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*Lourdine Florek, Owner*

# Just the Facts

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## Council hears of new dispatcher, police officer commended

Changes in police department personnel were announced at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, police committee chairman, announced that Cornjerker alumna Amanda Thorn was hired as a dispatcher, effective July 29. The Danville resident was previously employed as a judicial clerk at the Vermilion County Courthouse.

Two new auxiliary officers were unanimously approved by the council: Brant Ramos, 24, of Hoopeston and Corwin Allen, 22, of Milford.

In other personnel news, Ankenbrand read a letter of commendation for Officer Marvin Dobkins from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for his work in  
See COUNCIL on other side



### Staying in the lines

Tiffany Wallace, left, six-year-old Delaney Inman and Rosie Inman, five, color pictures of Miss Hoopeston, Lauren Linares, at Sunday's Back-to-School Social, sponsored by Linares. Coloring was just one activity offered for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade at the Legion Shelter in McFerren Park.

# Fun for All

## Miniature Golf

McFerren Park  
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## The Harbor

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**Serving Cod, Chicken, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders**  
*with fries or onion rings, plus baked beans, slaw, roll*

## Council continued from other side

keeping impaired drivers off the roads.

In other action, the council approved a bid from Diaz Construction to fill above ground joist holes and install steel siding on the shared walls at 203 and 207 E. Main, which were exposed when 205 E. Main was torn down.

Owners of the buildings will choose the color of siding they want on their building, said Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman.

The city will pay \$12,000 to fill the joist holes and \$15,200 for the siding.

Scott Perkins, owner of 207 E. Main, and Brian and Robin Lawson, owners of 203 E. Main, will share the cost with the city, Goodwine said.

Ald. Robin Lawson abstained on the vote.

Below-ground joist holes will be filled at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

Goodwine said he is looking for someone to repair the rubber roof at 207 E. Main. The existing membrane was left unsecured and damaged by wind after the razing.

He has contacted Advance Roofing, Sentry Roofing and Jackson Quality Construction to get prices on the work.

In water/sewer department business, Ald. Lourdine Florek reported that the Illinois EPA found no violations

at the city wastewater treatment plant. She thanked ERH Enterprises for their work in that area.

Work on cleaning the lagoons near the wastewater treatment plant is ongoing. Last year, she said, a polymer was added to the sludge to coalesce solids, which were dried and used for fertilizer. Water from the process was discharged.

This year, sludge is being pumped from the lagoons into trucks and taken to fields, also to use as fertilizer.

A pavement issue at Young and Market is not caused by defective sewer lines but by old box culvert that has decayed. Florek reported that engineer Tracy Fullen said lines in the area were televised and were found to be in good condition.

Regarding the Sixth Street sewer lining project, she reported that a section of lining failed and had to be replaced. Due to the rarity of failure, the defective section was sent for analysis, which is being paid for by contractor Hoerr Construction. The lining project is essentially done but manholes in the area will be rehabbed over the next several weeks, she said.

Florek also announced that the swimming pool will close for the season at the end of business Sunday, Aug.

11.

In other business:

● Ald. Alex Houmes announced the city received a \$700 grant from Keep Vermilion County Beautiful for park landscaping and thanked Marta Pierce for applying for the grant.

New basketball nets have been ordered for McFerren Park and tennis nets for Cheese (Northside) Park, he added.

● Houmes announced that an asbestos inspection and report was done on the burned-out Cannon property on North Market. The city must now wait 10 days before it can demolish the structure. "We plan to wait the full 10 days," he said, adding demolition is set for August 16.

● Bids are being accepted for a dump bed and snow plow

## Weather

Sunny today. High 82. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 58. tomorrow, sunny. High 83, low 62. Sunday, sunny, then chance of thunderstorms. High 86, low 66.

for the cemetery department's new truck, said committee chairman Ald. Chad Yaden. Information is available at city hall. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. August 16.

## Obituaries

**HACKNEY** - Glenn Hackney, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 11:48 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2019, at home. He was cremated. Visitation will be 4-5 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**STUMPH** - Francis Howard "Frank" Stumph, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 9:14 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Antioch Church of Christ, 37604A N 1900 East Rd., Rossville, IL 60963 or Carle Hospice, 206 W. Anthony Dr., Champaign, IL 61822.

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