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## Grant officials put off decision on multi-township district

Grant Township officials will not make a decision on forming a multi-township assessing district with Butler Township until September.

Board members said at Tuesday afternoon's regular meeting that they still have questions about forming a multi-township district. High on the list of questions is whether such a district would be good for Grant Township.

In June, Butler Township officials asked that their township join with Grant for assessing purposes. Butler's assessor, Lois Karlock, is not expected to seek re-

election and no qualified candidates are available. Also, Butler officials fear the population has dropped below the 1,000 mark needed for the township to have its own assessor.

At the June meeting, Dave Anderson and Wayne King said combining the two townships for assessing purposes makes sense because both are in the Hoopeston Area school district. Having one assessor for both would mean fewer discrepancies between properties in the two townships.

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## Aaron's of Danville makes large donation to Teen Reach

Aaron Chesrown played Santa recently to a bunch of local kids.

He wasn't dressed in a padded red suit, and the young, lanky Chesrown looks nothing like Old St. Nick, but on Aug. 5, he came to the Hoopeston Multi Agency bearing gifts for the Teen Reach program.

Chesrown, manager of Aaron's, a Danville rental store, donated a 52" RCA television, as well as pale green microfiber living room furniture (Scotchguarded, of course) to the agency.

Teen Reach director Kathy Fayard said she read about Aaron's donating items to Danville youth groups last fall and contacted Chesrown about the possibility of donating to the

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Aaron Chesrown, with controller, general manager of Aaron's in Danville, demonstrates a new 52" television to Teen Reach participants.

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**Grant** continued from other side

Trustee Dale Lithgow said that while Grant wants to be a good neighbor, the bottom line is trustees were elected to represent Grant Township residents. “It’s not personal at all,” he said. “We were elected to represent the people of Grant Township and we have to do what’s best for them.”

Lithgow wondered how much extra work would be created for Susie Sheppard, Grant Township Assessor. Sheppard said she would not expect her workload to be increased too much. “I don’t think anybody else likes the idea but I don’t have a problem with it,” she said.

Supervisor Bill Boose told the board he learned new information about multi-township districts just before Tuesday’s meeting. “I have to admit I’m more positive about it than I was three hours ago,” he said.

Boose said he spoke with an Internal Revenue Service representative familiar with multi-township districts who was able to shed light on the process of combining townships. “I’ve said all along my problem was the mechanics of it” such as timing and making it work. After speaking with the IRS representative, Boose said he felt more comfortable about the idea.

Representatives of multi-township districts in southern Vermilion County with whom Boose spoke gave differing views of the issue. “one of them told me pretty strongly that ‘you don’t want to do it,’” he said. “The other one told me it was no problem.”

**Donation** continued from other side

Hoopeston program. “They had no idea there was a Teen Reach in Hoopeston,” she said.

Although he had reached his allowed donations for that quarter, Chesrown offered to help in the future. Together, he and Fayard looked over the store’s stock, discussing the needs of the children.

With new things on the way, the Teen Reach rec room was spruced up with a new suspended ceiling installed by Cliff Crabtree; new carpet from Yaden-Rethelford Flooring and a coat of paint on bare floor, done by Bill Medler.

Money for the refurbishment came from a \$4,000 grant from the Outrageous Foundation of California, started by a former classmate of the late Joseph Haggerty.

Teen Reach participants got in on the redecorating,

Lithgow said he, too, is more swayed in favor of the proposal than he was but asked for the opportunity of another month to think about the issue.

The clock is ticking for Butler officials to do something. A multi-township district must be approved by Oct. 1 the year before township officials are elected, said township attorney Bill Nelson. The Grant board will meet again Sept. 9 and are not scheduled to meet after that until Oct. 14.

If the board does not approve forming the assessing district, Butler officials have the option of contracting an assessor, possibly Sheppard. But she said that would mean new equipment would have to be purchased, separate from Grant’s and that she would have to work nights or weekends, something she said she is unwilling to do.

Failing that, Butler officials may be forced by the state to join with another township.

In unrelated action, the board failed to approve an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate. The IRS approved a new guideline, effective July 1, that bumped the reimbursement rate from 50.5 cents per mile to 58.5 cents.

In a 3-2 vote, trustees voted not to increase the rate. Lithgow, along with trustees Mike Eckersley and Dave Ervin voted against the proposal. Boose and trustee Rich Thompson voted for it.

making collage posters to hang on the wall.

Looking nothing like Santa, Chesrown and assistant Steve Angus, delivered the items to some very excited youngsters. Ooohs, aaahs, and applause created the men as they brought the new furnishings in. Chesrown said it is the kids’ reaction that makes it all worthwhile.

“Their reaction is why I do this,” said Chesrown, himself a father. “It makes it all worthwhile.”

**Weather**

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 79. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 80, low 59.

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

In other business, the board:

- Discussed but took no action on a complaint concerning congestion on Food Cupboard distribution days. The matter was referred to the Grant Township Food Cupboard board to be discussed at its September meeting.
- Heard from Road Commissioner Gary Weinard that the curve on County Line Rd., east of Floral Hill Cemetery has been straightened.

**Classifieds**

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Church Yard Sale, Saturday, Aug 16, 8am-3pm Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E Honeywell, Hoopeston. Dinnerware, toys, lots of miscellaneous. No early sales.

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