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Children to help mark library expansion groundbreaking

Children in hardhats will help the Hoopeston Public Library kick off its expansion and renovation program.

Approximately 50 Summer Reading Club participants, complete with hardhats and balloons, will be part of a groundbreaking ceremony at 5 p.m. Monday, said head librarian Lou Graham.

The children, who have been told of the plans for the library "are excited," Graham said. "There's growing excitement with our other patrons, too."

CDI, Inc., a Terre-Haute, Ind., construction company, was awarded the bid on the 5,510 square foot project, Graham said.

Graham checked out the company's work at the Clinton, Ind., library. The CDI, Inc. is also doing construction work on a school in Paris, Ill., and has done extensive work at Indiana State University at Terre Haute.

The company bid \$1.046 million on the project but inked a contract with library officials for slightly less than \$1 million after library officials approved delaying some phases of the project, such as flooring, until closer to the time it's needed, Graham said.

Construction work will begin in the very near future. However, some things are already underway. The construction trailer has been parked on-site and the location of utility lines is marked. CDI, Inc., has also taken a brick sample from the existing wall to match the addition. "Things are happening, they're just not real noticeable," Graham said.

For Graham, the most exciting part of the expansion/renovation project will be creating a ground floor entrance and installing an elevator, making the library accessible. **See LIBRARY on other side**

Increased prices mean fewer streets to get summer repairs

Hoopeston officials will scale back planned street repairs.

Nearly three miles of streets were expected to be repaired. However, bid prices far exceeded estimates for the work, said Jay Dingee of Sodeman & Associates at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Dingee said \$125,000 was budgeted for certain repairs and an estimate of nearly \$121,000 submitted to the state for the Motor Fuel Tax work. However, the lowest bid, from Ribbe Trucking of Bismarck, was for \$140,401, Dingee said.

Because of the discrepancy between estimate and bid, the city had three options: bid the project again; scale the project back; or make up the difference between the bid and estimate prices.

In other business, a new shelter is being constructed at McFerren Park in memory of former al-

derman Odell Crabtree.

The Crabtree family is erecting the shelter because "(Mr. Crabtree) always wanted to see a shelter there," said Alderman Mike Eckersley, "but there never was enough money."

In unrelated action, the council:

learned hydrants will be flushed July 6.

accepted a perpetual care request from Dolores Crabtree for Odell Crabtree.

will vote at the next meeting on refinancing water/sewer bonds. Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said refinancing will save the city \$341,000 over 11 years. The bonds were first purchased in 1981 and will mature in 2012.

saw two presentations on electronic water meter reading systems. Officials are considering the system to provide monthly readings.



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Library continued from other side

cessible to all patrons. (Those are) the things I've been wishing for ever since I got here," she said. "That's going to be the greatest gift to the community."

Accessibility will be improved not only for those with physical disabilities but for others, such as parents of very young children, who will be able to use the library "without such mountain to climb."

The plans also call for a new meeting room, some additional space for library materials and rearranging services.

In the children's room, the circulation desk will be moved to the place currently occupied by the stage. The stage, which is not accessible to all children, will be removed.

A new adult reading room is planned, allowing the current reading room to be used by library district young people.

Library employees will find themselves with more elbow room as the technical services area is increased, giving workers spaces of their own.

CDI, Inc., plans to complete the project within 210

days but since the time frame includes winter, "I'm certainly not holding them to that," Graham said, adding she is unsure whether the library will be closed during any part of construction.

Funds for the project came from the Wilson Besselieu and Charlotte Russell trusts and a \$250,000 grant from the state of Illinois. However, the funds will only cover the first phase.

Graham is still seeking funds for the second phase, which will include more work on the Carnegie part of the building, opening up the children's area and renovating an restroom into a family restroom.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:56 a.m. Monday in the 300 block of South Market.

Police said Elwin L. Goodrum of 802 S. Fourth St., in a 2000 Dodge, was stopped to turn left into the alley behind the post office when he was hit by a Dodge driven by Megan Houser, 208 N. Dixie Hwy.

Houser reported she tried to stop but her foot slipped off the brake.

A nine-year-old reported Monday that someone took a Huffy bicycle from the 600 block of East McNeil.

The Quick Kick scooter found June 28 was claimed Monday by the owner.

In the Hospital



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July 2**

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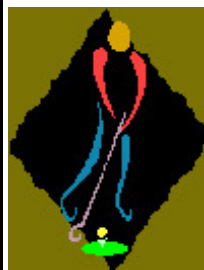
Discharged: Dean Walter, Glenn Maul.

Weather



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