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Developer changes, final cost projection upped for housing

A new face is on board Hoopeston's affordable workforce housing development.

Steve Horve of Forsyth-based Horve Builders, will take over as developer from Mike Niehaus of Windsor Development.

Niehaus said Illinois Housing Development Authority officials told him he cannot take on the Hoopeston project along with others he is already overseeing. "They said 'don't come back to the well until your bucket's empty," Niehaus said.

Horve's company was the developer for Bowman Estates in Danville, and has partnered with Paul Tatman of Champaign for independent living complexes there and in Urbana. Closer to home, Horve Builders worked on the Hickman Aquatic Center in Cissna Park.

The development's price tag has also been revamped upwards to nearly \$5.1 million from the original cost of \$3.5 million. Adding cement sidewalks to the project increased the Kay Gregg, left, Steve Horve and Mike Niehaus (seated) discuss cost, said Kay Gregg, Illinois Association of



changes to Hoopeston's affordable workforce housing develop-See HOUSING on other side ment at Monday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

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Sharon Johnson Grant Township Town Clerk Workforce Development. Seminar Microsoft Word & Excel

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Man killed, unidentified officers on leave after shooting

A Texas man was shot by police officers after a pursuit through Champaign and Vermilion counties Monday night.

23-year-old Ocuwatofunmi O. Kaiyewu, of Missouri City, Tex., was pronounced dead near the 206 mile marker of Interstate 74 at 12:10 this morning, according to a release from Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson.

According to a press release from the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, the incident began at about 10:25 p.m. Monday when a Villa Grove officer stopped a suspicious vehicle and was assaulted. The officer then reported pursuing a silver Toyota on Rt. 130, going northbound into Champaign County. Douglas County Sheriff's Department was also involved in the pursuit.

Champaign County deputies joined the chase, which

Housing continued from other side

Community Action Agencies vice president of housing development.

State officials are expected to make a decision on the project in July.

In other business, the council heard from Stanley Gossett of the 300 block of West Penn, complaining about a male pit bull in his neighborhood which has come after him and his small dog. Gossett, who brought a pig shocker to the meeting and said he would use it on the pit bull if he had to, said "I'm leaving it up to you people to do something before there's a real problem."

The council also:

Approved a \$5,520 bid from Sara Johnson for perpetual care urns at Floral Hill. Dawn Lawson also submitted a bit, for \$5,576, said Alderman Bill McElhaney, cemetery committee chairman.

Heard from Economic Developer Dana Goodrum that the city is on track to receive a no further remediation letter from the Illinois EPA for the site of a planned motel at Rtes. 1 and 9. Quarterly reports were submitted and approved, she said.

Took no action on an ordinance allowing people to use golf carts as vehicles on city streets due to the absence of Alderman Ed Lotz.

ran up Rt. 130 to Rt. 150, to University Avenue, continuing eastbound for 20 miles from the University Avenue exit, to the area of Oakwood.

In the Oakwood area, the vehicle was disabled with the use of stop sticks. At about 10:56 p.m., police allege Mr. Kaiyewuleft his vehicle with a knife and machete. Tasers were deployed and fired but were ineffective, according to the release.

Mr. Kaiyewu fled on foot but allegedly turned on officers and aggressively approached them, swinging the machete. Multiple officers fired shots in self defense, killing him.

Officers present at the shooting included Champaign County, Vermilion County, University of Illinois and Villa Grove.

According to the release, these are preliminary findings; the Illinois State Police has been contacted to investigate the incident at the request of the other police agencies.

Officers involved in the shooting will be placed on administrative leave following normal procedure.

Obituaries

CATRON - Ida V. Catron, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 11:23 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

SMYTHE - Mae (Rushing) Smythe, 94, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 2009 at her son's home in Danville. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Scattered sprinkles today. High 55. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of showers late. High 56, low 40.

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

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called for two reports of possible carbon monoxide. The first call, at 3:04 p.m. was from a homeowner in the 800 block of South Third St., who reported feeling ill. Firemen detected a high level of carbon monoxide.

The second call was at 5:36 a.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of East Seminary. No carbon monoxide was detected.

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