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Alderman give the hook to local students playing hooky

Playing hooky from school will be a little more difficult in 10 days.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday unanimously passed an ordinance setting a daytime curfew for Hoopeston Area school students.

The ordinance makes it illegal for anyone ages seven to 17 to be anywhere in the city but at school during school hours. Students who have been suspended or expelled from school must stay at home under the new law.

Students outside school during school hours must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or responsible adult with parental permission.

The law, based on a similar one enacted last April in Danville, was pushed by Police Chief Mark Drollinger "From the last meeting, we've had seven kids who

would have been in violation if the ordinance was enacted," he said

Exceptions to the law include home-schooled children, and those who attend other school districts. Officers will use discretion in other situations, Drollinger said.

Violators face fines of up to \$500 or community service work. Children and parents who "turn a blind eye" to their child's truancy may be cited.

Although the ordinance is written for all school-age children, Drollinger expects to see the biggest impact on middle school students. "They're the ones we've found to be truant the most," he said.

Drollinger met with high school officials and will meet with middle school officials in two weeks. He is expected to take copies of the ordinance to schools Wednesday.

Rossville trustees approve two funds for special purposes

ROSSVILLE—Two funds established by the village board Monday will help pay for special projects.

Trustees approved establishing sinking funds in both the general and water budgets, said village clerk Chris Pearson.

In the general fund, \$8,000 will be set aside annually to pay for new police cars as needed, while \$10,000 will be earmarked yearly in the water budget for improved water distribution, she said.

Expenditures over \$5,000 in each fund must receive board approval.

In other business, trustees learned election packets will be available Oct. 23. Petitions may be circulated beginning Oct. 25. Candidates may file between Jan. 15-23, Pearson said.

Four trustee positions will be up for re-election in April, including four-year seats currently held by Bill Galloway, Tom Mills and newly-appointed Terry Prillaman and a two-

year seat held by newly-appointed Vic Lackey.

The mayor's seat and Pearson's positions are also up for re-election.

Packets may be picked up at the village office between 8:30 a.m. and noon and 12:30-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

In other business, trustees:

learned the appearance of village water bills will change to accommodate postal regulations. The change is cosmetic only, Pearson said.

raised gas prices 16 cents per therm.

heard a request from the Girl Scouts asking the village to conduct a survey on interest in recycling in the village.

set trick-or-treat hours as 5:30-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

approved a resolution for a Santa parade on Thanksgiving weekend. The parade must now get Illinois Department of Transportation approval.

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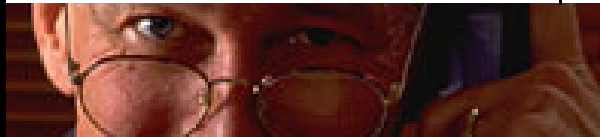
Thanks, also, to everyone who
attended taco nights, buffets, and
other dining events at Hubbard
Trail Country Club.

Our last buffet was Sunday but
we have a new venture coming
and hope to see all our
friends soon.



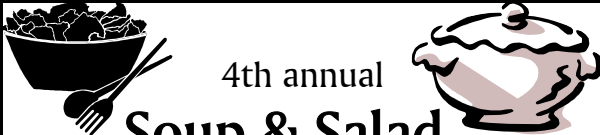
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Hospital business office

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Extension service moderates volunteer panel for improving, bringing growth to Hoopeston

Where do we want to go?

That was the question posed by two representatives of the University of Illinois' Extension Service Economic Development office Monday.

Extension Educators Pat Curry and Nigel Austin met with nearly 30 volunteers to come up with answers to the question.

The group included an economic steering committee including representatives of city government, the Hoopeston Industrial Corporation and Chamber of Commerce, as well as a cross-section of the community.

Eight traits are foundations for successful economic development, Curry said. Those things include creativity, inclusiveness, adaptability, consistency, persistence, communication, partnership and integrity.

"If there's one of these that really matters, it's the 'persistent' one," Curry said. He also stressed the need for including all segments of the city and communicating with each other. "The days of four or five people in a back room at city hall, that's not the best way to do it," he said.

The panel of volunteers divided into two groups, each



Police News



A 21-year-old woman reported Monday that as she was leaving a building in the 400 block of West Penn, three unidentified people jumped her from behind, hit her in the head and knocked her to the ground.

One of the people held her on the ground while the other two ransacked her vehicle.

An 18-year-old man reported Tuesday that someone entered his vehicle by breaking the passenger's side window. Some cassette tapes were missing and papers and items were strewn in the vehicle.

The incident happened in the 600 block of East Young.

Joseph A. Lopez, 18, of 215 W. Elm, was arrested at 10:05 a.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Area High School, charged with possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis after police said they found the substance in a cigarette box in his pocket.

Lopez was released on a notice to appear.

One person was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after an accident at 12:06 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said an unidentified passenger in a 1981 pickup truck driven by Herbert L. Polchow of Rankin, was taken to the hospital by a passing motorist.

The accident occurred on Route 9 when Polchow, 44, was turning northbound into Hoopeston Plaza. He became distracted while talking to the passenger, lost control, driving onto the meridian and striking a sign post, police said.

Polchow was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and was released on his driver's license.

In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 16**

Admitted: Ora Gray, Victor Clements, John Hensley, Martha Merritt, Hoopeston; Bonnie Pickett, Wellington

Discharged: Ora Gray, Jean Smith, Cecil Burge, Ruth Fleener.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 70. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 45. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 75, low 50.

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

coming up with suggestions for improving Hoopeston. Members were asked to describe their vision of Hoopeston's future, trends and events that will influence opportunities, actions needed to turn the vision into reality, the community's greatest assets and opportunities for which the city should prepare.

Each group developed lists which were then combined into nearly 20 suggestions. Volunteers were then asked to rank them in order of importance.

The lists will be tabulated and the results will be given to the steering committee for further work.

Curry called the meeting "very productive," saying volunteers were "putting a lot of good stuff together."

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flashback at 110 E. Attica St. in Rossville is extending going out of business sale to Nov. Beginning Oct. 17, most items will go on sale for half price. All inventory must go. Display cases, book cases and racks for sale. (217) 748-6322.

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