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City council to fund security system at middle/high school

Hoopeston City Council approved funding Tuesday night for a security system at the Hoopeston Area Middle/High School complex.

The council voted unanimously to give the school district \$50,000 of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money to pay for an ADT security system. Alderman Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman, said the system will feature 48 high resolution digital color cameras, digital video recorders and monitors for internal security and outdoors, five readers at designated doors to allow staff entry and a phone/video intercom system to let visitors into the complex. Total cost of the

package is \$51,780, plus annual maintenance, Goodwine said.

Goodwine reminded the council that when TIF districts were set up, the city agreed to pay the school district \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually to make up for property tax money the district would have received had the TIF not been established.

Last year, school district officials did not request money so the \$50,000 represents two years of funding.

Goodwine added that the "school district's share" of TIF tax dollars is \$90,000 to \$100,000 each year.

See COUNCIL on other side

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Second Chance Rookies

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Bar Stool Golf and welcome any suggestions for next year's hole. You can put suggestions and Second Chance pictures on our new Facebook page.

Come in Friday for DJ Laser & Lights and to help Donald Inman celebrate his birthday!

Drink specials all weekend!



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Indoors and Outdoors

By MOLLY CULBERT

Today I walked in the greenhouse to an unfamiliar smell—the unmistakable fragrance of the just-delivered onion sets, so gardeners, you'll just be waiting for the ground to dry.

It will come fast, this planting season, once it begins. Onion sets are usually first, and then, hopefully, Good Friday plant seed potatoes.

Our appetites increase from smelling onions and the seed potatoes bring thoughts of fresh-dug little new potatoes. What could be better?

In a few days, the fragrance of the Easter lilys will take over and then, before we know it, tomato plants will be ready. I'm planting the "Heirloom" tomato seeds now.

Council continued from other side

In related financial discussion, Goodwine told aldermen that the Illinois Municipal League recommends new budgets reduce the amount of anticipated state income tax money from \$91 per capita to \$77 per capita. The change represents a loss of about \$88,000, or five percent of the city's general budget.

Goodwine also asked the council to, when they do department budgets, use numbers of employees rather than individual salaries for budgeting purposes. Once all departments have turned in budget requests, the council will determine an across-the-board percentage of increase for wages, he said.

In unrelated action, the council:

- Approved using \$120,000 of Motor Fuel Tax money for the North Market Street repair project.
- Heard from Alderman Bill McElhaney that Texas-based Master Meter will replace dysfunctional radio-read water meters. About 100 of the city's 2,500 meters are not working properly.

Weather



Sunny today. High 65. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 42. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 66, low 44.

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

Briefly

Hydrant flushing

Hoopeston Water Department will begin flushing fire hydrants Friday, weather permitting. This is to be done of Fridays for maintenance.

90th birthday celebration

Come help Leila Pocialik celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house given by her children. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the Country Terrace dining room.

Creation lecture

Gerald Whitely, a 14-year science teacher, will present a Creation lecture Sunday at First Baptist Church. Whitely will speak at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. at the church, located at 323 E. Seminary, Hoopeston.

The lecture is free and open to all. Questions are welcomed.

Dixie committee seeks input

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce will host a Drivin' the Dixie planning meeting at noon March 24 at the American Legion. The planning committee would like everyone in the community to be a pivotal part of the planning and has invited residents to join them for lunch and brainstorming session.

Please RSVP to the Hoopeston Chamber at 217-283-7873 or send email to hoopestonchamber@yahoo.com to secure your free lunch.

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Saturday, March 20, 2010

2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Family Health Care of Hoopeston
837 E. Orange Street in Hoopeston

Light snacks
will be provided

All children will get an Easter Basket!

The Easter Bunny will also be there! Stop by to get your free photo with the Easter Bunny.

Program includes:

- Wish Dr. Lee good luck on his retirement
- Welcome Dr. Clingman
- Celebrating seven years of GAHHS providing surgical services to the Hoopeston community.



Gibson Area Hospital
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For questions, call 283-5530.

We look forward
to seeing you
on the 20th!