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City to take possession of Baer's Trailer Park, cleanup set

Hoopeston officials are expected to take possession Wednesday of the former Baer's Trailer Park at Rtes. 1 and 9.

Mayor Bill DeWitt made the announcement at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The city agreed pay \$125,000 for the property, which was assessed at twice the amount.

Once the city owns the estimated 6.24 acres and cleans it up, it is expected to turn over approximately two acres to Bhupendra Naik, owner of two Best Western motels in Danville. He plans to build a 22-room motel on the site. In April, Naik estimated the cost of building the motel at \$500,000.

Naik will be eligible for reimbursement of up to 70 percent of allowed costs because the property is in one of Hoopeston's three tax increment financing districts.

In related business Tuesday, the council heard from Eric Brumbaugh of Shaw Environmental on the brownfields grant program.

Hoopeston received \$96,413 from the state to do environmental testing of soil and ground water and proposed remediation at the trailer park, the former Carnival Video building and Baer's Motel.

The city will request an additional \$38,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to finalize remediation so that "no further remediation" letters may be issued for all the properties.

The letters will make it easier to sell the properties, Brumbaugh said, because as long as the condi-

tions of the letters are met, potential buyers will avoid IEPA cleanup costs.

For example, he explained, asphalt at the former Carnival Video store serves as a buffer to petroleum that might have leaked from when the site was a gas station. As long as the asphalt remains and is kept in good shape, property owners will not have to have the soil removed and new soil put in. Low levels of petroleum were found at that site and traces of lead were found at the trailer park.

Brumbaugh said he met with IEPA officials, reviewed his proposed remediation plan and "got a warm, fuzzy feeling from the state."

In unrelated action, the council:

- approved a \$6,400 bid from Mike's Painting to paint the meeting room, kitchen and restroom areas of the civic center.
- approved a \$117,000 bid from Ribbe Trucking of Bismarck for Motor Fuel Tax repairs. A \$13,541 bid, also from Ribbe, was accepted for repairs to landfill road. Repairs will be paid by the city with money the landfill pays to the city for hosting and other fees.
- approved a five-year extension to the ERH Enterprises contract. The addition becomes effective when the current contract expires in two years, said Alderman Bill Crusinberry. The extension calls for an eight percent increase. Last year, the city paid \$252,000 to ERH, which pays all related expenses, including repairs and salaries, of managing the wastewater treatment plant.
- approved joining the Illinois Municipal League, which provides insurance coverage for liability, Workmen's Compensation and others. The cost is will be determined on the city's loss experience, said Alderman Bill Goodwine. Last year the city paid about \$90,000.

Police News



A ladies ring with clear stones was found Tuesday morning at Cheese Park on North Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police



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Wallace family says 'thank you'

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Mere words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude and emotion we have for everyone who helped us get through the darkest days of our lives. Thank you all for every hug, every tear, and every memory shared of our Jeffro. The outpouring of support we received from the Hoopeston Area has filled us with a sense of pride for community and for country that will span the generations. Our children will tell their grandchildren about Our Hero who went halfway around the world to fight and die for his country to keep us all free and about the community who stepped up to honor his sacrifice.

The following is a paragraph sent to us from the memorial service in Baghdad:

"Uncommon valor was a common virtue for the men of truck B143 – the lead truck of the 4th Platoon

Obituaries

CLAYTON—John Wayne "Bud" Clayton, 68, of Hoopeston died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, July 3, 2005 at home. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Family burial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at VA National Cemetery, Danville, with military rites by the Hoopeston American Legion and VFW Color Guard. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

FEGETT—David Fegett, 63, of Milford died at 12:20 p.m. Sunday, July 3, 2005 at Hoopes-ton Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

MATSON—Lucille B. Matson, 83, of Milford died at 9:55 a.m. Monday, July 4, 2005 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memori-

Letters to the Editor

of Bravo Battery. SGT Charles Drier, SPC Dustin Fisher, and PFC Jeff Wallace made up what was hands down the best gun truck crew in the battalion. Their discipline, tenacity, camaraderie and courage are the stuff of legend."

---LTC Daniel A. Pinnell

Once again, THANK YOU ALL for everything said, done, given and shared. Tell your stories of Jeff with a smile. Keep him in your hearts and he will live forever.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Sarah Wallace & Family

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Tammy & Tracy Grabinski & Family

Farmers' Market will be here

Hoopeston Citizens:

Late last spring a group of merchants formed an organization and named it Hoopeston First. The mission of this group is to make the downtown area look good again and do projects that will bring business to this area.

Last year we tried to get a Farmers Market started, but in all fairness, it really was too late to get a lot of vendors to sell their produce at our market at the late date.

This year, we started earlier and contacted Craig and Dawn Lawson to be in charge of this project. Dawn has put in several hours contacting vendors and talking to other farmers marketers. We have the spot, which is the Rotary Park, between L&M and the old Keck's building on the south side of Main Street across the from Ungers and State Farm. At this time we only have a few local vendors who want to sell at this market. We have lots of people who want to buy!! Dawn has called people from the surrounding area and has come up with people who will be selling: flowers and plants, herbs and herb breads, locally harvested honey with honey butter,

Weather



Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 85, low 58. Tomorrow's high 86, low 59.

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honey sticks, honey candy, and all the great fresh produce that will be coming from our local growers. I just had a lady tell me she would like to sell some jams and jellies. The list is growing!!! We have chosen Saturday mornings for the market to allow working folks to be able to participate both as buyers and sellers.

As if you haven't noticed, we have had some pretty dry weather here lately, which is the main reason the market is not opened yet. Hoopeston has been truly blessed with several good showers, but many of our neighbors have had nothing. Dawn feels that things will be starting to be ready by the middle to the end of July. Hang on to your hats and patience!!! THERE WILL BE A FARMERS MARKET IN HOOPESTON ILLINOIS!!!!

Thank you for your understanding and future support,

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