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## Lions member makes donation box for glasses, hearing aids

## Community asked to make donations to to help underprivileged around world

Bob Brown, a Hoopeston Lions Club member for over 45 years, has created a community drop box where people can recycle old eyeglasses and hearing aids.

The purpose of this project is to have a convenient location where citizens can drop used glasses and hearing aids so that they can be recycled. The result is underprivileged children and adults around the world, can put the old glasses and hearing aids to work for them.

Through his membership in the Hoopeston Lions Club, Brown has helped with various projects such as this for years. Lions Clubs International has collected glasses for their Sight Conservation program for over 80 years.

When Brown identified there was a need for an easy way for citizens to donate their old glasses, he began working with the club to see if he could come up with a plan. He talked with several employees of the Hoopeston Post Office who were able to help him make his goal a reality. Postmaster Connie Drake, as well as employees Steve Unger and Rita Carter all helped in getting a retired post office box donated to the club. Brown then sanded, refinished and painted the box. Sign painter Danny Brown donated his services to label the box. Once the drop box was prepared, Brown worked with the Chittick Family Eye Care to see if they would provide the location for the box. They graciously agreed to have it installed in their parking lot.

Today the box is ready for citizens to make a quick stop and drop off their old eyeglasses and/or hearing aids. It is as simple as mailing a letter. According to



Photo contributed

Bob Brown at eyeglass and hearing aid donation box.

Brown, "It seems to be going quite well so far. Lion, John Reed, is our pick up man who collects the donations which are boxed and sent to Lions Clubs International where they are recycled and given to people in need."

You can help. Check around your home for all glasses or hearing aids no longer being used. Simply wrap them up so they will not break and drop them in the box in the parking lot of Chittick Family Eye Care, 851 East Orange, Hoopeston, Illinois. (Route 9/just east of Hoopeston Hospital.) This way you will be helping those who could function much better with glasses or hearing aids.

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## Letter to the Editor

## Writer agrees with position on parking

I have to agree with most of what Mr. Palmer had to say. Surely between the city council and our chamber of commerce, something could be set up to not only help those disabled people who want to shop and use our downtown area, but also aid a local shop owner conduct his business and at the same time be in compliance with federal laws.

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act were designed not only for indi-

viduals' protection against employers in the work place, but also for accessibility for individuals in public places. It is the of City of Hoopeston's responsibility to ensure that these laws are complied with and if the present facilities are not adequate, then they should make appropriate changes so that (we) the City, is in full compli-

Our Chamber of Commerce should not only get involved to try to help one of their own, but also to encourage everyone to shop in Hoopeston. After all, the cry has always been "shop Hoopeston."

I also agree that only one parking space is not adequate for those that have to manage getting a wheel chair out of a van or other vehicle, moving between parked vehicles and having no ramp to reach the sidewalk. Makes me wonder, when the new sidewalks were put in why wasn't this sort of thing considered?

Looks to me like the only cost would be the cost of a ramp in the middle of the block. Didn't the shop owner agree to pay for this cost? It does not cost anything to add another parking spot, nor to change attitudes to be in compliance with these federal laws, only common sense.

> Tom Evans Hoopeston, Illinois

## — Briefly

## **Tiny Tots**

"Boy in the North Wind" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library children's

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

#### **Blood drive**

The Hoopeston Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. To schedule an appointment, call Lisa Kinney, (217) 283-5639. Walk-ins are welcome.

People are eligible to donate if they last game blood on or before Nov. 18, 2005.

#### NHS collection

Hoopeston National Honor Society will collect Ty Beanie Babies in new or like new condition, January 2-

## **Obituaries**

FRALEY—Barbara E. Fraley, 80, of Hoopeston died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006 at Carle Arbours, Savoy. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the church. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

13. Collection boxes are located at all Hoopeston Area Schools' offices. Beanie Babies will go to Provena United Samaritan Medical Center pediatric patients.

## New Books at the Library



#### **Fiction**

She's Out of Control: a Novel by Kristin Billerbeck (inspirational)

What a Girl Wants: a Novel by Kristin Billerbeck (inspirational)

With This Ring, I'm Confused: an Ashley Stockingale Novel by Kristin Billerbeck (inspirational)

Necklace of Kisses: a Novel by Francesca Lia Block

Straken by Terry Brooks (science fiction)

The Hunt Ball by Rita Mae Brown Chill Factor by Sandra Brown

The Noble Fugitive by T. Davis Bunn (inspirational)

## Police News



A 25-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone took a number of personal belongings from his vehicle, including prescription medication.

The burglary occurred in the 600 block of East McCracken.

## Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 44. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 34. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 45, low 31.

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

## **Classifieds**

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