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## Revamped civic center kitchen plans to be focus of meeting

New plans for the Hoopeston Civic Center kitchen can get a once-over from residents at a parks committee meeting next week.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderman Carl Ankenbrand announced that architect Chuck Reifsteck has new drawings based on an earlier meeting with residents.

The new design moves back restrooms around and makes the back area more handicapped-accessible, Ankenbrand said.

Plans will be discussed at a meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the civic center.

In unrelated business, the council heard from Alderman Bill Goodwine about two changes to the Intergov-

ernmental Benefits Co-op, a group which provides insurance coverage to participating government groups.

Questions arose about how long participants must be members and about claims filed after a member drops out, Goodwine said.

IBC is changing its bylaws to state that members must agree to stay in the group for two years; membership renewal will also be for a two-year period. As for claims, the bylaws will state that claims will be paid for 91 days after a participating group leaves. The council approved both changes 8-0.

The council also unanimously passed a resolution approving the transfer and sale of stock by Avenue Broadband, the company that purchased Charter Cable.

## Second annual Model Train Show coming to Civic Center

Hoopeston Civic Center will be transformed into a rail yard this weekend, all for the sake of children.

The East Central Illinois Model Railroaders and Hoopeston Jaycees are joining forces for the second annual Model Train Show. The event will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at the civic center in McFerrer Park.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than last year, said Lenard Compton who, with Chad Thomas, organizes the event.

Three trains are expected to be running on the stage area. A "G" scale layout of Thomas the Train, supplied by D&N Hobby of Effingham, will also be on display, as will



**Devan Thomas, son of Chad and Robin Thomas gets an up-close look at a G-scale train during last year's model train show sponsored by the East Central Illinois Model Railroaders group.**

ECI Model Railroad's layout of HO and N gauge trains, Compton said.

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# Area bowlers sought to take part in ‘Bowl for Kids’ Sake’ to benefit Vermilion County Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters largest fundraiser of the year, Bowl for Kids’ Sake, will take place Saturday, March 15, 2008. Our goal this year is \$72,000 but, the needs of our children are much more. Funds raised before and after this event help Big Brothers Big Sisters provide one-to-one mentoring services to hundreds of children each year. But, still there are many more children in need of a mentor. One-to-one mentoring costs \$1,000 per child. So you can see how the help and dedication of community members

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is necessary to make a big impact in the life of a child. Bowl For Kids’ Sake is an easy and fun way to help provide children with that one special person who will provide encouragement, support and motivation. While March 15 is the day we celebrate all the wonderful work people have done to support us, Bowl For Kids’ Sake starts long before that. In January we begin forming bowling teams. Teams can be co-workers, friends, church groups, civic organizations or any other group of 5. The captain calls Big Brothers Big Sisters at (217) 446-6601 and gets a packet. The team members get pledge sheets and ask their friends and family to support them, rather, support kids in our community. Our goal is each team member raise at least \$150. And it’s not hard to do. Just ask 10 friends for \$15 and you have made the goal. But, many team members raise much more. Then on March 15 all those teams come together for a

## Train continued from other side

While geared to the young, the train show will also offer things to hold adults’ interest. Dealers from a wide area are expected to be on hand, selling and trading their wares. Model train enthusiasts from southern Illinois, St. Louis and St. Joe have signed on to attend, among others. Door prizes will be offered compliments of Walter’s Trains of Wisconsin and Shirley Harper, owner of Henning’s Root Beer, has donated certificates for food products, Compton said. This year, a lucky youngster will be the winner of a Thomas the Train layout which was purchased by the Hoopeston Jaycees and will be awarded as a door prize for children. Admission to the show is \$1 per person over age 12. Those 12 and younger will be admitted free. Proceeds from the event are donated to children’s projects in Hoopeston. “Every dime of it goes to our community for the children,” Compton said, including the Jaycees children’s Christmas projects. The model railroad group would also like to donate to McFerren Park, to provide safety seats for kids. “It’s going to be a real good show,” he said. “We hope to have a big turnout.”

huge celebration. This year our theme is Hawaiian luau. Yes, our teams will have Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts, flower leis, and anything else you can think of at a Hawaiian luau. This only makes the day more fun than ever before.  
New this year is on line pledging. Team members and anyone else who wants to take part, can go to [firstgiving.com](http://firstgiving.com) and develop their own webpage. They can use pictures of their own family, their team or a cartoon and write their own brief summary. Friends can contribute right on line using their credit card or just pledge an amount and then send that in.  
On March 15 the teams come and join in the fun at Lincoln Lanes. There are prizes to win, silent auctions for each shift and 50/50 raffles. There are also trophies for the top scoring male and female and the lowest scoring male and female. There are turkey trophies for those

Police News

A 61-year-old man reported at 6:19 p.m. Tuesday that someone entered a residence in the 500 block of North Tenth Ave.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:35 p.m. Tuesday to 36 Parkview Court for a gas leak at the meter outside of the apartment. No injuries were reported. Ameren was notified of the leak.

Obituaries

GOSSETT - Harold Gossett, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 12:23 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Chance of snow today and tonight. High 22, low 17. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 27, low 19.  
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

who bowl three strikes in a row. There is the Kristina McVey Traveling trophy. For this award all five team members must work at the same company, agency or organization, then raise the most money. When this happens they are awarded the Kristina McVey Traveling trophy and can display it proudly for the following year.  
We appreciate the positive way Vermilion County supports kids by helping us provide them with a one to one mentor. Mentoring done the Big Brothers Big Sisters way provides many enviable results including developing a positive attitude, setting goals and learning how to relate well with others.  
There are still times available to bowl. Just call (217) 446-6601 and ask for a captains packet.

Briefly

Youth baseball signups coming  
Sign ups for registration for T-ball, Instructional, Minor, Major, and Pony League will be Saturday, March 8, 9am-Noon at City Hall and Sunday, March 9, Noon-3pm at City Hall and Saturday and Sunday March 15 & 16, at the WHPO Business Expo.  
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