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Representatives question pros, cons of Rossville TIF district

ROSSVILLE—Questions regarding the impact of a proposed tax increment financing (TIF) district will be answered before the plan is finalized.

At a Joint Review Board meeting Wednesday, Rossville school, township, fire and road officials questioned what the TIF district would do to already-strained budgets.

The review board is made up of representatives of all taxing bodies that will be affected by the proposed TIF district.

Under program guidelines, during the 23-year TIF period, taxing bodies receive the amount of property tax money that they did in the base year, said economic development consultant Robert Vancil of LeRoy. Subsequent tax increases resulting from improvements or increased valuations are placed in a special TIF fund. That money is used to reimburse eligible TIF-related costs for developers, as well as for other projects in the TIF district, he said.

That means taxing bodies such as the school district will not see more money from taxes during the life of the TIF. "We don't know if it will bankrupt or benefit the school," said Dennis Price, Rossville-Alvin School Board president. "We're trying to find out where the trade-off is."

Rossville's proposal emphasizes single-family housing in an effort to bring more children to the schools, Vancil said. "If we're successful, you'll have as much money in the education fund with the new students as you would have had (receiving taxes from new growth without a TIF)," he said.

Price said if something is not done to help the schools quickly, there will be no economic development. "If we lose both our schools, you might as well kiss your TIF district goodbye because nobody's going to want to move here," he said.

A quick overview of figures showed the school district could lose as much as \$150,000 with a TIF, which would ruin the district. "I want to make sure in 10 years, people don't say 'you're the nitwit who did this' but 'you're the genius who participated in making this possible.'"

Vancil replied that without a TIF, the schools are unlikely to see growth either in taxes or new students.

Ros Township Road Commissioner Brian Andrews said people would move where work is available. "Where's the jobs," he asked.

Vancil said the village plan also includes commercial and business development but stressed housing should be done first. "I don't like to use clichés but you have to have rooftops before you have boxes," he said. Also, he added, housing can be made attractive and affordable so that people will live in the village and work elsewhere.

Mayor Terry Prillaman said the village should focus on areas other than industrial. "Rossville is not going to get a 500-person industry," he said. "I'd be very happy to get a five-man industry."

One component of the planned TIF is an income-based, senior citizen independent living complex. Vancil suggested as many as 100 units are needed in the village and that when those seniors move, it will open up housing. Development of the complex will be tied to development of homes. The senior complex "is, in some respects, our carrot," because of tax breaks associated with developing independent living complexes for lower-income residents, he said.

Rossville's proposal calls for the entire village to be placed in a TIF district. Hubbard Trail Country Club, which part of the village, would not be part of the TIF.

Representatives of the Belleview and Watseka school districts to answer questions about how their TIFs affect schools before the board of review approves the plan.



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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"A Pocket for Corduroy" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 10:30 a.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Concert set

The Allens, an area Christian musical group, will be in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at the East Lynn United Methodist Church. A freewill offering will be taken.

The public is invited.

Coats needed

The Hoopeston Multi Agency is sponsoring its annual coat drive. Coats are needed for children ages 0-18 and may be dropped off at the agency, 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston.

For more information, call (217) 283-5544.

Parish mission retreat

St. Anthony Catholic Church will host a parish mission retreat, "Celebrating God's Gifts," Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Fr. James Friedel, OSA, will conduct the event.

The retreat will begin at 7 p.m. each night, followed by social time at the parish hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parade entries sought

Groups or individuals are being sought for Hoopeston's annual Santa Parade. The parade will be ehld at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and will travel from city hall to the Lorraine Theatre.

Anyone interested in participating may call the

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, (217) 283-7873.

Youth Soccer meeting

Hoopeston Youth Soccer will meet Sunday, Nov. 23 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. All current and future Hoopeston Youth Soccer Coaches will meet at 6:30. A general meeting will be held at 7:00 pm to discuss and create a board of directors for Hoopeston Youth Soccer. Anyone not a coach but interested in serving on the board should attend and volunteer for election to one of three "at large" positions.

Questions may be directed to Marty Dobkins, Kevin Jett, Cliff Crabtree or Hank Hornbeck.

Miracle Tree screening

Screening for Food Cupboard, Christmas baskets, Toys for Kids and Miracle Tree will be held Thursday, Nov. 13-Friday, Dec. 3, at the Grant Township business office, 525 S. Market. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each business day.

Proof of address, in-effect LINK card, income and Social Security cards for everyone in the household are required.

Pre-diabetes screening

Hoopeston Regional Health Center will offer a free pre-diabetes screening from 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 in the hospital lobby. The screening will include a glucose reading and total body mass index number, critical in determining if someone is at an elevated risk for diabetes.

By knowing the numbers, people may increase the chance to avoid diabetes through exercise and diet.

For more information, call Charlene Drawdy, (217) 283-4243.



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Hoopeston dignitaries were the first to purchase 2004 Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendars at last week's Fall Concert. Pictured are, back, Mayor Chalmers Flint, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce vice president Larry Baughn, HA superintendent Mark Conolly and HA band teacher Theta Lee; and front, Flint's grandchildren, Sadie Hofer, Chelsea Flint and Aidan Berg, and Mac Conolly.

Hoopeston Area Music Boosters kick off 2004 calendar sales

Hoopeston Area Music Boosters have kicked off their 2004 calendar sales.

The \$25 calendars are the group's only fundraising effort. Those who purchase them are eligible to win

\$50 each weekday and \$100 on nights of concerts.

The calendars feature pictures of all the performing groups in the district and candid photos of general music classes.

Money from calendar sales are used to purchase music equipment. The wish list for the future includes a new \$3,000 sousaphone, show choir choreographer, middle school show choir props, elementary award pins, clinicians and assembly programs for all music students and scholarships for music camps.

Calendars are available at any school and at Global Fashions, Brown's Woodwork, Hooterville Junction, Weber's Drug Store and Russ Leigh & Associates.

Drawings are slated to begin the last week of January 2004.

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Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Hot dog/bun, tri-tator, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Mile high turkey/bun, fries, fruit cocktail.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, Max Stix, corn, pineapple.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, gravy, whipped potatoes,
bread, oleo, peach slices.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, noodle soup, crackers, or-
anges.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Double cheeseburger or hot dog/bun, the
works, fries, cole slaw, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pizza quesadillas or steak nuggets, salad,
pineapple.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles or fish/bun,
whipped potatoes, corn, hot roll, peach slices.

THURSDAY: Beefy cheesy nachos or ham &
cheese/bun, salad, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, noodle or potato soup,
crackers, oranges.

Rossville Schools

MONDAY: Lasagna, green beans, mixed fruit, cheesy

New Books at the Library



Non-fiction:

Feminist Family Therapy: Empowerment in Social
Context edited by Louise B. Silverstein and Thelma
Jean Goodrich

Old Time Gardening Wisdom by Jerry Baker

Flower Gardening 1-2-3: Design, Plan, Select,
Plant, Care, Step-by-Step by Veronica Lorson
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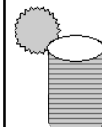
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Lunch Menus



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WEDNESDAY: Sub sandwich, fries, banana, ice cream.

THURSDAY: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, gravy,
corn, pears, roll/butter, apple pie.

FRIDAY: Chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, peaches,
bread, butter.

SAMS Meals

Police News



A 44-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday
that someone took the keys to his truck Wednesday. The
man said they were in the ignition when he went into the
VFW, 426 W. Orange, but were missing when he came
out.

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MONDAY: Beef hash, green beans, wheat bread, tropical
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TUESDAY: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, whipped potatoes,
white bread, strawberry gelatin/strawberries.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey sandwich (white bread), potato
salad, orange juice, banana, salad dressing.

THURSDAY: Veal steak, hominy, broccoli, wheat bread,
chocolate chip cookie.

FRIDAY: Roast turkey breast, au gratin potatoes, peas,
cranberry sauce, roll, pumpkin pie/whipped topping.

Weather



Increasing clouds today. High 46. Tonight, chance of
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low 34. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 54, low 36.

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