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Hoopeston council approves hike in clerk, treasurer salaries

A move to raise the salaries of Hoopeston's city clerk and treasurer were unanimously approved by the city council Tuesday night.

Currently, each receives \$200 per month but will receive an additional \$50 monthly. Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said he did a wage survey of several towns to see what their clerks and treasurers were paid and found "numbers all over the map." The finance committee recommended raises of the same percent approved last month for incoming aldermen.

In unrelated discussion, Alderwoman Nancy Stipp thanked the parks department for mosquito spraying, prompting Mayor Chalmers Flint to comment on the cost. The city paid approximately \$45,000; of that, about \$11,000 was in wages; the rest was for chemicals. The cost is over the budgeted amount which Goodwine said was about \$12,000.

R-A to hold public meeting on high school deactivation plan

The Rossville-Alvin School Board will hold the first of two scheduled public meetings on a proposal to deactivate its high school.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the grade school gym.

Board members will discuss a referendum to be on the Nov. 2 ballot that will ask voters to allow the board to deactivate the high school and pay tuition for students to attend Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning high schools.

The public is invited to attend.

The second meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 26 in the high school gym.

Spraying has stopped for the year and with recent rains, mosquitoes are making a comeback. However, Flint said, spraying is not expected to resume. "Hopefully the weather will turn and they won't be a problem," he said after the meeting.

In other action, the council approved an ordinance setting amounts that can be spent without full council approval. Department heads may spend up to \$8,000 for budgeted expenses and \$5,000 for those not budgeted. Departments may spend up to \$10,000 without seeking bids for budgeted items and up to \$8,000 for non-budgeted items. Emergency purchases up to \$5,000 can be made with approval of the overseeing committee and the finance committee. Alderman Ed Lotz was the sole dissenting vote on the issue. "Even though it's already budgeted, I think taxpayers get a better bang for their buck when it's bid out," he said after the meeting.

Briefly

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Sept. 6, Barbara Standish DAR (donated back); Sept. 7, Anne Gudeman; Sept. 8, Jerry O. Scott (donated back); Sept. 9, Alpha Chi Chapter of ESA; Sept. 10, Esther Bundy.

The Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school chorus room. Everyone is invited.

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at McFerren Park.

Police said Shirley L. Meunier of Rantoul, in a 1996 Chrysler, veered off the road and hit a parked 1998 Ford pickup owned by Virginia Anderson of Crawfordsville, Ind.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at McFerren Park.

Police said Guadalupe Ramos of Hoopeston, in a

1994 Dodge van, backed up with the driver's door open and the door hit a parked 1998 Plymouth Breeze owned by Brenda J. Zimmerman of Danville.

Michael A. Abbott, 35, of 204 E. Honeywell was arrested at 7:19 p.m. Sunday at McFerren Park. Abbott, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear was released on \$500 cash bond.

Hoopeston Auxiliary Police reported Sunday that two posts and the northwest corner fence at McFer-

ren Park had been damaged.

A 30-year-old Hoopeston man reported Monday that he used his debit card, forgot to take it out of the machine and when he went back to get it, it was gone. The card was lost or stolen in the 200 block of East Penn.

A 54-year-old Hoopeston man reported Monday that someone took a 10-speed bicycle from his property in the 500 block of North Seventh Ave.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:03 p.m. Monday at McFerren Park.

Police said Bill Orr of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Oldsmobile, hit a water spout near the civic center.

A 17-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that a man approached her, called her names and tried to push her to the ground at Parkview Court.

Police later arrested Anthony R. Robertson, 29, of 49 S. Virginia, Danville, in connection with the incident. He was arrested at 2:06 a.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of West Lincoln, charged with battery. He was released on a notice to appear.

The bicycle reported stolen Sunday was returned

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They went that-a way

Children and their parents ride the merry-go-round Monday, taking advantage of bracelet night during the National Sweet-corn Festival. A little rain Monday afternoon did not dampen the enthusiasm of those on the midway or those standing in line for free sweet corn. The festival, sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees, ended Monday.



Obituaries

ERVIN - Rose Nell Ervin, 92, of Rossville died at 10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

STRAHL - Margaret Strahl, 79, of Danville died at 4:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, 2004 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Danville. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville. Visitation was Tues-

day at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville and one hour before services Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the church.

Mrs. Strahl was the mother of Judy Brown of Hoopeston.

Weather



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