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Facebook group puts legs on Hoopeston skate park hopes

A three-person panel and a Facebook page are serious about getting a skate park in Hoopeston.

Kellie Ferrell, Jenn Garrett and P.J. Clingenpeel are working to make the dream a reality. They started the Help Bring a Skate Park to Hoopeston page on Facebook, which had 268 likes as of Monday.

"I was actually one of the kids that tired to raise money the first time," Ferrell told the Hoopeston City Council at its May 7 meeting.

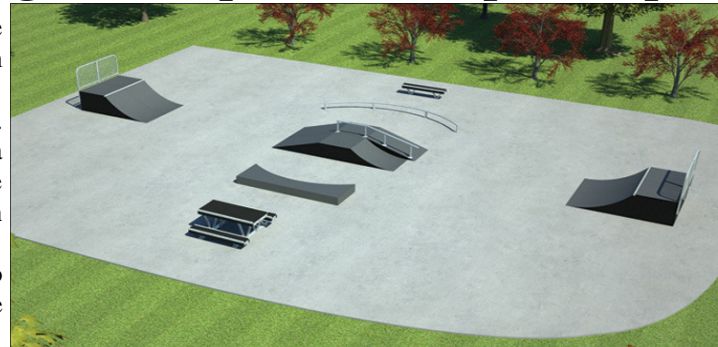
Back in about 2005, youngsters raised roughly \$4,000 for a skate park. That money is still in an account but those who raised it moved on to other things in life, Alderman Carl Ankenbrand had said previously.

Ferrell said the group would like the skate park to be at Northside (Cheese) Park. She presented the council with information packets containing possible designs, ranging in price from \$25,000 to \$100,000, the latter designed specifically for Cheese Park.

Also included was information on state statutes on civil immunity on public property, for those worried about the city's liability for a skate park; and a poll of more than 230 people on whether they favor remodeling Cheese Park to include a skate park.

The majority favor the idea for reasons ranging from giving youngsters something to do to getting skateboarders off city streets, making a safer situation for them and motorists.

Those who don't like the idea cited Cheese Park being too small; concern about disturbances, noise and language; and complaints that youngsters already destroy the park.



Above, skateboard designs for Cheese Park. The top photo shows a standard \$25,000 design from American Ramp Company. The bottom photo shows a \$100,000 design created specifically for Cheese Park.

While the group would like the \$4,000 already donated, after the meeting, Ferrell said the group expects no money from the city and plans to raise funds through various activities and applying for grants from the Tony

See SKATE on other side

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Briefly

Plant those pots

Hoopeston officials are looking for volunteers to help plant downtown flower pots. Volunteers are asked to bring small gardening tools and meet at the American Legion at 5:30 p.m. The project is expected to take about an hour.

Support group meeting

The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16 in the community room at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

Volunteers sought for placing flags

In preparation of Memorial Day, Hoopeston American Legion will place flags on the graves of fallen soldiers at Floral Hill Cemetery on Tuesday May 21 at 9 a.m.. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Soccer camp

Hoopeston Area High School Youth Soccer Camp will be held Monday, June 17 - Wednesday June 19. Grades

PreK-4 will be from 8:30-10 a.m. and Grades 5 -8 will be from 10:15-11:45. The cost of the camp is \$25 and if registration is received by June 5, the camper will receive a free camp shirt. For information and registration forms, please go to www.cornjerkersoccer.com and click on Youth Camp or call Coach Klaber at 283-6664.

Shooting camp

Hoopeston Area High School will host a University of Illinois Shooting Camp June 1. Open to students in grades 6-12, each camper will get two sessions of direct instruction from Head Coach Ben Wierzbza and staff, from 10 a.m. -noon and then 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$35 per camper. Forms are available in the high school and middle school offices.

Correction

The time of visitation for Frank Fink was incorrect in Monday's issue. Visitation starts at 11 a.m. Just the Facts regrets the error.

Lady Cornjerker basketball camp

Basketball camp for young Lady Cornjerkers will be held May 28-31 at John Greer Grade School.

Girls who will be in grades 1-5 in the fall will have camp from 8-9:30 a.m. at a cost of \$25. Girls in grades 6-8 will have camp from 10 a.m. to noon, for \$30.

For more information, call Coach Mathewson, 283-6661 or email mathewcm@hoopeston.k12.il.us. Entry deadline is May 23.



Court Dispositions



April 11, 2013

Shirley Bogard, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial May 2.

Christopher East, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing June 6.

Bradley Thompson, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial June 6.

Connie VanVickle, Hoopeston, new initial appearance May 2.

Skate continued from other side

Hawk and Rob Dyrdek foundations, among others.

Hoopeston Jaycees are on board with the project and will help with fundraising, Ferrell said.

Ankenbrand said that Parks Superintendent Eugene Warner suggested that part of the McFerren Park annex could be used for a skate park and praised Ferrell's presentation. "I'm really impressed with all the information you have for us tonight," he said.

Ferrell asked that if the city does not approve Cheese Park for a skate park that they consider upgrading playground equipment there.

The plan for Cheese Park also includes new bathrooms, new playground equipment and a walking path around the park "so people will want to go there," Ferrell said.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, clear. Low 64. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 84, low 61.

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

City services

● Hoopeston hydrant flushing will be done Fridays, weather permitting.

● Alley cleanup is underway. This is for yard waste only - no concrete, bricks, lumber, plastic or landscape materials. Piles containing any of these will not be picked up. Yard waste should be placed in the alley, if possible.

● Don't blow grass into the street. It causes sewer clogs and may result in a citation for residents.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:28 p.m. for the smell of gas in the 800 block of Orange. Ameren employees responded. No injuries were reported.

Classifieds

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Jerry Anderson thanks everyone for all the cards, letters, visits, thoughts and prayers during the loss of our beloved Wife and Mother. All of your love and kindness honors her in a beautiful way.

Thanks,
Andy Anderson
Jeanne Cross & Family
George Cuzzort & Family
Marcia Tisdell & Family
Norma Lipka & Family
Carol Hodge & Family

The Hoopeston Area HS & MS would like to thank all of the parents that brought in food for Teacher Appreciation Week. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all of the staff!!!

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