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City officials approve applying for second housing rehab grant

Hoopeston officials hope to cash in on state money to fix homes on the city's northeast side.

At Tuesday's council meeting, aldermen unanimously approved applying for two housing rehabilitation grants.

The city is applying for \$230,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and \$50,000 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, said Scott Rose, housing program manager for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

Rose has been hired by the city the last two years to fill out housing grant applications.

If the city receives the full amount, approximately 15 homes will receive an average of \$17,000 in repairs, Rose said.

Repairs concentrated in three areas: health and safety, weatherization/energy conservation, and general property improvements, Rose said.

The first area includes structural and roof work, as

well as electrical, plumbing and heating repairs. The second phase includes insulation, windows and doors, and the third area consists of siding, soffit and fascia work, Rose said.

This is the second time the city has applied for housing rehabilitation money.

In 1995, the city received approximately \$300,000 which was used for 18 projects. The last two projects are currently going out for bid, Rose said.

The city has targeted the northeast side as the area to be served under the program. Residents in the area interested in participating may call city hall at 283-5833 or Rose at (217) 328-3313, ext. 138.

Whether the city receives grant money will depend, in part, on public support for the program, based on the number of applications received.

State officials will consider other factors, including the percentage of residents living at or below the poverty level, unemployment and minority population levels,

Viking Express strolls to victory in Jaycees turtle derby

Six turtles strolled to victory in Saturday's Hoopeston Jaycees annual Turtle Derby.

Turtles winning individual heats, and their owners were: Thomas the Train, owned by Nicholas Clayborn, heat 1; Pepperoni Pete, Pizza Hut, heat 2; Speedy 2, Uptown Restaurant, heat 3; Silver Streak, Silver Brothers Construction, heat 4; Viking Express, Sewing Boutique, heat 5; and Speedy 3, TJ Warner, heat 6.

Viking Express crawled his way to the winner's circle as the grand champion, said Gilbert Warner of the Hoopeston Jaycees.

Owners of each heat winner received plaques for their efforts, while the Sewing Boutique received a

trophy as the top winner.

This year's derby fielded 61 entries, Warner said, adding this year's event was more successful than those in recent years. "It was good this year," he said. "The kids helped put the turtles in the ring and back in the pool."

Attendance was also up this year, he said.

And, for the first time in derby history, each turtle found a home. "This is the first year since we've had it that all the turtles were taken," he said. "We didn't have to take any to the lagoon."

Money raised from the derby supports Jaycees projects such as Christmas activities for underprivileged children.

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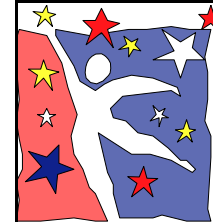
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Sunday

Grandstand: Stock Car Races 7 p. m.

(Time trials 6 p.m.)

Horse Arena: Society Horse Show 5 p.m.

Monday

Grandstand: Queen Contest 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Grandstand: Baby Contest 6 p. m.

Grandstand: Talent Contest 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Grandstand: ITPA Sanctioned Tractor Pull 7 p. m.

Horse Arena: 4-H Pony Show 2 & 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Grandstand: Decatur Park Singers 7:30 p. m.

Horse Arena: Junior Horse Show 6:30 p.m.

Briefly

Change in reading club schedule

Due to the Independence Day holiday, preschoolers and kindergarten students of the Hoopeston Public Library's Camp Read-A-Lot will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 3.

First and second graders will meet at 2 p.m.

Fishing club meeting

The Rossville Fishing Club will meet at 7 p.m. July 7 at the village office. All people with children interested in joining the club are urged to attend.

Youth golf classes offered

Youth golf classes will be offered from 5-6:30 p.m. July 7, 9, 14, 21, 23 and 28 at Tee It Up Golf, County Road 1550, Hoopeston.

Classes are \$5 per student, although payment will be deferred for students unable to pay.

Brian Hensgen, head golf coach at Danville Area Community College, will be the coach.

Classes are sponsored by the Hoopeston Multi Agency, Presbyterian Church and Tee It Up Golf.

For more information, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Fans available

The Hoopeston Multi Agency has fans available to loan to elderly residents.

Fans were donated by Dollar General, Olympic

Police News



Amanda M. Lusk, 17, of 618 N. Chicago, Rossville, was arrested at 7:45 p.m. Monday by Rossville police, charged with domestic battery. She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Obituaries

LANE - Jesse C. (Bill) Lane, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 7:55 p.m. Monday, June 30, 1997, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial, with military graveside rites, will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice, Danville, or the American Cancer Society.

Hardware and Pamida.

For more information or to request a fan, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Weatherization assistance

The East Central Illinois Community Action Program is accepting applications for the 1997 Home Weatherization Program.

The program helps weatherize homes of low income people, especially the handicapped and elderly, in Vermilion, Iroquois and Ford counties.

For more information, call ECICAP at (217) 443-3560 or the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544.

Mini phone books available

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce is offering mini phone books for sale to Hoopeston area residents.

Consolidated Communications, publisher of the Vermilion County Area Wide phone book, donated 200 of the smaller version to the Chamber.

The Chamber is selling the books for \$5 each. Proceeds will be used to supplement various Chamber activities promoting Hoopeston.

Books are available at the Chamber office, 210 S. Market., Suite 310. For more information, call (217) 283-7873.

Puppet show set

The Hoopeston Public Library and Hoopeston businesses are sponsoring an appearance by the DePriest Puppets at 2 p.m. July 11 at the McFerrer Park Civic Center. The performance is free and open to the public.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
June 30, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: John Mushrush and Pauline Burnett, Hoopeston; Maria Villalobos, Ambia, Ind..

Weather



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