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Letters to the Editor

Mayor needs to make time for duties
 I appreciated Mayor Crusinberry's lengthy comments about the May 6 council meeting in The Chronicle. It is good that our little city government can be transparent and informative.
 I am not sure the citizens of this town can agree with his explanation of "being too busy" as a legitimate excuse for the delay in the city making a decision about the Downtown Motel.
 Before he was elected mayor, did he advertise in his campaign promises that he would do the business required by this city unless he was "too busy"? What other big decision that this city might require of him might he be "too busy" to make? Could it be that maybe he is entirely "too busy" to hold this city's top job?
 This city has for sometime been trying to survive despite the loss of many manufacturing jobs, and the last thing this city needs is the idea that it is not safe to shop in our downtown area. With the loss of these manufacturing jobs, this city counts on the people who run these small businesses in this town to keep this city going and provide employment for many citizens of this town.
 A few years ago, our city council tried to charge the local contractors a fee for doing business in this town. It

Obituaries

FELLER - Kathleen "Kay" (Plotner) Feller, 91, of Danville, formerly of Cissna Park, died Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at Colonial Manor, Danville. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Cissna Park School. Among Mrs. Feller's survivors is a son, Randy Feller a former Hoopeston coach.

makes me wonder what our council and the mayor have against small business.
 I would think our Chamber of Commerce would be appalled at his explanation as to why he has not come up with a plan yet. It is almost summer. School is almost out. What parent is going to allow their children to go downtown to shop until the streets are safe? Maybe the mayor does not think that kids spend any money downtown.
 Mayor Crusinberry and the council were able to come up with a plan to ask our citizens to okay a tax to cover the costs for demolition of old buildings. Did they ever consider that if the small businesses downtown could create more customers that might provide more tax money for the city? What ever happened to that "Shop Hoopeston First" slogan?
 Maybe this city needs to have more decisions decided

Police News

Claude A. Bridgman, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:31 a.m. Monday in the 500 block of North Sixth St. Wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await transport to IDOC.
Jamie E. Moore, 39, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:22 p.m. Monday at Seventh Ave. and McCracken. Charged with possession of cannabis, he was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today. High 80. Tonight, chance of storms. Low 62. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 80, low 62.

by a voting referendum, and less by individuals that are "too busy" to do the job that they were elected to do.
 I am sorry, Mayor, but your feeble excuse for your inaction just doesn't cut it!
 Tom Evans
 Hoopeston

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Memorial Day

Hoopeston honored its war dead—and all veterans—Monday during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Floral Hill Cemetery. Left, keynote speaker the Rev. Brian Manigold, chaplain at the Danville Veterans Affairs Medical Center, gives his address; above, the American Legion and VFW Color Guard fires the 21 gun salute; right, Teresa Samet leads the Pledge of Allegiance; bottom left, Hoopeston Area band performs for the crown, bottom right.

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