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Hoopeston native McElhanev named as Ward I alderman

A Hoopeston native has been selected as the new Ward I alderman.

Bill McElhaney was unanimously approved at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting to replace Chuck Davis, who resigned recently.

McElhaney, 51, is employed by Caterpillar in Lafayette, after having worked at Rantoul Products for 17 years. "I hate to leave the community to make money, but I'm glad to bring it back and spend it here," he said.

The new alderman said he hopes to contribute to a team atmosphere in the city, seeking first to understand, then to be understood.

Approached to take the council seat, McElhanev said he was eager to get involved and urges others to do the same. "I didn't want to be part of the problem," he said, "I want to be part of the solution."

McElhaney and his wife, JoAnne, have two children, Bill Jr., of West Lafayette, and Toby, of Hoop-

In other action, the council named Dana Goodrum

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as the city's new economic developer.

Also a Hoopeston native, Goodrum is the daughter of Joe and Denise Goodrum. She is currently employed at the University of Illinois, Springfield. She has a master's degree in public administration and a certificate in nonprofit management.

Alderman Bill Goodwine said Goodrum will move back to Hoopeston for the position. She is expected to begin her new duties November 1.

Goodwine said that the council and economic development committee hope to continue the success they found with previous economic developer Shannon Ruh.

"She had a lot of ideas," he said. "The people she worked with (the council and steering committee) were long on experience and short on ideas."

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that Green Meadows Girl Scout Council has officially turned over responsibility of the Girl Scout House in McFerren Park to the city, effective Sept. 15.
- Ankenbrand asked that other groups that want to use the building contact the city to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- Approved giving \$30,000 in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds to the Hoopeston Area school district to offset the cost of middle school roof repair
- Approved paying Gary Dickison \$5,000, half the cost of painting the façade of the McFerren Building, under the Façade Improvement Program.

The Façade Program, part of Hoopeston's Main Street Program, assists building owners who are in-

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Letters to the Editor

Palin under unfair scrutiny

While Governor Palin gave a fantastically inspiring speech at the Republican Convention that gave a huge shot in the arm to Senator McCain's campaign, it remains to be seen if it can maintain and increase the momentum through Nov. 4.

All kinds of media and lawyers have already landed in Anchorage to look through files and interview people to find anything remotely questionable in her background.

Some facts, stretched truths and outright lies have already been aired. The "Troopergate" investigation has already been speeded up. One fact settled is that Palin as mayor never asked for any books banned.

While it is only right to question any candidate's resume, what is this media frenzy really about? Could a lot of this vilification from the liberal media stem from the fact that she is a Conservative Christian who is willing to challenge the "status quo"?

What kind of woman is this? Horrors! She is not only pro-life but had the audacity to give birth to a Downs Syndrome child! She also hunts moose, has 5 children and wears lipstick, too. And who can multitask better than a woman, a wife, and a mom?

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terested in improving their building facades. The city has allocated \$20,000 of TIF funds in 2008 toward the program, which covers buildings in the downtown area. Building owners may be reimbursed 50 percent of improvements costs, up to \$5,000.

Information on the program is available on the city's web page at www.hoopeston-il.gov, under the Main Street tab.

- Approved a bid of \$8,550 from Maul Excavating to tear down a house at 602 E. Main, including a concrete pad for the garage. The bid includes labor and disposal fees.
- Heard from Jean Minick that Hoopeston Historical Society has agreed to purchase materials for tuck-pointing part of the Floral Hill Cemetery chapel. Silver Brothers of Hoopeston will donate the labor. "The have a vested interest it in," she said. "Their great-grandfather was the builder of it."

Let us not forget who has been subsidizing Senator Obama's campaign early on. The (in)famous bazillionaire George Soris, who hosted a huge soirée in New York in 2004 for the senator. He is also the man behind MoveOn. And ACORN, which Obama did community work way back when, is currently under investigation for in several states for fraud and other charges. Of course, don't forget that the infamous Chicago machine is running full blast behind him.

True, a not-for-profit corporation, Senator McCain set up accepted a few thousand from Mr. Soris.

Too many elitists think we common folk are too dumb to select our leaders. Let us prove them wrong. Check your facts as much as possible; then prayerfully decide what is best for you and your country. Are not we truly still independent Americans?

Alice Fink Hoopeston

Court Dispositions



August 21

Janet L. Lindsey, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial Nov. 20.

Anthony J. Uppinghouse, Hoopeston, failed to appear, found guilty by default; sentencing Oct. 2.

Susan Zamora, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180; status hearing Sept. 18.

Glenn R. Hackney, Hoopeston, failed to appear, found guilty by default, sentencing Oct. 2.

Lisa M. Zamora, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to three counts of restraint of dogs by owner or keeper; trial Dec. 4.

Darla C. Crawford, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to battery; trial Nov. 20.

Weather



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