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## Early American weaponry, other items to be at theater

Black powder will be smoking and hatchets flying Saturday outside the Lorraine Theatre.

A group of re-enactors will be at the theater, displaying wares and demonstrating weapons of the day.

The exhibit is to showcase The Patriot, starring Mel Gibson, currently playing at the Lorraine. In the film, Gibson stars as a reluctant Revolutionary War hero.

Deane L. Geiken and approximately four others will be on hand in period garb, ranging from the French and Indian War to the Revolutionary War.

Geiken will bring a Brown Bess musket used during the time, along with an early York-style Pennsylvania rifle and a Queen Anne pistol.

Re-enactors plan to fire their weapons during the demonstration. Although there are ordinances against firing a firearm in the city limits, Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger said the group will not violate that ordinance because none of the guns will expel a projectile. "It will be just like the Sweetcorn Festival parade," he said.

Police were notified of the demonstration and will See WEAPONRY on other side

## **Hoopeston City Council accepts roof, road repair bids**

The McFerren Park Civic Center roof will be repaired following action at Wednesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The council accepted a \$13,450 bid from All Site Roofing of Hoopeston to redo 12 sections of the main building and the cupola.

Approximately six bids were received, ranging from the winning bid to \$34,368 from Deb Construction.

Alderman Bill Goodwine questioned the range of bids. "The variation in bids shows me the specs weren't very good," he said.

All Site's price may increase, depending on the amount of sheeting needed. However, council member Susan Comstock said the maximum the city would pay is \$18,000.

Goodwine was the lone dissenting vote.

In other business, the council approved a \$119,729 bid from Ribbe Trucking of Bismarck to repair county road 4000 North from the bridge to the landfill. Ribbe's was the only bid received for the project.

In related issues, only one bid was received for a gen-

erator for the fire department. The city approved a \$6,400 bid from Hoopeston Electric.

In other action, the council:

• approved paying \$3,500 to Economic Development Resources, a St. Louis-based consulting firm, for help in getting the city tax increment financing program (TIF) started.

The city will receive a map of the city, a map of the TIF area showing acreage available for development and utility locations, Goodwine said. Also included is socioeconomic and demographic information from the regional planning office, a suggested cover letter, and a list of residential, commercial and industrial developers.

Funds for the project were budgeted, Goodwine said.

- agreed to sell pieces of city equipment at a future date.
- set a civic meeting form 5:30 p.m. July 17 to discuss resident concerns. Compliance officers Ephriam Bolin and Jim DeWitt are expected to attend the meeting.
- will accept bids on a compact utility tractor for the water/sewer department. Specifications are available at city hall. Bids will be opened at 9 a.m. July 24.



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#### **Police News**

A 16-year-old reported Wednesday that someone took a silver GT Power Series bicycle from the 600 block of East Orange. The bike, which has redline tires, is valued at \$300.

A second bicycle was reported stolen Wednesday, also from the 600 block of East Orange. A black and green Dyno Comp bicycle with chrome handlebars was reported missing. The bicycle is valued at \$150.

A 49-vear-old resident of the 500 block of North

Third St. reported Wednesday that someone damaged a swimming pool.

A 19-year-old woman reported Wednesday that as she carried her infant nephew in Parkview Court, a bottle rocket struck the boy in the head. The injury did not require medical attention.

**A Huffy** 10-speed Mountain Storm bicycle was found Thursday morning near Hoopeston Area High School. The bicycle is teal with pink and purple trim.

The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Matthew M. Hofer,** 17, of 528 W. Elm, was arrested at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, charged with indirect civil contempt.

Hofer was arrested during city court on an order from Judge Gordon Stipp because Hofer had not performed 415 hours of public service work.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

### —Briefly —

#### **Puppet show**

The Millikin Puppets will be showcased at 2 p.m. July 7 during a free puppet show at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

The young and young at heart are invited to attend.

#### **Cowboy Church at fair**

The Cowboy Church from the Chestnut Street Church of Christ will conduct services at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Vermilion County Fair and Expo.

Regular Cowboy Church will be held Sunday evening

#### Weaponry continued from other side

have an officer on-site "to keep people at ease," Drollinger said.

Members of Geiken's group will bring personal effects that would have been carried by any soldier or militiaman during the Revolutionary War.

A period cannon is also expected to be displayed in front of the theater, said Lorraine owner Greg Boardman. The cannon is scheduled to be donated to a Danville museum after its appearance in Hoopeston and is not expected to be fired.

Additionally, Geiken hopes to bring his hatchet throwing target from Claytonville so he and others can perform a tomahawk-throwing demonstration.

Facsimile documents and other items from the period will also be on display at the Lorraine.

Displays will open at 3 p.m. Saturday, followed at 7 p.m. by the black powder shooting demonstration. Re-enactors are expected to be at the theater until at least 7:30 when Geiken will introduce the film with interesting tidbits.

at the Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut.

#### **Youth Soccer signups**

Final sign-up for youth soccer will be held from 1-3 p. m. Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Children between the ages of 4 and 14 (not in high school) interested in playing the 2000-01 youth league are eligible.

#### **Obituaries**

**KETCHUM**—Mary K. Ketchum, 64, of Rankin, died at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at home. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

#### In the Hospital



#### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital July 5

**Admitted**: Maria Villalobos, Ambia, Ind.; Steven Compton, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

#### Weather



Partly sunny today. High 86. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 72. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 90, low 70. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 90, low 70.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Cost is \$45 for first child; \$35 for each additional child in family.

Those with questions may call Kathy Franklin 283-9540 or Hank Hornbeck 283-6391.

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7 p. m. July 10 at city hall.

Leigh Busby Hughes and Susan Ponder Miller, Vermilion County Circuit Clerk candidates, will speak.

#### **Music Booster meeting**

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will gather at 6 p. m. Monday for a meeting and potluck at the mark and Marty Lindvahl home.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

## **Classifieds**

#### **RUMMAGE SALES**

317 N. Eighth Ave., Hoopeston. July 7 & 8, 8-11. Lots of miscellaneous.

609 W. Penn, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-? Clothing, furniture, exercise equipment, miscellaneous.

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