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Planning commission turns down zoning request

Part of Hoopeston's northwest side probably will not change from heavy industrial to residential zoning.

In a 5-0 vote, the Hoopeston planning committee denied a request to rezone the 200 blocks of North Tenth and North Ninth avenues and part of West Seminary from 12 heavy industrial to R3 multiple family dwellings.

The request, from residents and property owners in the area, was made "to have some control over our neighborhood," said Susan Comstock.

Comstock is not only an area resident, but also alderperson for the area. She was one of approximately 20 people attending the hearing.

"The intentions of this petition were not to

cause hardships for any of the businesses." she said.

Area business owners said the requested change would make it difficult for them to expand or sell their businesses

Under city ordinance, if the change were approved, once those properties sold, they would revert to residential status. A potential owner would then have to petition the planning commission for a zoning variance

Comstock said residents favoring a change will again petition the commission, requesting a change from heavy industrial to light industrial Also she said, both sides plan to meet to work out

See ZONING on other side

Susan Comstock

ad manager

Hospital expansion project underway: administrator

Work on a new addition to the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home is underway.

Equipment began breaking ground yesterday, said administrator Rod Burkett. A formal ground-breaking ceremony will not be held until after the Sweetcorn Festival he said.

Burkett made the announcement at Monday's Community Involvement Committee meeting.

The addition will include 25 nursing home beds and an independent living complex for senior citizens

The project is estimated at \$3 million.

In other hospital news. Burkett announced a new doctor will come to Hoopeston in October The doctor will cover the emergency room from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

In other community news-

♦ head librarian Lou Graham announced that expanded hours at the library are being well-

See CIC on other side

Tornado sightings locally

The Vermition County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency reported three tornado sightings yesterday afternoon.

Sightings were reported at 4:30 p.m. in Cleeneyville and on Route 9 east of Hoopeston. At approximately 4:45, a funnel cloud was sighted on the Rossville slab in the Alvin area.

There were no reports of damage from the tornadoes.

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Up & Coming

Picnic scheduled

The Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host its annual kick-off picnic at 6 30 p m. Aug 11. For more information, call 283-7563 or 283-9563

EIMPC activities

Scheduled activities next week at the community center include: Tuesday, EIMPC board meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, community potluck, 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, coffee hour, 9 a.m.; euchre, 12:30 p.m.

Send your announcements to Up & Coming, Just the Facts. P.O. Box 441. Hoopeston 11., 60942.

Obituaries

LITTLE - Irene Little. 75. of Hoopeston. died at 2:50 a.m. Sunday. Aug. 7. 1994. at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. There will be no visitation Memorial contributions may be made to the West-side Nazarene Church.

CIC continued from other side

received. Graham reminded those present that library services will be offered free to all Hoopeston Area and Rossville-Alvin school district residents until April 30, 1995.

- ♦ Cecelia Dixon, representing FMC, said additional work from the Orlando, Fla., plant, is keeping employment levels steady in Hoopeston. Employees are working on the de-teer product line.
- the Chamber of Commerce will purchase buntings usually displayed at festival time and lease them to the Jaycees. The cost of buntings has almost doubled since last year. Also, another telephone line has been added to the Chamber office to handle the influx of calls relating to the festival.

Police News



Jeromy L. Powell, #38. Baer's Trailer Court, reported Sunday that someone removed four valve stems from his 1987 Nissan truck while it was parked at his home.

Guadalupe Ramos reported Monday that someone threw a rock through a window at the Hoopeston Public Library. 110 N. Fourth St.

Barbara Brewster reported that someone broke the bumper of her 1982 Chevrolet while it was parked at the Coffee Cup on Route 1. A beer bottle was also thrown at the car.

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differences.

The Hoopeston city council is expected to vote on the commission's recommendation at its Aug. 16 meeting.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Aug. 4, 1994

Admitted: none

Discharged: Flonie Houser Hoopeston

Aug. 5, 1994

Admitted: Kathryn Sloan, Hoopeston, Discharged: Arthur Glaze Rankin.

Aug. 6, 1094

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Pauline Schlundt, Michigan City, Ind.: Ethel Newton, Hoopeston, Gary Stephenson, Rossville.

Aug. 7, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Kathryn Sloan Hoopeston

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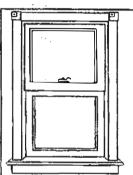
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