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## Council policy eliminates charitable contributions

The Hoopeston city council will not contribute to charitable causes.

In a 7-1 vote, the council adopted a contributions policy which bans making monetary contributions to charities.

The policy, created by the city finance committee, states that contributions will not be given for three reasons.

First, the city receives its money from tax revenue and it is not proper for local governments to force people to give through taxation.

Second, it is not the role of government to decide which causes are worthy.

Third, meeting charitable needs have traditionally been met through private fund-raising.

Alderswoman Susan Comstock voted against the

policy. "I think it's like picking and choosing," she said. "How can we say what's a charity and what's not? Where do we draw the line?"

The city may still donate manpower or other city resources.

In other business, officials accepted a \$421,910 bid from Frank Fuetz Construction of Paris for the Fifth Street project, scheduled to begin in early July.

The street will be widened and resurfaced, with new curbs and gutters installed, said engineer Jay Dingee of Sodeman & Associates.

Work is expected to be completed before the Sweetcorn Festival Labor Day weekend.

The cost is \$33,000 under the estimated price for the project.

## Stokely eliminates asparagus canning for 1994

Market changes have forced Stokely USA to discontinue canning one of its vegetable lines this year.

The Hoopeston Stokely plant is not canning asparagus, according to plant manager Bill Nicholls.

Because only 30,000 cases of asparagus were needed this year, the company decided to have it processed at another plant, Nicholls said.

The Hoopeston plant normally cans 100,000 to 110,000 cases of asparagus annually, "a small pack for us," he said.

Nicholls cited changing market conditions as the reason for the change. "It's a high priced item," he said. "It's the kind of thing people don't

buy everyday."

Also, he said, many consumers purchase fresh asparagus from California or Florida rather than buying the canned variety.

Stopping asparagus pack has not affected the company's 35 year-round employees, but 70 people normally hired for asparagus pack were not called this year.

Whether the company will reinstate asparagus canning next year has not been determined. "At this point, I don't know," Nicholls said, adding the Hoopeston plant has canned asparagus for approximately 30 years.

Discontinuing asparagus processing has already  
**See STOKELY on other side**

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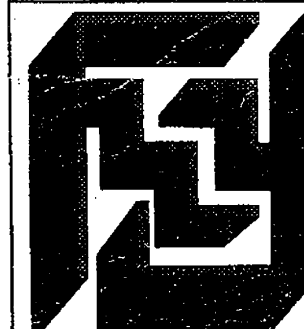
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## Conservation department sets free fishing days in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Aspiring anglers can test the waters of Illinois without a fishing license as part of Free Fishing Days activities June 10-13.

The event, sponsored by the Department of Conservation, allows Illinois and nonresident anglers to fish for four days without purchasing fishing licenses, salmon stamps or inland trout stamps.

Free Fishing Days are held in conjunction with National Fishing Week. For more information, write to Dick Garfat, Department of Conservation, 524 S. Second St., Springfield, IL, 62701-1787 or call (217) 785-8955.

### Police News



Shannon Ramos, 858 E. Seminary, reported to police Tuesday that someone threw eggs at her house, damaging the front storm door.

Police have received reports of at least one unscrupulous asphalt company working in the area.

According to Chief Orval Kaag, company representatives "say (the asphalt) will be dry in two days but it takes about two weeks."

Police recommend that residents deal only with companies they know or, if dealing with a new company, request identification and information.

### Stokely continued from other side

lowed employees to concentrate on installing new pumpkin processing equipment.

Stokely announced in February that it would increase pumpkin production from 750,000 cases last year to 1 million cases. Processing is expected to start in early August.

Employees are also gearing up for corn canning, expected to start July 5, 6 or 7, depending on weather conditions, Nicholls said.

Approximately 275 people, both Hoopeston residents and migrant workers, will be hired for the corn pack.

### Court Dispositions



May 19 - Earl Burton, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, paid in full.

Tonya Irvin, Hoopeston, to pay \$150, continued to complete public service work.

Heidi Snyder, Hoopeston, to pay \$150, apid \$110, rule to show cause issued.

Hugh Brooks, Georgetown, parked in a handicapped zone, \$45.

Stewart Coffman, Hoopeston, theft, nolle pros.

Thomas Fredrick, Hoopeston, parked in a handicapped zone, nolle pros.

Edwin Garrigus, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, continued.

Mark Hewitt, Hoopeston, theft, 18 hours public service work.

Margaret Huckleby, Hoopeston, junk car, continued.

Jerry Lindsey, Hoopeston, disturbing the peace, \$75, interference with police, \$75.

Kathy Mann, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, continued.

Kathy Mann, Hoopeston, battery, nolle pros.

William Mitchell, Hoopeston, criminal damage, continued.

### In the Hospital



#### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

June 6, 1994

Admitted: Hazel Marie Wells and Anita Jean Rankin, both of Hoopeston.

Discharged: Lee Cartwright, Maxine Garner and Marcella Wheeler, all of Hoopeston.

### Weather



Partly sunny today with a 40 percent chance of showers. High in the low to mid 80s. Tonight, chance of showers continues. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High near 84, low near 65.

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