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Council hears need for TIF extension in wake of development

City officials hope representatives of taxing bodies will approve an extension to Hoopeston's tax increment financing (TIF) districts.

A meeting of those representatives is set for 9:30 a.m. January 31 at Hoopeston City Hall.

Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, announced the TIF meeting at a special city council meeting Tuesday.

Planned development in Hoopeston - including a new First Farmers Bank and Trust facility, restaurant and truck stop/truck wash all at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9, plus a hotel and restaurant on property between Hoopeston Marathon and Hoopeston Chrysler - will be aided by extending TIF, which rebates some eligible costs.

With TIF, the difference between the taxes of an undeveloped property (the base) and taxes when the property is developed is called the increment. TIF allows municipalities to enter agreements with developers, rebating a portion of eligible costs to the developer for a specified number of years. TIF's purpose is to spur economic growth in undeveloped areas.

For example, the former Baer property has generated no property taxes since Hoopeston took it over in 2005. With a bid accepted to sell the property to Hoopeston

Retirement Village Foundation, and the foundation's an agreement with First Farmers Bank and Trust, the land will be put back tax rolls and will generate an increment for Hoopeston's TIF fund.

Hotel agrees to franchise, other development revealed

A national hotel chain has agreed to sell a franchise to allow a hotel to be built in Hoopeston.

Cobblestone Hotels has agreed to sell a franchise to a group of private investors who are currently doing due diligence on the project, Harry Brockus said on Tuesday.

Brockus, CEO of Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center, is also a member of Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, which is working to increase economic growth in Hoopeston.

Cobblestone builds hotels in mostly smaller, rural communities. It opened one in Paxton last year and has others in Altamont and Newton.

Additionally, Brockus announced that the foundation has purchased the Dick Jones property, with plans for a truck stop/truck wash. Two companies have expressed interest in the project, Brockus said, but neither has committed yet.

Work on the truck stop could begin in fall this year while signs of a hotel won't be visible until 2019, he said.

The foundation has previously purchased former Baer land on Rt. 1 and is working with First Farmers Bank and Trust, which plans to consolidate its services into a new facility at that location.

Restaurants are being planned for all three locations.

Service Area, and Hoopeston City.

Once representatives of taxing bodies sign off on the agreement, it must be approved by the state legislature

See TIF on other side

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Hoopeston FFA Alumni Scholarship & Education Auction
Saturday, January 27
Hoopeston American Legion
Silent Auction 4-6 p.m.
Live Auction 6 p.m.
Food 4:30 p.m. til we run out. Free will offering.
Come bid, buy & spend to benefit the FFA & kids

Tune in 5 p.m. tonight
Hoopeston Happenings
Jarrod Rodgers
Director, Eastern Illinois Food Bank
On the Feb. 20 Food mobile at
McFerren Park Civic Center.
on WHPO!

Here's what's showing this weekend at the
LITTLE LORRAINE
THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE
Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 4:30 & 7 p.m.,
Sun. 2 & 4:30 p.m.
Minimum donation \$5/adults, \$2/children under 16
214 E. Main, Hoopeston

Briefly

The Gathering

The Gathering, a monthly get-together for Rossville area senior citizens, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome.

The Gathering is always held the fourth Thursday and is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Get crafty!

Bring your smiles and your project and share your knowledge and friendship at a new craft club. If you

Community Awards Banquet
Sunday, Jan. 28 3 p.m.
Lorraine Theatre
Keynote Speaker: Suzette Hesser
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Awards presented by Hoopeston Jaycees,
Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and
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don't have a project, bring your friendship and a desire to learn.

The club meets Thursdays, bi-weekly, from 5-7 p.m. in the Hoopeston United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 403 E. Main.

The next meeting will be January 25. Other upcoming dates are February 8, 22, March 8, 22 and April 5, 19. Bring a snack to share, if you can, and a beverage for yourself. Donations for use of the space are welcome but not necessary.

Hope to see you there!

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library are:

Cooking the Books, 6-7 p.m. Thursday. This month's theme is "Celebrating Pie Day." Choose a recipe from our special cookbook section at the main desk and a staff member will copy it for you. Make it and bring it to share on January 25.

TIF continued from other side

to take effect.

At a finance committee meeting last Thursday, Goodwine reviewed existing TIF redevelopment agreements, which include CVS, which receives \$27,000 per year and Autumn Fields, \$29,000.

The TIF fund also pays for TIF administration by Champaign lawyer Kenneth Beth; \$12,000 for a shared resource person, \$10,000 for the city façade program; \$10,000 for city administration of TIF and \$10,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

Additionally, Hoopeston earmarks about \$50,000 each year for large projects at Hoopeston Area schools. Almost from Hoopeston TIFs' inception, Goodwine has championed giving money to the schools because under TIF, they lose the most money of all the taxing bodies. Previously, money has been used to pay for roofing, access doors and other work. Currently, city funds are going to the all-weather track project at Hoopeston Area High School.

In other business, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said after the meeting that the applications for chief of police have been narrowed to about eight, with additional research being done on the resumes.

At the January 16 meeting, which failed to field a quorum for taking action, Ald. Brandon Hamilton reported that a couple of interviews had been held prior to that meeting. He was absent from Tuesday's special meeting.

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For youngsters ages 0-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

For more information call (217) 283-6711 or email info@hooplib.org.

Preschool screenings

Preschool screenings for area children ages 3-5 will be held locally next month. Developmental, hearing and vision tests will be given with possible preschool or early childhood placements for children who qualify.

In Hoopeston, a screening will be held February 8 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange.

From the Blotter

Sasha R. Lanham, 43, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:44 p.m. Tuesday to a possible domestic situation in the 600 block of South Seventh St.

Lanham was charged with violation of an order of protection and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

An unidentified minor child was taken to Carle Hoopeston emergency room for observation after a

Obituaries

BRAY - Sherri (Gregory) Bray, 60, of New Castle, Ind., died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018. Celebration of her life will be 11 a.m. until the noon memorial service Friday at First Christian Church, Milford. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to the family. Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, is in charge of arrangements.

STOCKWILL - Ralph Vernon Stockwill, 92, of Potomac, formerly of Rossville, died at 9:02 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Weather

Sunny today. High 46. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 32. Tomorrow, increasing clouds, chance of rain late. High 51, low 41.

A screening will be held in Rossville on February 22, at Rossville Church of Christ, 514 E. Attica.

To make an appointment, call (217) 444-3266.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the February 10 Eastern Illinois Food Bank's Foodmobile at McFerren Park. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-noon. To volunteer, call Hoopeston Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544.

WMD drawing

January winners in the Hoopeston Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$50, Drew German; \$30, Sandy Lewis; and \$20, Elsie Unger.

traffic accident Tuesday evening.

Police said the accident occurred at 7:46 p.m. in the 800 block of East Penn. Elizabeth Strawser, of Hoopeston, in a 2007 Ford, was southbound and failed to negotiate a turn eastbound at Seventh St. and Penn, striking a parked, unoccupied 2009 Toyota owned by Curtis Knecht, of Hoopeston.

Hoopeston American Legion
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Sunday, January 29
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