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Skateboard idea moves forward, fundraising meeting set

Hoopeston youth may have a place to ride skateboards if a fundraising effort is successful.

Fundraising has already started for the project, estimated at \$30,000 to \$50,000, said Alderman Carl Ankenbrand at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Several skateboarding enthusiasts attended the meeting, skateboards in tow, to show support for the project.

Michael Farrell, a Hoopeston Area High School student, called the plan "a good idea" because of a lack of things to do. "You don't want us skating downtown," he said.

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at city hall to discuss ways of raising money, Ankenbrand said, adding that some contributions have already been received. Bonepas Photography, owned by Ankenbrand, donated \$100 to the project. Other donations came from Alderman Brandon Hamilton and an unidentified skateboarder.

While the entire amount will take a while to collect, Ankenbrand said starter pieces can be purchased and additional pieces added as funds are available. The project might also create a spin-off business if someone were interested in opening a skateboard sales and repair shop, he added.

In other action, the council:

- approved a planning commission recommendation for a conditional use at 406 N. Ninth Ave. Floyd O. Milner requested the zoning change to open a bait shop at his home.
- learned the Hoopeston Fire Department is submitting bids for a tanker and rescue pumper being sold by the Bourbonnais Fire Department by bids.
- approved a \$3,759 bid from Class Act Remodeling and Roofing to repair the street and alley building

roof. Bids were also submitted by Jackson Quality Construction and HOW Construction.

- approved a \$7,420 bid from Hoopeston Plumbing & Heating for three furnaces and three cooling coils at the McFerren Park Civic Center. The system will allow all or parts of the building to be heated and cooled, Ankenbrand said.

- saw an ad appearing in Crain's Chicago Business for the Willdon Building. The ad cost \$1,410 for one printing, said Alderman Bill Goodwine. If three ads are purchased, a fourth one will run free.

Mayor Chalmers Flint said no interest has been shown in the building to date but that Ed Hubbard of Hoopeston Books and Gifts showed the building to a man and his wife last week.

Goodwine said the ad will take time to generate interest. "No legitimate company is going to decide on the spur of the moment to come to Hoopeston," he said.

- changed wording in two ordinances that mandates a parks superintendent and cemetery sexton shall - rather than "may" - be appointed annually by the mayor. The positions are filled by Eugene Warner and Steve Rhodes, respectively.

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Kay Ritter to fill unexpired term on Rossville village board

ROSSVILLE—A familiar face is back on the village board.

Kay Ritter was appointed at Monday night's meeting to fill the unexpired year of Mike Henry's term.

Henry, a Rossville-Alvin teacher, retired this year. He and his family are moving to the Oblong area, according to his letter of resignation.

That she will serve for a year was the major factor in her decision to return. "That's what I made my decision on," She said.

"I think I'll be able to help with the village recovery (from the Feb. 27 fire) and in other ways," Ritter said. "At least I hope I will."

Ritter served as a trustee for four years. She opted not to run in 2001, when Henry was elected.

Now, as then, Ritter will serve as the village budget officer.

In unrelated business, the board heard from Sharon Potter, vice president of the Rossville Community Organization, who requested the group be allowed to put metal flower baskets on village light poles downtown.

Potter brought a sample of half an iron basket made by Mike Norton of Rossville. The total basket,

plus dirt and flowers, is expected to weigh about 60 lbs., a weight that caused concern for some officials.

Trustee Bob Merrit suggested the weight of the baskets might pull down poles that are already slightly leaning. He suggested lighter baskets but Potter said they would cost \$75-\$100 each while Norton is selling his baskets for \$35 each. The group hopes to put up 20 baskets.

Trustees also questioned whether cars would be damaged by the baskets and whether they would damage the antique poles, estimated at \$1,000 each to replace.

Both sides agreed that a sample basket would be mounted for officials to see before making a decision.

In other action, the board:

- learned gas will remain at 80 cents per therm.
- was reminded that Saturday is village cleanup day. Residents who wish to have appliances picked up must call the village office by Wednesday. Cost is \$10 per appliance.
- learned sewer operator ERH Enterprises will hold an open house from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 19 at the wastewater treatment plant. Visitors may register to win a \$100 savings bond that will be given away.

Obituaries

COMPTON - Reagine "Jean" Compton, 59, of rural Wellington died at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004 at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

LANHAM - Forrest Mason Lanham, 79, of Rossville died at 7:40 a.m. Sunday, May 16, 2004 at Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Memorials are suggested to Rossville United Methodist Church Pipe Organ Repair Fund or American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:10 a.m. Monday on the railroad crossing on Rt. 9.

Police said Robert W. Reynolds of Sheldon, in a 1994 Ford, rolled into a 1997 Cadillac driven by Rylan H. Hambelton of Potomac.

A 24-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone damaged her 1988 Ford while it was at Parkview Court.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 78. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 83, low 64.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vermilion County Housing Authority is accepting applications for public housing. We have locations in Hoopeston, Rossville, Georgetown, Fairmount and Allerton. We are currently taking applications for 3 and 4 bedroom apartments. The VCHA is an income-based rental assistant program. Rent is based on 30% of income. The VCHA pays for water and trash pickup. Stove and refrigerator included. No lawn care required, maintenance department on staff. Some people qualify for more deductions. Deposit and reference required. Applications are accepted at the Rossville office Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m., or by calling (217) 748-6812.

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston youth football is now accepting applications for football and cheerleading coaches for the 2004 season. Applications must be turned in by June 11th. Call LEE at 283-7883 or RON at 283-6985.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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