

Bertha's C o r n e r



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Have You Ever?

Have you ever been to a city council meeting? I'm sure all of us have plenty to say about some decisions the council makes.

A council meeting usually lasts an hour. At the end of the meeting the Mayor asks for any public comments. That's your chance to talk a few minutes. It is amazing how much you can learn about your council person and your city in sixty minutes. Try it!

Have you ever planned a trip that went wrong? After hours on the computer, finding the right hotel or house for your family, checking restaurants and other events for kids under fourteen you realize your budget does not stretch that far. Maybe a Saturday and Sunday in a Champaign motel with a pool and eating at a favorite restaurant will be just fine.

Have you ever said something about another person that wasn't true? Why? I don't have a good answer for that but maybe we should try and say nothing at all until and only when we have the facts.

Have you ever told a friend or spouse that they looked great in that outfit? I know, you don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. That's one way to look at it. How would you feel if that outfit really made you look ten pounds heavier, or the color was a clash with you hair. And no-one told you. Bertha might say, "I've seen other outfits that look better on you." Truth always, somehow, comes out in the end.

Have you ever baked a cake or cookies that were a flop? I have, and usually it is when I try a new recipe and my whole family is here to try it. Everyone laughs and the goodies end up in the garbage. Maybe next time will be better. There is always hope!

Have you ever said, "Thank you for everything?" Being thankful for the good is easy. For the bad not so much fun and for the ugly I can hardly do it at all. But every day there is something, someone, or an unexpected blessing to say "Thanks". Yes, "Thanks for everything," the good, bad and ugly.

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City seeks bids on demolition, sets civic improvement meeting

Hoopeston City Council is looking at ridding the city of several eyesores at once - if the price is right.

The city is currently advertising for bids for demolition of 205 and 220 E. Main, 222 Bank and 202 and 204 N. Market. Bid opening will be at 4 p.m. July 30.

Ald. Bill McElhaney, civic improvement committee chairman, raised the issue at the July 17 council meeting, seeking aldermen's opinions about the buildings in general and 205 E. Main specifically.

According to records, the building is owned by Ray Williams, with whom neither city officials nor others have been able to come to an agreement on demolishing the building.

At the council meeting, McElhaney said a contractor has suggested shoring up the structure rather than tearing it

down, by covering it with white sheet metal. The estimated cost of doing so - \$8,000 - would be less than taking it down, especially when disposal costs could be in the \$10,000 range.

That prompted Ald. Lourdine Florek to ask, if the building is covered, "How long before it's in bad shape again and we have to pay to tear it down? I can't see paying to fix it and then having to tear it down."

Ald. Alex Houmes questioned who would be liable if, during demolition, adjacent buildings are damaged.

McElhaney said in other city work that involved private property, the property owners signed a hold harmless agreement. The owner of 207 E. Main, former city attorney Scott Perkins, has repeatedly refused to sign

See DEMOLITION on other side

Residents request pickleball area, residents get pickleball area

Pickleball, a game invented in 1965 to amuse children in Washington state, is coming to Hoopeston.

Based on resident requests, Ald. Alex Houmes is adding pickleball to the list of activities available at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Herb Shoufler will hold a clinic on the game at 10 a.m. July 27.

Pickleball is a mix of tennis, table tennis and badminton

and is for all ages. Players use solid paddles to hit a whiffle-type ball over a net.

Houmes has ordered four sets of paddles and two nets which will be available to athletes after the clinic.

The civic center floor will be striped off for the pickleball court, which is similar to a badminton court. The field is 20' x 44'. The net is hung at 36" on the ends and 34" at center. The outer court is divided in half by service lines. Inner courts are non-volley zones, extending 7' from the net on either side.

The internet has sites dedicated to the sport - including a pickleball channel on youtube - that includes rules of play, infractions, scoring and more.

In the future, Houmes plans to have the tennis court striped for pickleball so the game may be played in- or outdoors.

Houmes also announced there are plans to add a sand volleyball court where the second tennis court was located and a bags court in the former horseshoe pit. "It's part of an the initiative to let people be more active out there," he said.

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From the Blotter

Heather Cibirka, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:50 a.m. Saturday in the 500 block of West Penn. A passenger in the stopped vehicle, she was found to be wanted on a Pike County warrant.

Cibirka was released on bond with a new court date.

Darren Wood, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:50 a.m. Saturday in the 500 block of West Penn. He was charged with driving while license suspended and possession of a controlled substance and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Police have recently recovered several bicycles, including a:

Purple and silver Next bike
Red Huffy Stone Mountain model
Red Next Trouble bike
Black Planet Earth model
Purple and white Huffy bike

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, sunny. High 84, low 65.

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- 12:30-4 p.m. Monday through Friday
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