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Hoopeston merchants ask for consideration of downtown

While recognizing the importance of economic development at the corner of Rtes. 1 and 9, some Hoopeston business owners are asking the Hoopeston City Council to work to improve the downtown area.

Approximately 20 business owners attended Wednesday's city council meeting. Speaking for the group, Steve Unger told the council that the downtown is equally in need of assistance for "improvement in

appearance, in promotion of new business, in retention of existing business and in a commitment of this council to the future of this area."

Unger said 55 downtown businesses, most locally-owned and using local labor, "shop Hoopeston first...use local contractors...buy groceries...(and) appliances because we live in the area.

In response to the presentation, Mayor Chalmers Flint appointed the civic improvement committee to work with a committee of merchants to develop a plan for downtown improvement which could use future Tax Increment Financing money.

In unrelated business, the council:

- approved a 10-year lease for a soccer field on South Sixth Ave. The field will be leased for \$1 per year.
- tabled naming a cemetery sexton and parks superintendent.
- learned the existing pool filtration system is nearly taken out. The new system is expected to arrive the first week of April and installation is not expected to delay the pool's opening.
- heard from firemen about the need for downtown business owners to provide information to the fire department that will help in case of a business district fire. Fire officials suggest businesspeople provide a rough sketch of their building, including firewalls, breaker boxes, fake walls and the general layout.
- The council also heard from firemen about the need for new breathing equipment. The department has applied for grants for the system, which will be mounted on a truck and will be capable of filling 19 portable air bottles.
- learned an ad in the Chicago Tribune, to give away the Willdon Building, will cost \$1,200. The two



Saying 'thanks'

Logan Garrett, Kyle Justice and Steven Akins, Early Childhood students at Maple, give t-shirts to school custodians Rex Wilson, Marilyn Longfellow and Jac Sollars at an assembly Wednesday. The school marked the fifth annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

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Former assistant state's attorney gets nod from Dems to run for county's top legal spot

DANVILLE — William Donahue will take on his former boss in the Nov. 2 election.

Donahue defeated Sandra Hoth in Tuesday's primary and will face off against Vermilion County State's Attorney Frank Young.

Now in the Iroquois County State's Attorney's office, Donahue worked for Young when Young was elected in 2000.

In an unofficial vote county, Donahue received 1,958 votes to Hoth's 1,665.



DONAHUE

In the county's other race, Barbara Young defeated Sheri Cramer as the Republican candidate for recorder of deeds. Unofficially, Young received 2,761 votes to Cramer's 1,451.

Young will face Democrat challenger Donald Crist in November.

Other races that will be on the November ballot include:

Circuit clerk: Democrat Susan Ponder Miller and Republican Brenda Thompson.

Auditor: Linda Sue Lucas Anstey, Democ-



YOUNG

Sports Boosters to sponsor Nostalgia Tourney this weekend

Get out the Ben-Gay, the old guys are heading to the basketball court.

The Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will sponsor a Nostalgia Tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Hoopeston Area High School gym.

Tip-off Friday will be at 6 p.m. as Wellington takes on Schlarman in the first game. The second game will begin at 7:15 p.m. with Bismarck-Henning facing Catlin. Former Hoopeston-East Lynn players will face off against Paxton at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday action starts at 9 a.m. when Rossville-Alvin and Homer take to the court. Sunday's games begin at 12:30 p.m. with the consolation championship at 3 p.m. and the championship game at 6:30 p.m.



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rat, and Curtis Clow Sr., Republican.

Coroner: Republican incumbent Peggy John-

Police News



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