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## Township officials approve compromise salary increases

Grant Township officials elected in April will receive higher wages after trustees approved a compromise increase Tuesday.

A suggested increase following the raise Vermilion County workers received - three percent the first year, 2.5 percent the second year and three percent the third and fourth years - was defeated in a 3-2 vote. Supervisor Bill Boose and trustee Connie Wilson voted for that increase, with Steve Willard, Dale Lithgow and Rich Thompson voting against it.

"Based on economic times, I think we're sending the wrong message," Lithgow said before the vote. "I think the county sent the wrong message, too."

Willard then suggested a midpoint between the county's raise and six percent. "I think everybody deserves a raise but I don't think we can do the whole thing," he said.

Willard's motion passed unanimously.

## Finance committee approves criteria for giving away building

Hoopeston's finance committee has developed guidelines under which it will give the Willdon Building to a company.

The committee met Tuesday to review suggested criteria to donate the building which is being advertised nationally as free to a company that will provide jobs in the city.

The number of jobs a company will provide will be the primary consideration, along with the pay rate. Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said the pay rate should be enough to attract new people to Hoopeston.

Officials hope to lure a company with a good track record, experience in its industry and a good reputation.

The committee, which also includes alder-

The action means the supervisor will receive \$27,610 the first of the four years and \$29,430 in the last year. The highway commissioner salary range will be \$22,640-\$36,053 and for the assessor, the range will be \$28,610-\$30,430.

Salaries for town clerk and trustees will remain at \$3,100 and \$1,200 annually.

Over four years, the total difference between the two packages for all employees is \$10,157 which, Lithgow said, is about enough to fund the township's youth and senior citizen programs.

In unrelated discussion, the board discussed a letter written by a Danville woman to U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson concerning crosses left at the site of a fatal accident.

Maria Gallegos, mother of Eric Torres who, with Hector Galindo, died Aug. 1, detailed events from placing crosses at the scene to learning that the crosses

men Brandon Hamilton and Kevin Davis, agreed that Nov. 30 is the target cutoff date for interested companies to view the building; however, exceptions may be made if special circumstances arise.

Goodwine urged that officials be somewhat skeptical of respondents who are primarily interested in the free building. "The free building was to catch their eye," he said adding the city wants to position itself as an alternative to moving jobs to Asia.

Goodwine reiterated the need to court those companies the city is interested in seeing in the building, including picking up company representatives at the airport if they desire and having them meet with community leaders.

At the October 5 Hoopeston City Council meeting,

## Fish Fry



5-8 p.m.

Friday

## American Legion

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## Community Bank Bus Trip

Greenwood Mall, Indianapolis  
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is \$1 beer  
night at  
V.F.W.**

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Briefly

Special board meeting

The Hoopeston Area School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library. The board will go into executive session to discuss student discipline

Benefit set

A benefit BBQ dinner will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday in the main hallway at Hoopeston Area High School. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Proceeds will benefit the children of Brad Wyss

Italian Charms back in Global Fashions  
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who died unexpectedly from injuries he received in a car accident.

Tiny Tots

“Meow and Squeak is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Tiny Tots meets at 10:30 a.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Well-Baby Clinic

Hoopeston Well-Baby Clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange. The free clinic is for

Cheneyville rail crossing to be closed for repairs next week

PARIS—The Paris District office of the Illinois Department of Transportation announced Wednesday that Route 9 will be closed at the railroad tracks at Cheneyville next week.

The crossing will be closed for five days, from

had to be

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removed. Mrs. Gallegos wrote that she spoke by phone with Boose and that she had an appointment with Highway Commissioner Jim Crouch but that family members waited an hour for Crouch, who did not show up or contact her to reschedule a meeting.

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Goodwine volunteered to pick up representatives of interested companies from airports and since then, he said, other community leaders have expressed willingness to do the same.

The Willdon Building has been advertised in Crane Chicago Business and the Wall Street Journal. It was the Journal advertisement that generated responses - approximately 15 to date - and prompted the Associated Press to write a story about Hoopeston and its free building.

The building will also be advertised in the November issue of Call Center magazine which will

all children from birth to school age. Children will be examined, weighed, measured and given immunizations as needed.

For an appointment, call (217) 283-5644. Walk-ins are welcome. Freewill donations are appreciated.

Halloween Party to be held

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce annual Halloween party will be held from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24 at the McFerren Park Civic Center. The party will include games, treats, fun and a costume parade for children up to 10 years old. The first 100 costume en-

Monday, Oct. 18 to Friday, Oct. 22.

The Kankakee, Beaverville and Southern Railroad will be repairing the crossing. Motorists who use Route 9 should follow the local marked detour or use alternate routes. The detour will be on Thompson

Family members removed the crosses but asked Johnson for an agreement to place them at the site again.

At the meeting, Crouch said that while he has no personal preference, the crosses are religious symbols “which means they can’t be on Grant Township turf.” He cited courthouse displays of the birth of Christ which courts have ordered removed because of the religious symbolism.

Trustees agreed to have attorney Bill Nelson write a letter to Mrs. Gallegos and Rep. Johnson explaining the situation and apologizing for Crouch not meeting with the family.

In other discussion, Crouch said several culverts in the township must be replaced. The cost may force him to spend more than is allotted in the particular

Weather



Chance of showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 56, low 41. Tomorrow, high 54, low 38.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

tries will receive a bag of goodies. For more information, call the Chamber, (217) 283-7873.

Hospice volunteers needed

Anyone interested in receiving training to become a hospice volunteer for the Hoopeston area is asked to call Peggy Deffenbaugh at (800) 239-3620. She coordinates volunteers for the Carle Hospice program and may be reached from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Volunteers will be trained at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206

Classifieds

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Rossville: 1-2 bdrs. Riverview Apartments. Completely refurbished, on-site washers & dryers. 1 bdr. \$310/mo., \$310 deposit; 2 bdr., \$360/mo., \$360 deposit. Call (217) 840-3672. 253-294

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280-293

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416 E. Attica, Rossville. Estate Sale Fri. & Sat., Oct. 15, 16. 8-2. Everything must go!

405 W. Lincoln, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-2. Household, video tapes, tools.

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