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# Residents, officials pool ideas to help solve swimming issue

Three women who take advantage of Hoopeston Swimming Pool's nightly adult swim were unhappy when they heard the pool would close August 11.

They're happier now that the pool won't close until August 16, but they attended Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting to seek an even later closing date.

Jane Archer, Darlene Medler and Jill Mitchell addressed the council, asking that the pool remain open until Labor Day and offered suggestions that they believe will make the pool more popular with the public.

Medler, who swims laps at the pool, cited the hot summer and suggested the pool be open from after school until 7 p.m. "I hate to see in close in the middle of August when we have a hot couple weeks ahead of us," she said. Another alternative she suggested was to open the pool only for the adult swim from 5-6 p.m. "There's a

See POOL on other side



# A little help from some friends

Harry Brockus, right, Hoopeston Regional Health Center CEO, accepts a \$1,500 check from Tim George and Elaine Tyler of MainSource Bank in Hoopeston. The donation will be used to pay for low-income and senior care.

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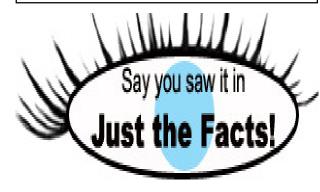


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A 40- year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday that someone took a diamond ring from her home in the 600 block of East Seminary. Joseph Deaton, 27, of Milford, was ticketed for driv-

ing on suspension after the front passenger wheel came off his 1996 Pontiac.

### **Pool** continued from other side

#### core group of us out there everyday."

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said that, unlike other years, this year's pool staff is comprised of an unusually large number of college students who are returning to school. Archer, who said she has been swimming in the pool for 55 years on and off, complimented the facility, saying the pool is good for swimming laps and the baby pool provides a place for the youngest residents to cool off, but suggested it needs to be cleaner. "It's a shame they don't keep it up better," she said, suggesting employees see that the locker rooms are cleaned up and that an adult is put in charge next year.

She also talked about the pool opening on July 4 because of the heat and said many people used the pool. "It was wonderful but people were jumping in in their clothes," she said.

Mitchell, who now lives in Boswell, called the shower area "filthy" and said young employees need more supervision and that pool patrons need to obey the rules, such as showering. "When I grew up, there were rules and if you didn't follow the rules, you got out," she said.

Medler noted a lack of privacy, saying that recently, the women were showering after a swim when an elderly man walked through the women's showers on his way to a softball gathering. "He got a show of three women taking a shower," she said.

Regarding hiring an adult manager, Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman, said "it's kind of hard to hire someone if they don't apply.

Parks superintendent Eugene Warner said he has three lifeguards who will be in Hoopeston and he will check if one would like to work so the women may swim.

Warner suggested a closing date be set before the pool opens next year so the manager and lifeguards know what is expected of them and suggested that the manager be responsible for taking admission fees and keep-

### **Police News**

**Debra King-Schowalter**, 44, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday at Shopko, 1020 W. Chestnut. She was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 53-year-old Hoopeston woman and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

ing an eye on who goes where in the facility.

Resident Curt Ellis suggested the city consider offer swim and life guard classes at the pool, thereby creating its own future employees. Currently young people interested in being lifeguards must go to Danville for certification.

In other business, the council:

Heard from Ankenbrand, who called a parks committee meeting for 5 p.m. Thursday at the pool. He asked finance committee members to also attend.

Approved a \$5,000 payment to Allen Accounting for work done to its building. Funds game from the city's façade program

Heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton that the new fire truck was delivered and firemen are training on it.

Took no action on a request from Illinois EPA to rescind the city's well setback ordinance. Crusinberry said it appears factions within the EPA are not getting along and action will not be taken until the city gets a unified opinion from the agency.

Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz, police committee chairman, that Officer Brandon Linares has finished police training and is now working. Lotz also said 22 public nuisance tows have been made since the council passed the tow ordinance in June. "It's good that we passed that," he said, calling the law "very lucrative for the city."

Heard from Alderman Randy Carter that street repairs are underway. New roads are being installed at Floral Hill Cemetery, which may cause inconvenience there.

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### Weather

Chance of storms today, tonight. High 85, low 62. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 75, low 54.

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

**Bradly Calloway**, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Seminary. Based on a complaint from a 25-year-old Hoopeston man, Calloway was charged with possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful possession/use of weapon by felon, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, aggravated assault and theft.

At 9:45 p.m., based on a complaint from a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman, he was charged with domestic batter, two counts of aggravated assault, possession of a stolen firearm, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful possession/use of a weapon by a felon and resisting arrest. Calloway was taken to the Public Safety Building in

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