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Donation request to result in new city policy

A request for a donation for flood relief will lead to a new city policy.

Alderperson Susan Comstock requested a donation from the city for the flood relief effort. "We need to show our community...that we care," she said.

But alderman Bill Goodwine disagreed. "We get on thin ice when you start taxing everybody for the benefit of a few," he said, adding the city should have a policy for donating to worthy causes. "It's a little hard to pick and choose. If we're going to get into supporting worthy causes - and there's pros and cons to doing that - then I think we need a policy."

Goodwine said there is little doubt of the need for a relief fund. "The issue isn't whether or not it affects people or whether or not there's a need,"

he said. "The issue is what's the proper role for the city."

Goodwine said the finance committee will look at the issue and come up with a policy.

In other action, the city:

- ♦ approved applying for a housing rehabilitation grant to help low to moderate income homeowners in the city. The process will cost approximately \$6,000.

- ♦ approved rezoning two acres of ground adjacent to Demeter. The company requested rezoning from residential to industrial to build a warehouse.

- ♦ approved a conditional use for six acres of ground near the hospital, to be used as a driving range.

- ♦ donated \$500 to the fireworks fund.

U of I students present design suggestions to residents

Residents had a chance Monday night to view suggestions for improving the downtown area.

Approximately 80 people, attended a formal presentation by 20 University of Illinois architecture students and five professors.

The presentation concluded a semester of work students invested in the downtown and other areas of the town. The junior-level students began their work in January with a visit to study the area. That was followed by individual second trips.

While in Hoopeston, students studied not only the architecture but also the community's history, said Prof. Jeffrey Poss, head of the architecture

department. "This allowed the students a unique opportunity to work in the design context and meet the people of Hoopeston," he said. The results were to meet "specific needs and specific visions as seen by the students," he said.

Students' designs ranged from the practical to the whimsical. Many featured uses for the second floors of existing buildings. Other students suggested such things as a multi-plex theater, museum and a Sweetcorn Capitol for the city which calls itself Sweetcorn Capital of the World. One student designed a lamp post which expands to provide shelter when someone sits on an attached

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Briefly...

Businesses to be honored

Four local businesses were expected to be honored this morning as Outstanding Small Businesses.

Burger King, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home, Countryside Interiors and Mall and East Lynn Fertilizer were selected recipients to be honored at the Small Business Awards breakfast at the Lincoln Inn in Danville.

Burger King was selected in the new business category; Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital/Nursing Home in the service category; Countryside in the retail category; and East Lynn Fertilizer in the agri-business category.

Commodities giveaway

There will be a commodities giveaway from 1-3 p.m. tomorrow at the Grant Township garage.

Recipients must have an updated blue commodities card. Bring your own sacks.

Hospital employees honored

Fifteen employees at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital were honored for their years of service to the facility. Awards were presented at the fifth annual hospital forum last week.

Honored were: Marlo Davis, Mazie Richardson, Sandra Thompson, Phyllis Powell, Phillip Lane and Rod Burkett, five years; Mary Krueger and Jane Longfellow, 10 years; Marilyn Reeves and Mary Richardson, 15 years; Guadalupe Acosta, 20 years; Jean Gossett, 25 years; and Joyce Kupferschmid and Delores Bowen, 30 years.

Teachers to be honored

Teachers from the Hoopeston Area district will be honored at Teachers Appreciation Breakfast at 7 a.m. Thursday.

Design continued from other side

seat.

Not all suggestions revolved around the business district. Some students studied the intersection of Main and Route 1, designing billboards and signs to draw people to the downtown. Others looked at abandoned railroad property adjacent to the downtown.

Poss said students in each of five groups nominated works to be presented Monday night, works

which "not only represented the studio works and were of high quality, but also would be appreciated by the people of Hoopeston."

Some designs, like the lamp post, drew chuckles from those attending, while other designs brought positive reviews.

The students' work is completed, Poss said. All that is left is the final portfolio, which will be presented to city officials this summer.

Police News

Edward Cordova, 17, was arrested at 3:10 p.m. Monday. He was charged with two counts of escape, two counts of resisting arrest and warrant arrest. Cordova was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:18 p.m. Tuesday. Vehicles driven by Aaron D. Schmid, rural Cissna Park and Patricia J. Powley, 515 W. Chestnut, collided at 109 N. Market. Schmid was at fault.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 2, 1994

Admitted: Betty Scott, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Thresa Powell, Hoopeston

Weather

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