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# Hoopeston to repay nearly \$112,000 in TIF overpayment

Hoopeston officials will have to repay \$111,691 received in tax increment financing (TIF) overpayments since 2000.

At a meeting Nov. 5, representatives of the city, county, Grant Township, Hoopeston Area schools and Hoopeston Public Library met to discuss the problem. Tom Jacob, a Bloomington attorney hired by the city to administer the TIF district, also attended.

The overpayment resulted from mistakes made by the firm which set up the city's TIF district. Jacob told the group that 152 parcels were incorrectly included in the district and another 35 are in the TIF boundary but were omitted. Additionally, 14 tracts had not been annexed

into the city and other property, including at least some at Hoopeston Plaza, were listed as having base values of zero.

Hoopeston Area superintendent Mark Conolly had previously said the school was shorted about \$112,000 in the last three years; Head Librarian Lou Graham said the library was underpaid by approximately \$6,600.

The county will withhold increment from the city next year to reimburse taxing bodies which lost money as a result of the error. Only taxing bodies which had individual funds at the maximum tax rate will be entitled to a portion of the overpayment. The balance will be returned to taxpayers next year through lower tax rates.

# Honoring vets

Left, as area veterans look on, Chaplain Steve Unger places a wreath at the Grant Township Veterans Memorial during Veterans' Day ceremonies Tuesday while below, Brent Lockhart plays "Taps" to conclude the ceremony. Larry Lobb presided over the event, which also included music by the Hoopeston Area High School band.

We've starting taking sprays, hanging baskets, stone saddles and other decorations to the cemetery for pre-Thanksgiving delivery.

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# New Books at the Library

#### Fiction:

The Knocker on Death's Door by Ellis Peters (large print)

Beachcomber by Karen Robards The Pursuit by Lori Wick (inspirational)

### **Obituaries**

WATSON - Edward C. Watson, 79, of Killeen, Tex., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 1:55 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003 at Netroplex Hospital in Killeen. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Westside Church of the Nazarene, Hoopeston. Burial will be at a later date. Friends will gather at 714 W. Main after the service.

## Weather

Chance of showers today. High 51. Tonight, cloudy. Low 34. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 48, low 30. For current weather conditions, call (217) 283-6221.





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# Classifieds

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