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State's attorney to decide Rossville police chief's fate

ROSSVILLE—Whether village police chief Paul DeWitt has a job today is expected to be decided by the Vermilion County state's attorney.

Trustees split 3-3 on whether to fire DeWitt. Trutess Dale Tweedy, Bill Galloway and Kay Ritter voted to dismiss DeWitt, while Mick Braddock and Dick Hall voted to retain him. Trustee Tom Mills, acting as president pro tem in the absence of Mayor Merv Smith, voted to keep the chief, causing the tie.

After Mills' vote, the standing room crowd of residents said "You can't vote," a sentiment shared by Galloway. "I challenge his vote because he can't vote to make a tie," Galloway said.

When Mills asked for suggestions to resolve the vote, the crowd again chimed in. "Fire him," they said.

Ritter read a passage from the Illinois Municipal Handbook, which did not clarify the issue. Galloway then suggested calling the state's attorney's office for a decision on the vote. "I'll take a chance," he said.

Mills agreed. "If the state's attorney says I can't vote, then the motion is won," he said. "If he says I can, the motion is dead."

The issue of DeWitt's employment arose after a discussion about a village police car. Trustees had earlier voted to purchase a new car because of reports that antifreeze was leaking into the oil.

"You've been lied to," Tweedy said to Hall, who told trustees last month about the mechanical problem. "I had it checked and there's no antifreeze leaking into that oil. I'm still standing by you but there's somebody behind you feeding you a line of bunk."

Discussion about the car prompted Galloway to move for DeWitt's dismissal; Tweedy seconded the motion.

In related action, the board voted to sell the existing police cars, keeping only the new one, which is expected to be on the street by Labor Day.

Galloway, Tweedy, Mills and Ritter voted to sell the cars while Braddock and Hall abstained.

In other business, Hall called a special meeting for 7 p.m. Sept. 16 to select two of four candidates as part time officers.

Other meetings set include 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20 as a public hearing on the tax levy; and 7 p.m. Aug. 26 to meet with the planning commission concerning grants.

Hoopeston industries sponsor Red Cross blood drive

FMC Corporation, Silgan Containers and Schumacher Electric are co-sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive.

The drive will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at FMC, 103 E. Maple.

Most blood donors are eligible to donate every 56 days. The drive represents an opportunity to give the gift of life twice during the summer.

Blood is needed every single day – for accidents, routine surgeries and serious diseases such as sickle cell anemia, cancer, leukemia and heart disease.

The average donor gives twice a year. If that average could be raised to three or four times a year, blood shortages could possibly be averted.

Take time to give blood this August. Donating blood is safe, easy and takes about one hour. To give blood, you must be healthy, at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 100 pounds. Sixteen-year-olds can give as long as they obtain a consent form signed by their parents.

For an appointment to give blood or to obtain a consent form, call Joan Johnson at (217) 283-8460.

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Briefly

Successful drive

Friday's street corner collection for the Grant Township Community Fund raised more than \$1,900.

Residents contributed more than \$1,907.02 to the organization, said Chalmers Flint, collection co-chairman.

The total is up about \$300 from last year, he said.

Kindergarten orientation

Maple School will host kindergarten orientation at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Parents and students are invited to meet teachers and become familiar with students' classrooms.

A short presentation will be given at 6:45 in the classroom, where teachers will discuss needed supplies, lunch policies and other matters.

Equipment needed

The Hoopeston Multi Agency's Teen Reach program is in need of a karaoke machine and a printer to attach to

a computer.

To donate either item or for more information, call (217) 283-5544.

Bowling meetings

Wednesday Night Men's League will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Teams are urged to have a representative at the meeting.

Early Sunday Night Mixed League will meet at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15.

Tuesday Night Classic men's league will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17.



All meetings will be held at Pla-Mor Lanes.

For more information, call 283-5195.

10-year reunion

The Hoopeston-East Lynn class of 1989 will hold 10-year reunion activities September 3-5.

An impromptu gathering will be held from 7-10 p.m.

 **Police News** 

A set of keys on a key ring was found Sunday on Wilson Ave. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

The front door of a residence in the 300 block of West Washington was damaged Sunday. The suspect entered through an unlocked door and knocked over a shelf. Nothing was reported missing.

A 44-year-old Hoopeston man reported Monday that


someone took his black Huffy mountain bike from his home in the 300 block of West Main.

The back of a garage in the 800 block of East Penn was reported shot with a BB gun Monday.

A 25-year-old man reported Monday that the rear license plate of his Nissan pickup truck is missing.

Obituaries

COLLIER – Hazel Marie Collier, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 1:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 1999 at Magnolia Wood Health Care, Watseka. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois County Hospice. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Weather 

Partly cloudy, scattered thunderstorms today and tomorrow. High today 90, low 63. Tomorrow's high 76, low 66.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

Friday, Sept. 4 at Compton's. The official reunion will be 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 at Hubbard Trail Country Club, followed on Sunday by a family picnic from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. hosted Kevin and Michele Jett at 744 E. Penn. All events are informal and casual.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$50/couple (no charge for children) to cover reunion expenses.

Reservations must be made by Aug. 25.

For more information, call Kevin Jett, (217) 283-4422, Andrea Hughes (Sollars) (217) 443-0541 or Dawn Huchel (Gritton) (217) 443-0249 or e-mail at kjett@dacc.cc.il.us or alh2u@yahoo.com.

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