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Nursing home foundation to spur business growth in Hoopeston

Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation (HRVF) plans to spur economic growth in two areas of the city, with prep work this year and construction in 2018.

City officials had sought bids for 4.4 acres of former Ora J. Baer property on Rt. 1.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, a single bid - for \$1,000 - and a development plan was submitted by HRVF.

Representing Hoopeston Retirement Village Founda-

tion, Harry Brockus, CEO of Carle Hoopeston, said the plan calls for the property to be subdivided into two tracts.

First Farmers Bank and Trust will consolidate their two locations into a new facility on the first tract. A land swap with Cox Memorials will provide extra area for increased drive-up banking, he said.

FFBT's current Bank Street facility will be demolished. David Eikenberry, First Farmers chief operations officer, joined Brockus at the meeting and said First Farmers "Is excited about being a part of" development in Hoopeston.



Hoopeston 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

September 9, 2017
 Honeywell School

Sign Up: 8:30 A.M. • Climb 9:00 A.M.

Sign Up Fee : \$25
 Includes T-Shirt and Drinks

Purchase Tickets @ VFW or Main Source Bank
 Before Aug. 18

Brockus said the second tract will be developed to include a restaurant offering food currently not available in Hoopeston, and retail stores to enhance what is currently available here.

Construction on First Farmers' new bank is expected to begin in spring 2018, followed in October 2018 by construction for the restaurant/shopping area.

The development is expected to create 20 to 30 temporary jobs during the construction phase and 30 to 40 full-and part-time jobs when completed and create an additional \$100,000 in sales tax and \$20,000 in additional property tax, Brockus said.

Speaking about the loss Hoopeston's economy has suffered, most recently with the closing of Shopko and Pizza Hut, Brockus said the foundation wanted to focus on economic development. The opportunity to work with First Farmers "will bring some excitement" to Hoopeston and its economy, he said.

Brockus said the foundation has completed a site plan for a parcel of land it purchased earlier this year, located on Rt. 9 between Marathon and Chrysler of Hoopeston. A motel and another restaurant are to be located there.

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Briefly

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At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:



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Back-to-School Summer Bash, 2 p.m. Thursday. A last hurrah of before school starts, for kids in grades K-5. Planned activities include games, sidewalk chalk fun, a story and refreshments and a special appearance by Ronald McDonald. In the event of bad weather, activities will be held in the lower level meeting room.

Tree Climbers genealogy group, 10-11 a.m. Saturday.

From the Blotter

Hoopeston police are reporting an increase in vehicular burglaries and advise residents to lock their vehicle doors.

Police are investigating a vehicle burglary reported at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the VFW parking lot, 428 W. Orange. A Hoopeston man reported several items were taken from his vehicle.

Alyssa M. Eighnor, 30, of Sheldon, was arrested at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Seminary. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for possession of burglary tools, she was extradited to Iroquois County.

Growth continued from other side

next five years," Brockus told aldermen, who approved the HRVF proposal 7-0, pending document execution and signing.

Ald. Ryan Anderson was absent.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Voted 7-0 to amend its ordinance pertaining to part-time police officers, changing wording to comply with Illinois requirements.
- Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand that school will start Monday and asking motorists to use extra caution.
- Heard from Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, that officers are reporting increased vehicle burglaries and suggested residents lock their vehicles.
- Heard from Joel Bird, District 1 county board representative, that the board proclaimed September 2 as Chief Mark Drollinger Day in Vermilion County.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today. High 83. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 64. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 82, low 61.

For beginners or those who want to take their search to the next level. Learn how to use the HPL's online resources, including Ancestry.com.

Cooking the Books, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. "Summer's Bounty" is this month's theme. Pick a featured recipe, prepare it and bring it to the library to share with others.

Classifieds

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