/refresher training class for election judges beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. The class will meet in the county board room of the Courthouse Annex, 6 N. Vermilion, Danville.

Those planning to attend should call (217) 431-2607 or 431-2611.

Democratic fund raiser

Vermilion County Democrats will hold a fundraiser for all party candidates on Presidents Day,

Feb. 16.

The event, at the Holideck, 38 N. Vermilion St., Danville, will be held from 6-9 p.m. and will feature a meal, including chili and drinks, as well as music and an opportunity to meet candidates for public office.

A drawing for a Princess Di Beanie Baby will also be held. Tickets for the drawing are available at Say It With Balloons, 35 N. Vermilion.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$5 and are available

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Police News

Brian C. Beaty, 21, of 704 W. Lincoln, was arrested at 10:48 p.m. Tuesday on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and intimidation.

Police said Beaty was arrested on a complaint from Megan Ervin, who wished to remove belongings from Beaty's residence.

When officers discussed the problem with Beaty at the police station, he became violent with officers, police said.

Beaty was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Thomas J. Slaughter, 607 N. Seventh St., reported at

3:45 a.m. Wednesday that a 16-year-old boy stabbed him.

Slaughter was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

The boy was taken to the Public Safety Building on preliminary charges of attempted murder and aggravated battery.

Obituaries

STRAWSER - Cynthia Faith Strawser, 39, of Hoopeston, died at 10:38 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Feb. 3, 1998

Admitted: Berneice Stuebe, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather

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