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Mayor looks for volunteers to help with upcoming events that will showcase Hoopeston

Mayor Bill Crusinberry hopes some local residents will step up and help the city prepare for coming events that will shine a spotlight on Hoopeston.

The first event is the June 26 airing of the WCIA series Our Town, which will focus on Hoopeston. The series highlights communities in the Channel 3 coverage area and airs live Friday evenings during the summer.

Medicine drop box at city hall to be discontinued immediately

Residents who wish to dispose of outdated prescriptions or those no longer needed will not be able to dispose of them at the drop box at city hall.

The box has been discontinued due to people disposing of hypodermic needles in the box.

A statement issued Monday said the "police department will no longer put personnel at risk with the non-responsible action of people who are dumping needles in the drug box."

Needles may be disposed of at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

From the Blotter

Kathryn Labaume, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:38 a.m. Saturday after meeting with officers at the police station on another matter. Wanted on a Williamson County warrant, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Police solved the hit-and-run accident reported last week at Dollar General. The unidentified driver was a 15-year-old Hoopeston juvenile who hit a 2016 Nissan owned by Kayla Blakely of Wellington.

Police on patrol Saturday reported multiple stop signs and a substation had been spray painted. The damage occurred at Seventh St. and Honeywell and the 100 block of West Maple.

Robert Eldridge, 25, of Hoopeston was arrested at
See BLOTTER on other side

Television crews will be in Hoopeston prior to the airing to film clips of attractions that will air during the show.

The second is a planned week-long sesquicentennial celebration next year that will "honor the city's forefathers and showcase how Hoopeston has evolved into the city it is today," Crusinberry said.

The mayor is looking to form an all-inclusive citywide committee that will organize for Our Town Hoopeston, then use and expand the group to plan for Hoopeston's 150th birthday.

WCIA asked to meet with a small focus group early this month to get background information on the city.

Carol Hicks, Valarie Hinkle and Marta Pierce were chosen for that meeting.

The larger committee will include those three and others who are interested in being part of the planning and organizing for the events.

All residents, businesses, industry and other groups are asked to brainstorm how they might participate in Our Town Hoopeston, which will be held at McFerren Park.


Those who wish to serve on the committee for Our Town Hoopeston and the sesquicentennial are asked to email contact information to BillCrusinberry@cityofhoopeston.com to receive updates on upcoming planning meetings.

According to Hoopeston Area's Report Card, issued by ISBE, **91%** of Hoopeston Area students are low-income.

Hoopeston's poverty rate is 22.9 percent while Danville leads the county with a poverty rate of 30.2 percent. Adding another sales tax will create another burden for an already-struggling county.

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2019	91	49

Letters to the Editor

Support Darren Duncan for Congress

We have the unique opportunity this year to elect one of our own to the United States Congress. It has been more than 36 years since we had a LOCAL Vermilion County Congressman. All of Vermilion County would benefit significantly if we had LOCAL representation.

Darren Duncan's roots are solid in Vermilion County and he is quite capable and highly qualified to represent us. The other candidates are very nice individuals but they are not LOCAL. Put your petty differences behind you and get solidly behind Darren Duncan.

Regardless of your party affiliation, let's send Darren Duncan to Congress. Vermilion County will benefit tremendously from his representation., so vote march 17th for Darren Duncan for Congress.

Terry & Sharon Prillaman
Rossville

The rip-off

My fellow Hoopestonians,

I can no longer be quiet about the City Council's lack of fiscal restraint. The City Council spends our money like parasites on carrion. Money is spent on projects that

are in their interest, not the people.

The City of Hoopeston has a dangerous rotten trees problem which they ignore mostly.

I am a property owner and pay taxes from the middle of the alley out back to the middle of the street up front. The city takes control of part of that land, called an easement. The city and other people think they can do anything they want with the land but I am the only one that pays the

Obituaries

MANN - Howard Martin Mann, 63, of Hoopeston, died at 10:46 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2020, at home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Floral Hill Cemetery, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

Court Dispositions

February 6

Darrell Estes, Milford, pleaded guilty to disobeying police, fined \$180; status check May 7.

Darrell Estes, Milford, pleaded guilty to criminal damage to property, fined \$280; status check May 7.

Mark Glenn, Hoopeston, case closed.

Blotter continued from other side

1:44 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of West Penn. Wanted on a Champaign County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

A phone was found Sunday in the 600 block of East Seminary. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 8:19 p.m. Sunday at Third St. and East Penn. Police said Payton Frederick, 19, of Hoopeston, was eastbound when an unknown southbound driver failed to yield the right of way.

No injuries were reported.

Weather

Showers likely, then mostly cloudy. High 48. Tonight, cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 54, low 40.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

taxes on it. People drive, throw trash and mow on it. The city takes control of this property; therefore the city is responsible for the rotten trees on it.

When it comes to the rotten trees, the City Council are weasels. One calls them up and they say " we will put you on the trees to be cut down list." The only thing that list is good for is creating an illusion that the City Council is addressing the rotten tree problem. In October 2019, I had a massive tree on the street easement fall from the force of the wind across the street. The city had to clean it up because it was blocking the street. That left one tree on the easement which was very rotten also. I brought this to the attention of the city that it was an endangerment to the public, which they have ignored. The city would rather spend our money on their nonsensical projects which is a waste of the people's money.

I am a disabled veteran on a meager Social Security disability and veteran's pension. Things are tight and I drive an old 1989 automobile. There is no luxury in my life.

I had to find and fork out hundreds of dollars to protect the public and my property from the remaining tree problem. I had only half the tree cut down. The other half I had left uncut. It is a monument to the city that does a half-assed job with our money.

The sad thing about this is, I had to send the tree cutter to the city hall to sign a paper to get permission to trim the tree USING MY MONEY!

I am looking forward to voting against anybody I can that belongs to this city council in the future.

John S. Palmer
Hooterville

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United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd, Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information, please call the office, 217-888-0164 or Jordan Reese, manager, 217-918-2876.

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