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Officer's resignation announced at city council meeting

A long-time Hoopeston Police officer has resigned.

Officer Chuck Moyer's Feb. 3 resignation was announced at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting by police committee chairman John Haughee.

Moyer, who was with the department approximately 18 years, cited burnout and the desire to find a Monday-Friday day shift job, said Chief Mark Drollinger.

Moyer had been off work since November from a reported job-related injury.

Two on the force have benefited from Moyer's departure.

Officer Jim DeWitt, hired under a federal grant, was offered and accepted a full-time position, Drollinger said.

The police commission will consider applicants and hire a new officer under the grant, which expires in 2001. Drollinger hopes the commission finds a candidate already trained. "I'd like to get somebody with experience," he said. "Sending someone to (the Police Training Institute) eats a considerable amount of time."

Also, Officer Darin Tate, who has served as interim investigator during Moyer's recuperating time, has been appointed to the investigator's position. In the near future, he will work with the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department investigation unit to receive additional training, Drollinger said.

Council revisits Sunday sales for New Year's Eve 2000

An exception allowing alcohol sales in Hoopeston on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000 will stand but the vote, taken at the Feb. 1 meeting, would have been different had two absent council members been present.

At Tuesday's meeting, city attorney Jim Spiros said by ordinance, the 4-2 vote was not official until Mayor Bob Ault voted on the issue. Ault voted with the majority to allow the exception.

However, two council members not at the Feb. 1 meeting, said they would have voted against the variance.

"I think that it sends a bad message to the community," said Alderwoman Susan Comstock. "Just a year ago, we said there would be no sales on Sunday, no exceptions." Because there was no committee meeting to discuss the change, "no one had the opportunity to discuss it," she said.

Alderman Rod Kaag said he would have voted against the exception as well, but favors changing the ordinance to allow total Sunday sales or for special occasions.

Under the change, bars may be open 3 p.m. Dec. 31 until 1 a.m. Jan. 1, 2001.

In other action, the council:

- approved Dan Goodrum and Kebbie Knake as planning commission members.
- approved spending \$81,500 on a used 1991 jet-vac truck for the city. The city had \$118,000 set aside to replace a 1975 model said Alderman Drew Allen.

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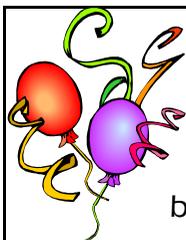
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Letters to the Editor

Couple praises State's Attorney candidate

Editor:

As long time friends of Paul Manion, we wanted to mention a few things most people don't know about him.

He and his wife of nearly 40 years, Bonnie, raised six really fine children. They all stayed out of trouble and are hardworking, successful and friendly young people. Paul has quietly done many good things in our community. He put our Little League back on track some years ago by serving as president, providing virtually free baseball for 200 kids, getting good parental cooperation and competent volunteer umpires as well. I've heard quite a few stories of how he helped people solve family problems with just a little free legal advice.

He and Bonnie also lead Catholic Church's Engaged Encounter Weekend programs for engaged couples. These are only a few examples of the things he has done for our community.

Most people seem to know that he is the senior partner

of one of the county's largest and best law firms. They should also know, however, that he has also always been there to help in the community for our Democratic party as well as living the life of a good husband and father.

He is exactly what is needed for the Vermilion County State's Attorney's office.

Richard & Catherine Layden

Iroquois County sheriff lauds Manion

As Sheriff of Iroquois County for the past 18 years, I have observed attorney Paul Manion try many major cases in court. I have seen that he clearly deserves his reputation as one of the best trial lawyers in our part of Illinois.

When I served as president of the Illinois Sheriff's Association, I often heard complaints from all over the state that rarely were truly competent lawyers willing to serving as state's attorney. A good prose-

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 14

Admitted: Juanita Peterson, Hoopeston.

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Police News



The 26 inch boy's bicycle found Friday behind the Second Chance was claimed by the owner Monday.

A Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone broke the window of his 1985 Isuzu pickup truck. The damage was reported at 1:44 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East McCracken.

Obituaries

BROWN—Grace A. Brown, 89, of Hoopeston died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000 at Danville Care Center. Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. There was no visitation. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SANDERS—Charles Henry Sanders, 84, of Hoopeston died at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2000 at Magnolia Wood Healthcare Center, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

cutor is critical to good law enforcement; the best police work in the world is wasted if the case is not properly presented in court by the state's attorney. Paul would bring the needed level of legal ability to this important office.

Paul Manion is also universally respected for his honesty and is known for his dedication to fairness and justice.

I don't know Paul's opponent and don't mean to criticize him, but I hope that the voters of Vermilion County will take advantage of their chance to elect a really outstanding person—Paul Manion—as their next state's attorney.

Joseph V. Mathy

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