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## City Council helps fund youth projects with TIF money

Tax increment financing money is being spent to help young people.

The Hoopeston City Council on Monday approved donating \$13,000 to Beta Sigma Phi sorority to wrap up the group's Project Playground 2002 and \$2,500 to the Summer Baseball Association to use towards construction of a storage building at the McFerren Park ball field.

Beta Sigma Phi has, for the past two years, worked towards raising \$50,000 for safer, handicapped-accessible playground equipment for McFerren Park. The group has collected \$37,000 from residents, businesses and organizations towards the equipment and asked the city for the remainder.

The baseball league has collected or donated all but \$2,500 of the building, valued at \$10,000-\$12,000, said Mayor Chalmers Flint.

Prior to the 5-0 vote, Alderman Bill Goodwine told the council that since taxes that would have gone to

the school district make up the majority of the TIF fund, aldermen should ask themselves whether projects they approve for funding are a better use of the money than what the schools would have. "Are we making better use of the money than the school could have and if now, we should give it back to them," he said, adding that both projects meet that criteria.

Flint agreed that the council should be more selective in funding projects from the TIF fund. "I think we should put an end to spending TIF dollars until we know where we stand," he said. TIF funds will be needed for infrastructure costs for improvements to the corner of Rtes. 1 and 9, he added.

Currently, the TIF fund has about \$200,000 in it but will receive more in June or July when property tax payments are made to governing bodies, Flint said after the meeting.

In other business, Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman, said prices for season passes

## Officials, residents discuss possible uses for bank building

Hoopeston residents and officials met Monday to discuss new uses for an old building.

Approximately 20 people, including city officials, met prior to the Hoopeston City Council meeting to discuss the Willdon Building, current home of Capstone Bank.

Capstone has offered to donate the building to the city and officials are considering accepting the offer if the building can be made financially self-sufficient. Capstone has reportedly also gotten estimates of \$300,000 to \$400,000 to demolish the building.

Current tenants provide slightly more than \$18,000 in income per year while utilities cost about \$20,000 annually, said Mayor Chalmers Flint. "We all

want to keep the building," he said. "That's not the problem. The problem is how are we going to pay for it?"

Flint said he believe tenants in the building will stay long-term. "They're pretty secure renters," he said. "I don't think that would change."

Alderman Bill Goodwine said he spoke with developer Robert Davis about potential tenants or buyers. Davis is expected to tour the building in about two weeks.

The group discussed attracting new businesses for the building while not causing more empty storefronts in the city.

Suggestions from the public for possible uses for all or part of the building are being sought. Sugges-

✓ Sweet potato plants  
 ✓ Top Crop and Blue Lake Bean seed  
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**Sand Volleyball Leagues now forming!**

- Must be 21 years old
- 4 person team (2 men, 2 women)
- 10 week leagues start June 4

Wed. night league contact Jodi Coon,

**Huge Toy Sale Wednesday!**  
 Because Day Care providers don't get done until after 5 p.m.,  
 Brianna's Baby Shop is opening from 6-7 p.m. with baby equipment,  
 2 Game Boy Color Systems & games, indoor/outdoor toys, electronic, educational, stuffed, games, videos, books.

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Home Team

Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day



Briefly

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program, sponsored by CRIS Senior Services. To volunteer or for more information, call Susan at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 283-5544.

Items needed

County Terrace residents are looking for donations of men's and ladies' hats. If you have hats to donate, call Debbie Chandler at 283-9215 or bring them to the Country Terrace office.

Teacher request forms

Hoopeston Area grade school teacher request forms will be sent home with grade 3-6 students on May 12.

Forms must be completed and returned to



Police News



A 34-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone struck his mailbox, knocking it off its post and breaking the mailbox door.

Angel K. Bane, 23, of #42 Parkview Court was arrested at 10:20 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Court. She was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 26-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged that Bane struck him in the head.

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the pool will remain the same as last year: \$80 for one person; \$95/2; \$115/3; \$130/4; \$155/5

Honeywell (grades 3 and 4) and John Greer (grades 5 and 6) before the end of the day on May 23.

Request forms will be available at Maple School (grades K-2) from May 12-23.

Forms must be completed and returned to the Maple office by the end of the day on May 23.

Explorers seek members

Hoopeston Explorers Post 511 will sponsor a First Night open meeting at 6 p.m. May 22 at city hall.

Boys and girls ages 14-20 who have an interest in law enforcement are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Chief Mark Drollinger or Officer Jeremy Welch at 283-5196.

Early dismissal

Hoopeston Area schools will dismiss early on

Bane was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Jeff H. Chandler, 26, of 421 N. Ninth Ave., was arrested at 10:20 p.m. Sunday on a charge of criminal damage to state-supported property. Police said Chandler allegedly kicked in a door at Parkview Court.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

and \$15 per person over five. Passes will be discounted 20 percent on opening day, Memorial Day, which will also be a free swim day.

In unrelated action, the council:

- approved charging a \$75 water connection fee for renters, up from \$35. A senior citizen discount will be given.
- tabled a request for the Chamber of Commerce fireworks fund. The city may contribute more the \$500 requested. "I know it's money that goes

Weather



Thunderstorms likely today. High 65. Tonight, partly clear. Low 45. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 68, low 45.

Wednesday and Thursday, at 2:05 p.m. for grade schools and 2:20 p.m. for the middle/high school. There will be no school Friday, May 23, a teacher institute day. Friday is also graduation day. The ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. in the middle school gym.

There will be no school Monday, May 26. The

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Day Dot Sale. Saddles, hearts & other florals at Countryside Mall, Booth 31. Red dot - \$10 off. Yellow dot - \$5. Now through May 31.

AUCTIONS

Thinking of having an auction? Go to www.jonwitvoetauctioneer.com or call (217) 748-6289!

CHILD CARE

Responsible 13-year-old would like summer babysitting job. Please call Eliza at (217) 283-7068.

Mother of 1 will babysit in my home. References available. (217) 748-4274.

HELP WANTED

Someone to help with yard work. Call (217) 283-6455

Part time stock crew, 11 p.m.-7 a.m., 2-3 days/week. Must be flexible. Apply in person at Jerry's IGA, Hoopeston Plaza.

HOUSES WANTED

Family needs 3 bedroom home to rent in Hoopeston. (217) 283-7829

HOUSES FOR RENT

Hoopeston 3 Bedrm Brick Ranch with Carport. No Steps! Re-frig, Range, Built-in Micro, DW, Disposal, Washer, Dryer, Cent. AC. NO PETS. \$450/mo with deposit. Available June 15th. Call 283-5107 or 283-7568 for application.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Twin box spring and mattress w/frame, only used once, \$100; maple dresser, \$60; antique round oak table w/leaves, 6 matching carved back chairs. Call Lana, (217) 283-9734 after 5 p.m.

Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad.