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City to look at soliciting ordinance change after complaint

City officials will review ordinances pertaining to soliciting after a complaint at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Cheryl Edwards told officials that a solicitor selling children's books recently made two appearances at her home, one at 8:30 p.m. and the second at about 8 a.m. When asked for a business card, the man asked why she wanted one and also grilled her about neighbors who might have children. The man did not show identification, she added.

Attorney Scott Perkins said a pair of solicitors has been traveling throughout Vermilion and Champaign counties, trying to sell a line of children's educational products during the summer.

Edwards asked the council to look at setting hours people may solicit, as well as requiring proper identification.

In unrelated business, Alderman Bill Goodwine reported that the finance committee is looking to change medical insurance carriers if one can be found that provides about the same current coverage at a lower price.

Officials are working with Gallagher Benefit Services Inc., headquartered in Itasca, to find an affordable solution that will also meet changes mandated as aspects of the federal Affordable Care Act kick in.

Currently, the city pays upwards of \$500,000 for employee coverage, Goodwine said.

Members of the finance committee plan to have an impact meeting with members of each department within the next week. If a new plan is selected, a signup meeting will be held at a later date.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Tabled action on a request by Alderman Carl Ankenbrand for a new swimming pool liner. Ankenbrand said he had questions to ask of Spear Corp. before bringing the matter to a vote.

- Also heard from Ankenbrand that the city consider adding an ordinance about bounce houses on city property. Some communities ban the attractions, while others require owners to have insurance covering them on city property.

- Heard from Alderwoman Sue Comstock that the city's plan commission recommended a conditional use for Natosha Menschel to operate a beauty shop in her home. The commission also recommended a change in the conditional use for Anderson Funeral Home to allow the drive-through area for people to be let out of vehicles under an awning.

Decisions on both are expected at the September 18 meeting.

- Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that a sewer line has been connected to Dave and Deanna Lohnes' home. The family has been billed for sewer service for years but found they had a septic tank and were not connected. See **ORDINANCE** on other side

Cooperative high school to be topic of joint meeting of boards

Hoopeston Area School Board, along with Ross-ville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning, will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday with the Paris board in an informational meeting about the cooperative high school concept.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Olivet Church of the Nazarene, 5078 Olivet Road, Georgetown.

Paris has a cooperative high school and will present the pros and cons of the concept.

The meeting is open to the public. Comments and questions will be taken after the cooperative high school information is provided.

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Briefly

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Please show your support for the Cornjerkers' JV football team, marching band, cheerleaders and yearbook staff.
Yearbook staff will sell hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, Gatorade, water and Pepsi products.

WMD winners
August winners in the Women Making a Difference 50/50 drawing are: \$25 Terry Paterson, Susie Eells; \$15 Megon Swartz Foley, Gail Lane; \$10 Don Dixon, Louise Hamilton

TEA Party announces speaker
Valinda Rowe will speak at the Illiana Tea Party meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at the Catlin American Legion Hall in Catlin.
Rowe has helped organize and speak at the annual IGOLD (Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day) rally in

Springfield.
Be sure to come hear the latest on our Second Amendment rights in Illinois.


Revival set
Hoopeston First Baptist Church will hold revival services September 9-14, at 7 p.m. nightly and 6 p.m. Sunday. A hog roast will be held Sunday.
Also, Kings Kids will begin meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the gymnasium. The group is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Democrat headquarters open
The Vermilion County Democratic Party's campaign headquarters, located at 21 N. Vermilion, Danville, is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday to November 6. Stop by for yard signs, political buttons, bumper stickers and information about early voting, which begins September 27.
Call (217) 274-9393 or (217) 446-9077 for more information.

Obituaries

DAVIS—Joint graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery for Joann (Farney) Davis, 87, and Leroy Gene "Bud" Davis, 88, of New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston. Mrs. Davis died October 30, 2010. Mr. Davis died November 23, 2011.

Ordinance continued from the other side
nected to the system.
• Heard a request from Max Page that the police department reinstate funeral escorts to Floral Hill Cemetery.
• Heard from DJ McCalla about flooding on McCracken in the area of Schumacher Electric.
• Heard from Jeff Keith about possibly videoing meetings to air on a local cable channel.

Weather 
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