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## Sewer, housing grants outlined at council meeting

State funds could help local homeowners if city officials decide to apply for funds.

Two representatives of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) spoke at last night's Hoopeston city council meeting, detailing grant programs which could improve the city's sewage treatment plant and perhaps improve some housing in the city.

Ted Jeurissen, CCRPC community development specialist, told aldermen about two grants available to upgrade the city sewer system.

One grant could pay up to 75 percent of the cost to expand the sewer treatment plant, Jeurissen said.

City officials have looked at enlarging the plant from its current capacity of 890,000 gallons to 1.3 gallons.

Mayor Bob Ault said the plant will have to grow for the city to grow. "If we get the opportunity tomorrow to get a new factory - and the good Lord

would be blessing us if we did - we'd have to tell them to go on down the road," he said.

That grant would be tied to job creation or retention and would require the city put up one fourth of the needed money. The total project is estimated at \$1 million.

Jeurissen also explained a grant which, if received, could expand sewer service to the Dice addition. However, he suggested officials first apply to expand the system before adding more to it.

Finally, Scott Rose, CCRPC housing program manager, detailed a grant used to improve the homes of very low to low income people.

That program pays approximately \$14,000 per house for needed improvements, including electrical and plumbing work, as well as checks of the heating system and roof and, when possible, cosmetic repairs.

Before the city can apply for that grant, a survey must be done showing resident interest, Rose said.

## Area man turns hobby into part time profession

An area man has turned a hobby into a part time profession.

Toby Brown has turned his interest in taking pictures into Imagemaker Photography.

The business is based in Brown's Cheneyville home. "For I don't know how long, I've been doing it out of my dining room," Brown said.

He recently started using a vacant building in Hoopeston as a studio of sorts. The studio "is not as glamorous as it sounds," Brown said. "It's not very cool-looking, but it's nice inside." Brown built a barn setting in the building to use as a prop

and has carpeted the interior. Using the building for some shoots "lets us have our dining room back as a dining room."

Brown's grandfather, Oliver Brown, was the one who created the interest in photography. Together the two set up a darkroom to develop black and white pictures. It wasn't until recently that Brown decided to make a business of his hobby, crediting his wife, Paige, with the new venture. "She's the biggest reason I got around to making a business out of it," he said. "She complements

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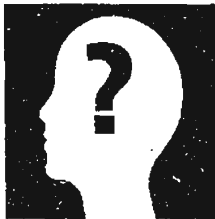
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### Hobby continued from other side

me very well. She's extroverted, so she handles the people part of it. I'm more introverted, so I handle the technical part of it. She's given me the confidence to go ahead and do it."

Although Brown has no formal training, he has a great deal of practical experience. At 13, Brown started taking pictures for the *Chronicle*. "That really sharpened my skills," he said. From there, Brown branched out, taking wedding and other pictures for friends. He experiments constantly, usually on his wife. "I've got 10,000 pictures of Paige," he said.

Brown said he want to keep his prices reasonable. His motto is "a quality alternative to expensive professionals." The slogan did not come easily. "If you say you don't charge much money, people think your pictures aren't any good," he said. "I have a pretty darn high standard. I take really good pictures for not very much money."

Low prices help Brown book jobs. In the last three weeks, he's booked seven weddings. "Every job that I get, I'm happy I have because it's more experience," he said.

Taking pictures part time fills space left by Brown's primary job, farming. After graduating from Hoopeston-East Lynn High School, Brown received a degree in computer programming, mainly, he said, because he didn't think he'd be able to farm. When his father decided to get out of farming, "I jumped on it," Brown said. "That's what I wanted to do."

Just as photography allows Brown to have time to farm, farming allows Brown time for photography. "It's a nice combination," he said. "I was looking for something that would go with the schedule I have farming. This works perfectly."

Brown can be contacted at his Cheneyville home, (217) 339-2487.

## Obituaries

**WILSON**, Mildred Gertie, 103, of the Hoopeston Nursing Home, formerly of Rankin, died Monday, Feb. 28, 1994 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in the East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the East Lynn United Methodist Church.

## Police News

The Hoopeston fire department was called to a car fire at 6:10 a.m. Tuesday. The fire was at 503 N. Seventh Ave.

Hoopeston police are investigating a theft from Pamida, Routes 1 and 9.

According to reports, two cases of toilet paper were taken from a storage trailer behind the store. The incident occurred at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday. Value of the stolen items is \$43.

## Judges school rescheduled

Election judges school will be at 6 p.m. March 3 in the county board room, second floor of the Courthouse Annex, 6 N. Vermilion, Danville.

Parking will be available in the Towne Centre parking lot across from the courthouse.

Those planning to attend should call (217) 431-2607 or (217) 431-2611.

## In the hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Feb. 28, 1994

**Admitted:** Cory Fletcher, Rossville; Charlene Warner, Cain Anderson and Ruby Castaneda, all of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

## Weather

Partly sunny and warmer today. High in the middle 40s. Tonight, clear. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 46, low near 26.

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