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Hoopeston Area art students awarded at Fine Arts Festival

There were clay masks, logos for Late Night with David Letterman, and a pop bottle that looked like salvation for a thirsty man.

All were part of Thursday night's Fine Arts Festival at Hoopeston Area High School, where several students received awards for their artistic efforts throughout the year. Best of Show honors went to Derick Stewart. Stephanie Groom took Most Overall Artistic.

First place ribbons went to: Jeff Chandler, Beth Peterson, Sara Failla, Marcia Weber, Andy Sturm and Jill Feller.

Second place ribbon winners were Jason Wisdom, Mike Hicks, Sara Failla, Emily Gonzalez, Lisa Rudd, Tyson Cunningham, Dan Lugo and Tina Anel. Third place ribbons went to Beth Peterson, Marcia Weber (2), Erika Lee, Tina Anel, Holly Bertsch, Chris McCay and Kurt Kochell.

Police News

Matthew Williams, 942 S. Sixth Ave., reported to police Saturday that someone scratched his 1994 Mitsubishi while it was parked at his residence. Police are investigating.

Robert Wallace, 41, 800 block of North Third St., was arrested at 4:41 p.m. Saturday on a complaint from Alice Wallace, 635 E. McCracken. Wallace was charged with disorderly conduct and disobeying a police officer before being released on his own recognizance.

Thomas D. Garrison, 409 N. Third St., reported Saturday that someone took the hubcaps

from his 1984 Chrysler LeBaron. Police are investigating.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:54 p.m. Saturday at Hoopeston Plaza. Cars driven by Jeremy J. Furrow, 853 E. McCracken, and Tamorah L. Thiem, 704 E. Seminary, collided. Furrow was at fault for improper backing.

Edwin L. Garrigus, 53, 740 E. Main, was arrested at 5:41 p.m. Saturday, charged with reckless driving on a complaint from Christopher Coon, 618 S. Sixth Ave. Garrigus was released on \$100 cash bond.

Danell K. Stock, 42618 N. 670 East Road, Rankin, reported Saturday that someone broke the passenger side window in her 1986 Nissan while it was parked on the 400 block of East Penn.

Weather

Partly sunny and continued warm today. High in the mid to upper 80s. Tonight, clouds developing. Low in the upper 50s. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High near 84, low near 64

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Proposed city contributions policy needs work before passage

The Hoopeston city council is expected, on June 7, to vote on a proposed contributions policy.

The policy, submitted at the May 17 council meeting, states that the city shall refrain from charity-type causes and requests.

The policy further states that when a general need is brought to the city's attention, the city may help "through the use of city equipment, employee time, etc."

Finally, the policy states that the city may co-sponsor community-wide programs with quasi-government organizations, such as working with the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce to bring industry to town, or a project like the recent University of Illinois architecture program.

What, exactly, does all that mean?

The policy was drawn up after alderperson Susan Comstock requested a donation from the city for the flood relief effort.

It is understandable that the city would not want to contribute to everybody who asks. There are so many good causes that if the city gave to them all, there would be little money left over for things like street repairs, or even salaries for city employees.

However, the flood relief fund is different from other charities in that it was prompted by an emergency. April's 100-year flood is something that - with any luck - won't happen again in our lifetime.

In pitching the proposal, alderman Bill Goodwine cited three reasons for the policy: all the city's money comes from taxes and it is not proper for the local government to force people to give through taxation; it is not the role of local government to decide which causes are worthy of support and which are not; and philanthropic needs have traditionally been satisfied through private fundraising.

He raises good points that apply under normal

circumstances, but not necessarily in emergency situations.

While the city is not responsible for taking care of its citizenry, it should, in emergencies, be more flexible, more humane, than this policy would allow.

If city officials choose to adopt so strict a policy, there are still some unanswered questions concerning what the city will shell out money for.

For example, while the U of I architecture program provided some good possibilities for the downtown area, it is highly unlikely that a cineplex or dome-covered health complex will be built downtown.

It isn't likely that the second stories of Main Street business will be connected to provide a block-long mall or that a museum detailing the history of corn appear in Hoopeston anytime soon.

So, was this a good use of the city's financial resources? Exactly how did this project benefit the community?

Since the U of I donated its time and efforts, the amount spent by the city was probably minimal. But that doesn't eliminate the fact that the city spent tax money on something that will not, at least in the foreseeable future, benefit anyone.

Who is going to decide which "community-wide programs with quasi-government organizations" the city will participate in?

If the word "co-sponsor" appears in the request, will the city be more likely to give?

What if taxpayers want a portion of their taxes used for emergency contributions?

It's good that the city has a policy for contributions. That way, organizers of charities will know where they stand.

But the policy should be flexible enough to provide for emergencies, yet definite in other areas.

This one, unlike Front Street, doesn't hold water.



By LOURDINE OSBORNE

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