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Presentation, food drive set for Martin Luther King Day

As part of her AmeriCorps VISTA assignment, Jean Minick is partnering with the Mayor's Youth Council to plan a service activity for Hoopeston on Martin Luther King Day. This day of service to the community of Hoopeston will follow the mission of VISTA to "increase the capacity of low-income people to improve the conditions of their own lives."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was devoted to improving the quality of life for American citizens living in poverty. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a vital figure of the modern era. His lectures and dialogues stirred the concern and sparked the conscience of a generation. The movements and marches he led brought significant changes in the fabric of American life through his courage and selfless devotion. This devotion gave direction

McFerren Park Civic Center improvement meeting set

The City Council Parks Committee will be holding a meeting at the Hoopeston Civic Center on Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30pm to discuss plans for improvements on the Civic Center kitchen, bathrooms, and back hallway. Two preliminary designs have been created for the kitchen and can be picked up at the City Hall for review prior to the meeting.

City officials want to enhance the facility in a manner that best meets the needs of organizations and individuals that use the Civic Center. It is important that residents attend this meeting to voice any concerns with the plan and share their ideas. The architect will be at this meeting to listen to ideas and concerns and will work to incorporate those into the final building design and plan.

Please contact Carl Ankenbrand at 283-5452 if you have any questions.

to thirteen years of civil rights activities. His charismatic leadership inspired men and women, young and old, in this nation and around the world.

Dr. King's concept of "somebodiness," which symbolized the celebration of human worth and the conquest of subjugation, gave black and poor people hope and a sense of dignity. His wisdom, his words, his actions, his commitment, and his dream for a new way of life for impoverished American citizens serves as an example today for communities to follow to better the lives of impoverished community residents.

The late Coretta Scott King embraced the King Day of Service as a meaningful way to celebrate and honor her husband's legacy. She said, "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others." Minick and the Hoopeston Mayor's Youth Council desire to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and serve the citizens of Hoopeston by facilitating a can food drive for the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service will be kicked off with a presentation about Martin Luther King Jr., given by Minick and the Mayor's Youth Council as part of the January historical society meeting on Monday, January 21st at 6:30 pm at the Hoopeston Public Library. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Please bring canned goods to this Historical Society meeting for the Grant Township Food Cupboard. The can drive will then continue throughout the week of January 21. Items for the Food Cupboard can be dropped off throughout the week (Monday, January 21 – Saturday, January 26) at the Hoopeston Public Library, Multi-Agency, John Greer School, Maple School, Hon-

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Briefly

Neighborhood Watch

Ann Kessler of Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be the speaker at the Jan. 15 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 3 p.m. at Country Terrace. All are welcome.

Music Booster calendars on sale

Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendars are still on sale, available at Global Fashions. Razor's Edge, MainSource Bank, Russ Leigh & Associates or any music student. Drawings for calendar winners will begin Feb. 1.

Girls Softball Association to meet

Hoopeston Girls Softball will hold its first meeting of the year at 4 p.m. Jan. 20 at Hoopeston Public Library lower conference room. The group will elect officers.

Anyone interested in being part of the softball association is encouraged to attend.

Meetings

- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall
- Hoopeston Area School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library

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Social Security Administration implements Quick Disability Determination process

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced that the Social Security Administration will implement its new quick disability determination (QDD) process in Illinois's disability determination services effective January 7, 2008. Under QDD, a predictive model analyzes specific elements of data within the electronic claims file to identify claims where there is a high potential that the claimant is disabled and where evidence of the person's allegations can be quickly and easily obtained.

"The quick disability determination process has been very successful and efficient. I am happy to say it will now help people filing for disability benefits in Illinois," Commissioner Astrue said. "This is a very important step we are taking at Social Security to improve our disability programs."

The Social Security Administration currently receives more than 94,000 new disability cases each year in Illinois. In New England, where the QDD process was tested, about three percent of all new cases were identified as QDD cases. These cases were processed in an average of 11 days. Since the model does not yet incorporate as many diseases as it can, Commissioner Astrue has committed to expanding the number of cases that can be identified as a QDD case while maintaining the same level of accuracy.

"The length of time many people wait for a disability decision is unacceptable," Commissioner Astrue said. "I am committed to a process that is as fair and



New Books at the Library



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Beauty and the Beaks: a Turkey's Cautionary Tale by Mary Jane Auch

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Count with Dora! by Phoebe Beinstein

Thank you, God! by Kathleen Long Bostrom

Arthur's Neighborhood by Marc Brown

Goodnight Moon 123: a Counting Book by Margaret Wise Brown

Emma's Turtle by Eve Bunting

Nancy Drew by Daniela Burr (based on the screenplay)

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eywell School, High School, Middle School, City Hall and Grant Township.

This Martin Luther King Day of Service in Hoopeston is an opportunity for Hoopeston residents of all backgrounds to come together to better the community through an act of kindness. Lou Graham, director of the Hoopeston Public Library had the opportunity to hear Martin Luther King Jr. speak and described him by saying, "he encouraged Americans of all racial, economic, and social backgrounds to be the best they can be no matter what occupation they choose."

We hope that you will join Minick and the Hoopeston Mayor's Youth Council to collect food for the Grant Township Food Cupboard. By doing so, you will help strengthen the City of Hoopeston; bridge social and cultural differences, and demonstrate the compassion and commitment to make a difference and honor Dr. King's

memory. Please join the City of Hoopeston, along with tens of millions of other community volunteers throughout the United States that serve their communities in King's honor. We hope that this Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service will act as a reminder to perform random acts of kindness in the community and "be the best you can be" throughout the year!

For more information, contact Minick at (217) 283-7873 or email at hoopestondevelopment@yahoo.com.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 27. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 18. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of snow late. High 38, low 21.

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speedy as possible. While there is no single magic bullet, with better systems, better business processes and better ways of fast-tracking targeted cases, we can greatly improve the service we provide to the citizens of Illinois."

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