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## Hoopeston City Council approves grant match, door bid

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved paying the 10 percent matching funds required of a federal grant.

The Hoopeston Fire Department in February was awarded a \$94,972 grant to be used for new breathing equipment and equipment with the stipulation of city match of approximately \$10,000. It was that money approved by the council Tuesday.

The money will come from the fire/ambulance

fund.

In other action, the council accepted the lone bid of \$9,950 from Silver Brothers for a new overhead door at the Market Street fire station. The station needs a new door to accommodate a new truck expected later this year.

The council also approved renewing membership in the Dixie Highway Association for \$100. Alderwoman Nancy Stipp said plans are underway for the

### Briefly

#### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Feb. 28, Mary Korbus; March 1, Sue Williamson/Community Bank; March 2, Ron and Elsie Cloud; March 3, Colleen Dixon; March 4, Izzo McDaniel..

#### Preschool screening

A free preschool screening for all three-, four-, and five-year-olds will be held Tuesday, March 15 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange.

The screening will determine each child's knowledge of general concept, hearing and vision and speech, language and motor skills.

Parents must bring each child's Social Security number, updated shot record and birth certificate.

To schedule an appointment, call 283-6668.

#### Hunter Safety Course

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department will hold a Hunter Safety Course from 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 18 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Kenekuk Nature Center.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must complete this course to obtain an Illinois hunting license.

To reserve a place or for more information, call the Sheriff's Department at (217) 442-4080.

#### Retirement seminar set

A free seminar, "Cornerstones for a Successful Retirement," will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. The event is sponsored by Country Insurance and Financial Services, Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation and Vermilion County Farm Bureau.

The seminar will be held at The Beef House. A meal will be provided at each session. Presenters will be attorney Pat Wolgamot of Acton & Snyder, LLP and Rick Morgan, senior financial planning consultant, Country Insurance and Financial Services.

There is no cost but seating is limited. For reservations, call (217) 442-8711.

#### Neighborhood Watch

Special Agent Lisa Crowder of the Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group (V.M.E.G.) will be the featured speaker at Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch at 6 p.m. Monday at County Terrace. She will speak on methamphetamine awareness.

Everyone is welcome.

## Special for Bird Nest Day Thursday

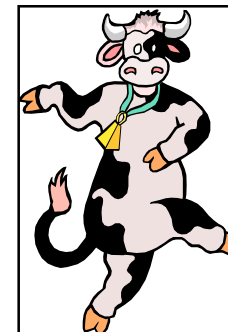
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## Correction

*Editor's note: The story on the Hoopeston Fertilizer building did not run in its entirety in Wednesday. It is being reprinted completely.*

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has ordered an abandoned Hoopeston business to be sealed.

EPA officials on Friday ordered the former Hoopeston Fertilizer Company building at 317 W. Thompson Ave. sealed until further notice due to health and safety issues.

Jeff Stipp, former Hoopeston Fertilizer president, said he was unaware of the action until he read about it in an area newspaper. The article cited 14 drums in unlocked rooms on the property. Stipp said the drums were part of the former Joan of Arc canning operation there. Hoopeston Fertilizer purchased the land from the cannery in the 1980s.

The order bars anyone from entering the property unless they are authorized personnel performing official duties and complying with federal health and safety regulations.

Sealing a site is uncommon, especially if chemicals are in a locked building or fenced area. However, according to reports, unauthorized people were at the fertilizer plant, collecting wood and metal for salvage.

The EPA will next proceed with removing materials from the site and recommend enforcement action against the appropriate entities.

Hoopeston Fertilizer closed in 2002 due to the sagging ag economy and bankruptcies among farmers. Stipp said printed reports that the company filed for bankruptcy are inaccurate.

After the fertilizer company closed, United



## Police News



**Cynthia J. Blanding**, 43, of 639 E. McCracken turned herself in to police at 3:33 p.m. Tuesday. Blanding, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville for arraignment.

**Beth A. Johnson**, 25, of 219 E. Penn was arrested at 9:47 p.m. Tuesday at Second Chance Saloon. Johnson, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of \$3,000 bond.

**Thomas A. Pierce**, 20, was arrested at 7 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of South Second Ave.

He was charged with criminal sexual assault for an incident at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of West Penn. That incident involved a 14-year-old girl. He was also wanted on a Department of Corrections warrant for parole violation.

Pierce was taken to the Public Safety Building,

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