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### Candidates courting circuit clerk's job speak at meeting

Two women vying to be Vermilion County's circuit clerk spoke of their qualifications at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Republican Susan Ponder Miller, who currently holds the position, and challenger Leigh Busby Hughes have spent several years working in the circuit clerk's office.

The circuit clerk is responsible for all court records and files and collecting fees and fines. A member of the clerk's office also attends court sessions

Busby-Hughes, worked in the office until 1986, when she left to enter the banking industry. She returned as a deputy clerk in 1992.

Busby-Hughes stressed her community activism, including 12 years in Danville community theater

and membership in the Legal Secretaries of Vermilion County, Business and Professional Women, Boys and Girls Club and Bib Brothers/Big Sisters.

"In my opinion, serving the public is the number one (aspect of) this position," Busby-Hughes said. "I've learned to appreciate the emotional aspects of this position."

Ponder-Miller has worked in the circuit clerk's office for 23 years. Six years ago, she was promoted to supervisor of the traffic/misdemeanor department and was named to head the office May 1.

"Hoopeston really has a growing case load," she said, adding court for state offenses is held one morning each month but that may have to be ex-

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### Rossville to host eighth annual 3-on-3 basketball shootout

ROSSVILLE—They'll be shooting it out in Rossville on Aug 12 and 13.

Shooting basketballs, that is.

The eighth annual HOOP—There It Is! 3-on-3 basketball shootout will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug 12 and 13 at Christman Park.

Official team check-in will be 9-10 a.m. Saturday with round 1 preliminary competition beginning at 10. Teams are scheduled in divisions according to age and class.

Men's divisions include junior high (grades 6-8); junior/senior, freshman/sophomore; open 18-34; nostalgia 35 and up. Women's divisions include junior high (6-8th grades), junior/senior; freshman/sophomore; and open 18 and older.

Each team will consist of three players. Alternates can be recruited on the spot in case of injury, illness or emergency only.

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games in a double elimination format.

The registration fee is \$45, entitling each player to the individual free throw contest; individual 3-point shooting contest; 3-on-3 shootout; and official t-shirt.

Special event contests will also be held, including an individual 3-point shooting contest with a \$2 entry fee for high school boys, high school girls, open men and open women; individual free throw shooting contest, \$2 entry fee for junior high boys, junior high girls, high school boys, high school girls, open men and open women; and a special parent/child free throw shooting contest.

Saturday, Aug. 5 is the limited registration deadline. Registrations may be made to Kevin Thomas, (217) 748-4118. Participants may register the day of the contest by pre-registration is preferred.

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**Police News**

A **29-year-old** woman reported Monday that someone took a girl's purple Roadmaster 10-speed bicycle from her yard in the 600 block of East McNeil.

The bicycle was later found.

A **14-year-old** boy was arrested at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday in the 100 block of West Penn, charged with curfew violation.

The boy was released to his parents on a notice to appear.

A **23-year-old** person reported Tuesday that someone scratched a vehicle parked in the 500 block of East Thompson.

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tended to accommodate the need

Ponder-Miller said she has worked to implement new programs to save taxpayer money. One such program is the addition of a service allowing credit cards to be used to pay bond. An Indianapolis, Ind., company will provide the service at no cost to the county, she said. People using credit cards will be charged a fee for the service, she added.

She is working with Sheriff Pat Hartshorn on the change, which is expected to become effective Aug. 1.

Ponder-Miller and Busby-Hughes both support using credit cards as a means of cutting down some backlog in the system, but both see drawbacks.

For Busby-Hughes, the largest drawback is that those posting the bond may not realize the money may not be returned. For example, if someone posts bond for a prisoner, the money may be used for other offenses pending against that person, she said. "The people posting the bond need to know that."

For Ponder-Miller, a drawback is that people will think the system is even easier for those charged with crimes. "It might look like we've made it too easy but people can go to the bank and get money," she said.

The appearance of the women is the second in a series featuring candidates in the November election. The Aug. 7 meeting is expected to feature judge candidates Dave Ryan and Craig DeArmond.

Tracy A. Staats, 29, of 716 E. Elm, was arrested at 9:40 a.m. Tuesday on a warrant for failure to appear.

Staats was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Hoopeston boy named 2000 Little Mister at county fair**

A Hoopeston boy was crowned Little Mister 2000 Monday night at the Vermilion County Fair.

Matthew Moyer, four, son of Chuck and Traci Moyer, begins a one-year reign that will include appearances in several parades, including the National Sweetcorn Festival parade during Labor Day weekend.

Parade appearances will include Miss Vermilion County 2000 and the 2000 Little Miss, who was also selected Monday night.

Matthew is the grandson of Larry and Chris Bury of Hoopeston; Elaine Bury of Oklahoma and Bill and Mary Moyer of Hoopeston

**Bible college registering students**

Vision Bible College of Danville is now registering students for the fall semester. The school is an undergraduate college of biblical studies and theology whose focus is discipleship training people to equip people for effective Christian service.

The college assists men and women in cooperation with their local churches by providing practical training and an increase of biblical knowledge.

For registration information, call (217) 443-6219.

**In the Hospital**

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**July 10**

Nothing to report.

**Weather**

Mostly cloudy, chance of showers, thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. Highs 84, lows 68. Friday, partly cloudy. High 88, low 64.

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

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