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## Council approves annexations needed for planned motel

Annexing two parcels of land to the city, the last big hurdle to allow a motel to be built, was approved by the Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night.

The council unanimously approved annexing 5.81 acres owned by Don McFarland and 4.53 acres owned by Lou Alwardt, then approved a groundwater ordinance covering the properties.

The ordinance prohibits well-drilling on the properties, which is near the site of an old landfill, said Alderman Bill Goodwine.

With the property annexed and the ordinance in place, the city expects to receive a conditional "No Further

Remediation" (NFR) letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said economic developer Dana Goodrum.

The letter will assure developers that the property is safe for construction of the motel planned for the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9.

The last thing that must be done before receiving the final NFR letter is for an engineered barrier to be placed on part of the land that will be used by the motel. Goodrum said. Still to be determined, based on the layout of the motel, is whether the barrier will be part of the park-

See COUNCIL on other side

## Services, benefit set for boy who died from bicycle accident

Funeral services have been set for a youngster who died following a bicycle/car accident on September 26.

Colby Allen Haskins, 12, died at 11:17 p.m. Sunday at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. The boy's death was caused by medical complications from the accident, according to a report from the Champaign County coroner's office.

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**Court Dispositions**

**Sept. 18**  
**Santos Zamarripa III**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.  
**Susan Zamora**, Hoopeston, new status hearing Nov. 20.  
**Bradley R. Milburn**, Hoopeston, fined \$130 in sentencing; status hearing Dec. 18.

**Boy continued from other side**

Funeral service for Colby will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.  
Memorials are suggested to the family, in care of the funeral home, 427 E. Main St.  
Colby is survived by his parents, Kristie J Mueller and Matthew G. Terrell Sr., of Hoopeston; two sisters and three brothers; grandparents and great grandparents.  
He enjoyed fishing, hunting and sports, especially playing baseball and watching football.  
A benefit to help pay medical and funeral expenses

**Council continued from other side**

ing lot or not.  
Once the barrier is in place, the city will receive the NFR letter, she added.  
The agenda for Tuesday's meeting included an item to waive bids for the barrier, but Goodwine said he preferred to go through the bidding process, even a short one.  
Goodrum worried that motel construction would be delayed but Goodwine said ground-breaking for the motel would not be done until spring.  
Developer Shailesh Patel of Monticello plans to build the motel south of the Community Bank drive-up facility on the southwest corner of Rtes. 1 and 9.  
In unrelated action, the council:  
• Approved using Silver Brothers Construction to clean out the retention area south of Rt. 9, behind Casey's, which has overgrown brush.  
• Approved an \$11,300 supplemental Motor Fuel Tax resolution to pay for street repair projects.  
• Heard from Goodrum that the Mayor's Youth Council

**Deutsche Bank**, Houston, Tex., failed to appear at sentencing, fined \$180; status hearing Nov. 20.

**Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday to a car on fire in the 800 block of East Elm. No injuries were reported.

will be held from 2 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday at Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market. The event will feature food, a 50/50 drawing, auction and music. Proceeds will be donated to the family. Donations may be left at Second Chance after 11 a.m. Saturday.  
A student at John Greer Elementary School, Colby had been hospitalized since the accident. According to police reports, Colby rode his bicycle into the intersection of Seminary and Seventh St., made a U-turn and was hit by a northbound car.  
Police said Colby failed to yield. The driver of the car was not ticketed.

is recruiting new members at Hoopeston Area High School.  
Also, the youth council will take part in Rural Youth Empowerment Day on Oct. 30. WILL-TV will do a follow-up to last year's "Country Boys" show and will interview youth council members, along with Goodrum, former economic developer Shannon Ruh and Mayor Bill DeWitt.  
• Heard from VISTA volunteer Jean Minick that tuck-pointing has been completed at the Floral Hill chapel and that Hoopeston Historical Society members and Danny Silver of Silver Brothers, has done sandpapering inside the chapel.

**Weather**

Partly sunny today. High 59. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 46. Tomorrow, showers likely. High 53, low 43.  
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

**Police News**

**Joshua J. Edwards**, 30, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 5:27 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for criminal damage to property, he was released on \$300 cash bond with a new court date.  
**Richard C. Strawser**, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 6:59 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. He was charged with criminal trespass to vehicle on a complaint from a 20-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Strawser took audio equipment from his car.  
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