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## Council approves \$10,000 for economic development help

A request from Hoopeston's Economic Development Committee for the city to fund a study to determine how to move forward on economic development was green lighted by Hoopeston City Council Tuesday.

The council unanimously approved paying not more than \$10,000 to Champaign County Regional Planning Commission for a proposal presented last month.

At the December 17, 2013, meeting, Susan Chavarria, CCRPC regional planning manager, talked about the

proposal to Hoopeston determine an economic development plan based on the city's strengths.

Various segments of Hoopeston, representing realty, financial institutions, retail, education and others, will be included in developing easy, short-term goals, which Chavarria called "low hanging fruit," along with longer-term, more difficult goals, for the city.

ED committee members volunteered to take act on  
**See DEVELOPMENT on other side**

## Scharlach fills mom's heels in Miss Hoopeston tradition

On January 4, Terra Scharlach, 18, led a field of 10 girls to be named the 2014 Miss Hoopeston.

The Indiana State University student became the second generation in her family to fill that roll. Her mother, Denise Trimmell Scharlach, was named Miss Hoopeston in 1991.



Terra Scharlach, left, Miss Hoopeston 2014 and right, Jacy Samet, Miss Hoopeston 2013.

Becoming Miss Hoopeston has been Terra's life-long dream, her mother said, adding she is looking forward to sharing the experience with her daughter. "We are so proud of her," Denise Scharlach said.

At a presentation Saturday, each of the 10 contestants spoke on something important to her. Scharlach spoke on the importance of music in her life, from listening to it, to playing and singing it throughout her school career.

Erika Samet was named first runner-up.

Other candidates were Gabrielle Carter, katelin Crabtree, Cayla Davis, Sarah Dixon, Aly Nicholls, Ashley Powell, Taylor Sullivan and Kaaryn Wyss.

*Come enjoy the music of the*  
**Allen Quartet**  
at 9 and 10:45 a.m. services at  
**First Church of God, Hoopeston**  
Sunday, January 12  
**Chicken Noodle Dinner**  
12-2 p.m.  
*Freewill donations for Melanie Featherstone's mission trip to Haiti in February.*

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★ **Police News** ★

**Both drivers involved** in an accident at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday were ticketed by police.

Police said Stacy R. Espinoza, 29, of Hoopeston, in a 2008 Saturn Vue, was pulling from the Casey's General Store parking lot on Route 1 at Penn when she slid on the ice into a northbound 1999 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by Vivian Gillespie, 78, also of Hoopeston.

Espinoza, who was treated at Carle Hoopeston Regional Hospital for injuries sustained in the accident, was ticketed for driving on a suspended license, failure to yield and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Gillespie was ticketed for expired registration.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday in the 500 block of North Sixth Ave.

Police said Charles F. Dunavan, of Hoopeston, backed a 1998 Chevrolet truck from a driveway into a

**Fire Calls**



Hoopeston Fire Department responded to several calls Sunday, including:

2 p.m., Maple School, 500 S. Fourth St., for an audible alarm. The scene was cleared and the alarm declared accidental

6:37 p.m., Hoopeston Foods, 215 W. Washington, for an alarm deemed accidental due to a power failure.

7 p.m., Frontier Communications building, for an alarm determined to be accidental due to power failure.

7:17 p.m., 600 block of East Lincoln for the smell of natural gas. No injuries were reported.

**Wellington Lions Club**

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, Jan. 11**  
**7-11 a.m.**

**Park Shelter, Wellington, IL**  
**Adults \$5 Children 6-12 \$1.50**

southbound 2003 Buick LeSabre, driven by Ernest J. Hurt, also of Hoopeston.

**Jermaine McQueen**, 29, of Hoopeston, was arrested by Vermilion County Sheriff's deputies at 11:10 a.m. Wednesday at the courthouse annex in Danville.

He was charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse on a complaint from a 15-year-old Hoopeston girl for an incident that happened on or about December 29, 2013.

McQueen was taken to the Public Safety Building to await arraignment.

**Three Hoopeston men** were arrested after police received a call at 10:05 p.m. Wednesday about intoxicated people creating a disturbance in the middle of the road in the 500 block of West Main.

Ryan J. Nosler, 18, Jonathan S. Martin, 18, each charged with purchase or acceptance of alcohol by a minor; and Zachary T. Garman, 21, of Hoopeston, charged with open alcohol container in public.

All were released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Development continued from other side**

suggestions springing from the plan, so that it doesn't languish like a similar plan did in 2007.

Funding will come from the city's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund and is contingent upon city attorney approval of the contract.

In other business, the council heard from Mike Streff, of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, regarding changes in construction documents with Leader Construction for work on the city's water storage tanks. The contingency fund estimate of \$12,064 was overestimated, while aeration treatment was underestimated at \$7,941. Hoopeston will receive a \$4,623 credit in the contract.

Aldermen approved the bid correction and are expected to approve a change order at the January 21 meeting.

**Weather**



Rain likely today, tonight. High 39, low 34. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 38, low 25. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 40, low 32.

**Friday Lunch Special**  
**Ham & Beans w/cornbread**  
*Lunch served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,*  
*Dinner served 5-8 p.m.*

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**Burger Night!**  
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