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City hires administrative coordinator, OKs auxiliary officers

A renamed position in city government will have a new face in in July.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry announced at Tuesday evening's Hoopeston City Council meeting that Dawn Layden has been hired as the city's administrative coordinator.

Layden, currently manager at H&R Block, will start her new job in late July, with a starting salary of \$37,500.

The daughter of City Clerk Gail Lane, Layden will replace office manager Loni Gress, who will retire in September after 28 years with the city.

In other personnel matters, the council approved four new auxiliary police officers: Patrick Nicholls, of Hoopeston and a member of the local EMA; Cody Thorn, 21, of Hoopeston, a Vermilion County corrections officer; Roman Gordon, 52, of Champaign, formerly with Danville Auxiliary Police; and Misty Turner, 27, of Ross-ville.

With four new members, the auxiliary force now has 13 members, said Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman.

Ald. Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, announced that Lynn Wyss has been hired as manager of the swimming pool for the season. Mac Conolly will be the assistant manger.

In unrelated business, the board heard from Justin Acton, area contractor who purchased Leemon Enterprises two years ago.

Acton expressed interest in the Essex Building on Rt. 1. Initially driving by it, 'I thought to myself, 'that's a big ol ugly looking thing,'" he said. But looking at it more, he saw potential in the structure.

While many people might think the building should come down, "I disagree with that," Acton said, while

admitting "it needs a lot of help."

Should he get the building, he foresees trimming it into an I-shaped structure with retail on the side facing Rt. 1 and storage and office space for his business ventures in the rear.

Acton said he seeks no money from the city and instead talked of how taxes on the property would go up if the property were cleaned up and the building used. "Somebody with a weed eater and Round Up would improve it a lot," he said.

Acton said, he did not want to interfere if the city was already involved with another developer, but said he had heard that people were interested, then stepped away. "It's time," he said. It's time to do something with it," saying his taking over the property would "immediately...take all the stress off the city,"

Acton said he will provide contact information to officials for possible further discussion.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Chad Yaden, cemetery committee chairman, that the annual Memorial Day service will be at 10:30 a.m. May 30.
- learned Memorial Day will be a free swim day at the pool and that season passes will be 20% off that day.

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Obituaries

Rheanna K. Wardall, 31, of Hoopeston, was charged in connection with a residential burglary reported May 10, when a 55-year-old man reported items taken from North Market.

She was arrested at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of West Penn on preliminary charges of residential burglary, possession of stolen property and violation of credit/debit card act.

Wardall was taken to the Public Safety Building in

Danville to await arraignment.

Minor injuries were treated by Arrow/Hoopeston EMS following a traffic accident at 3:27 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Ala Chello Erica Ramos, of Wellington, in a 2009 Chevrolet, failed to stop at Fifth St. and East Chestnut, colliding with a 2014 Jeep utility vehicle driven by Emilie A. Alwardt, of Hoopeston.

Ramos' vehicle was towed from the scene. No tickets were issued.

Mastin gets top hauls in fishing tournaments at Parr, Mingo

Steve Mastin exploded the water at Sam Parr Lake in Newton on May 8 with a season's best tournament topped off by the largest bass, a lunker weighing in at 6.05 lbs.

A total of eight fishermen brought in 50.8 lbs. of fish. Mastin turned in the top weight with five fish weighing 15.8 lbs., followed by Mike Barker's four fish at 12.45 lbs.; Chad sparks, three fish for 8.7 lbs.; Don Skinner, three fish at 6.65; Jim Weber, 4.4 lbs. for two fish; and Doug Wagoner, 1 fish at 2.8.

Roy Kohl and Dave Gaddis did not weigh fish.

It was Mastin again leading the pack Sunday at Lake Mingo, taking first place with 5.8 and big fish at 3.7 lbs. Second place went to Barker with 5.2 lbs.; followed by Jim Webber, 4.55 lbs.; Skinner, 3.85 lbs.; Wagoner, 2.5;

Sparks, 2.45; and Gaddis, 2.2.

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1 at Fast Lanes for anyone interested in becoming a member.

The next tournament is Sunday, June 19, at Paris Lake.

Briefly

Poppy Day

Members of Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary will be on street corners from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday collecting for the annual Poppy Day. Please give generously.

Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes. Anyone who is or has faced the challenge of breast cancer is welcome. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

Hydrant flushing

- Rossville is flushing hydrants on Thursdays, weather permitting.
- Hoopeston Water Department will flush hydrants on Fridays, weather permitting.
- Additionally, Hoopeston Fire Department is checking hydrants on Mondays, which may also cause some rust in the water system.

Weather

Sunny today. High 69. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 49. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 70, low 50.

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City of Hoopeston is seeking a cleaning person for city hall. 8-10 hours per week. Inquire at 301 W. Main for application. No phone calls.

RUMMAGE SALES

WELLINGTON: Maxwell Street Day, Saturday. The Methodist Church will serve biscuits & gravy breakfast at 7 a.m. Also lunch: soup, sandwiches, pie, with bake/rummage sale. Sales all over town!

WELLINGTON: First North St. & 450 Second N St. Fri., 8-1. Antiques, 317 J/Deere mower, yard furniture and too much to list.

HOOPESTON: Nazarene Church, 402 E. Honeywell. Sat., 8-1. Proceeds to summer mission trip to East St. Louis.

HOOPESTON: 402 E. McNeil. Fri, 8-5, Sat., 7-1. LARGE SALE! Men's, women's, women's plus clothes, home décor, purses, books shoes, comforter set, country music cassette tapes, misc. Saturday - many 1/2 price items!

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