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Watch members want parents held liable for children's

Some Hoopeston residents want city officials to make parents responsible for crimes committed by their children.

At Tuesday's Neighborhood Watch meeting, approximately 10 residents discussed asking the city council to pass an ordinance which would make parents financially liable for damage caused by juvenile offenders.

Michael Clary, Vermilion County State's Attorney, had been scheduled to speak, but canceled because of his mother's death.

Aldersperson Susan Comstock said she would bring the proposal to the full council at its June 4 meeting "if you are there to show support. If nobody's there, if nobody's interested, I'm not going to bring it up."

The ordinance Neighborhood Watch members would

like passed would involve parents the second time their child damages property.

Some group members believe involving city officials may lead to helping curb the juvenile crime problem. "I'm tired of hearing what we can't do," said group co-leader Truman Paige. "We've got to do something."

Police chief Orval Kaag agreed that juvenile crime is a problem. "These juveniles are just laughing at us," he said. "They don't even come to court if they don't feel like it."

Kaag said youngsters know there is little the law will do to them as juveniles. "They've got free rein until they're 17," he said. "After that, you start seeing less and less of them."

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Briefly

Open house scheduled

Gress Liquid Waste Removal, 506 N. Seventh Ave., Hoopeston, will host an open house from 1:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

Demonstrations will be given on various waste removal techniques, including a new camera system used to inspect sewers. A video on septic system maintenance will also be shown.

The public is invited.

Basketball camp to begin

A boys' basketball camp will be held June 3-7 for area youngsters. Sessions for third, fourth and fifth graders will be from 8-10 a.m.; sixth, seventh and eighth graders from 10 a.m. to noon and high school students, noon to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Pete Sollars at (217) 283-9527.

Skaters, bicyclists warned

Residents wheeling their way down business district streets could be fined under city ordinance.

Hoopeston police are reminding residents that in-line skating and roller skating are prohibited in the downtown area. Bicycles are also banned from downtown sidewalks.

Vacation Bible School set

"Camp Courageous - Where God's Love is Contagious" is the theme of vacation Bible School at the First Christian Church of Hoopeston. Classes will be held from 9-11 a.m. June 10-14. Classes are open to children ages four through the completion of sixth grade.

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Some members suggested higher fines under city ordinance, but Kaag said that would probably do little good. "You can't even get the guy to pay \$50, so how are you going to get \$500 out of him," he asked.

Also, Kaag said, fines are not a hardship for those found guilty under city ordinance because of the amount of time given to pay fines. "You'd think we were running a credit union, not a court room," he said.

As much crime is committed by juveniles, much is also

related to drug use, Kaag said, adding he sees a trend toward legalizing drugs. "I'm personally against it," he said, "but our prisons are busting at the seams. our courts are backlogged. They're saying it would stop filling the (penitentiaries) up so much and make room for hardened criminals. They don't know what else to do."

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be at 7 p. m. June 24. Ann Martin will speak on domestic

Police News



April Mayberry, 407 Dice, reported Tuesday that someone punctured a tire and scratched the side of a 1992 Buick parked at her home.

Police are investigating.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of North Market.

Phyllis A. Simonton, 425 N. Market, was backing her 1986 Mazda from a parking place and struck a southbound 1985 Cavalier driven by Larry A. Longfellow, 404 E. Young.

Obituaries

THOMAS - William K. Thomas, 84, died Wednesday, May 29, 1996, at Hoopeton Community Nursing Home. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to a

Weather



Sunny today. High 65-70. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 40s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 76, low near 46.

In the hospital



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Last week's winner: **Delores Bowen**
Last week's answer: **Kelly Ellis and Andrew Clark** were co-valedictorians at HAHS.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

1	A	2	P	3	T	4	A	5	R	6	E	7	A	8	D	9	R	10	U	11	M	
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