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By  
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## Give It Your All!

Has anyone ever asked you to give it your all? As a child, my Mother often said, "Just do your best." Is that the same?

Wouldn't 50% be OK? It's pretty good and almost everyone could do at least 50%. Somehow I don't think 50% is my best or my all.

Now each of us has an idea of what "best" they can do, and certainly it is not the same for all of us.

All of what? Your love? Your money? Your time? What is all really?

Boy, it put my mind turning and thinking about life and what all it consists of. Have you given any thought to your life?

Perhaps you're too busy with work or family and that's just life! Is it really? Is my life and your getting all we can give? Some days my "all" is short and not good. Some days my "all" is gone, nothing left! Some days giving my all is just too hard!

So what is expected of us? What do our co-workers, neighbors, friends or family want from us? You may think, "Who gives a darn what anyone is thinking." It's true,

the world as we know it will continue, one way or the other, no matter what we think.

All, for me, is the total. It's the sum of my life. Scary, isn't it? Whatever you're doing or whoever you're trying to be. Whether you're a teacher, a doctor, a farmer or a mother. There's no room for 50%. Really, we should be going for 150%! All, for me, is giving my best in everything that I can, whatever that might be!

The last few weeks may have been tough and ones we do not wish to go through again. Thank goodness for tomorrow so we can unite and find fun, family and friends.

How sweet the sound of a friend on the phone, just checking on us or inviting us to sit on the patio and chat.

Let's keep giving our all! Let's not give up on our one and only life! Let's unite to be the best we can at whatever we do and give it our all!

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## Police, finance committees meet to hash out spending Covid funds

Members of Hoopeston's police and finance committees, along with additional aldermen, met Monday to discuss suggested ways to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Joe Garrett, police committee chairman, and Bob Porth, head of the finance committee, met with council members Robin Lawson and Lourdine Florek on police, and Jeff Wise on finance. Florek also serves on that committee.

Aldermen Stephen Eyrich and Kellie Ferrell attended, as did Fire Chief Joel Bird and Brad Hardcastle, Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency (HEMA) director, who compiled the spending plan.

The meeting was called after questions arose at the August 3 city council meeting about some of the planned expenditures.

Hoopeston is set to receive \$340,472.72 from ARPA this fiscal year, Hardcastle said.

Some expenses were uncontested, including \$85,000, to be used to balance the city budget, \$15,000 for Covid expenses from March 21 through the present, \$10,000 to purchase and install a repeater for Hoopeston Fire Department radios and \$4,500 to make up a shortfall in the city's fireworks fund this year.

Others came under more scrutiny, including new trucks for cemetery, street/alley and water departments, estimated at \$30,000 each, and a new truck and more funding for

the new HEMA/auxiliary police building at McFerren Park, at an estimated \$35,000 and \$30,000, respectively.

Hardcastle explained that employees are currently driving trucks with floors that have rusted through and mechanical issues that require increasingly expensive repairs. By keeping the number of trucks at current levels, employees can drive to worksites separately, maintaining distances in a closed space and potentially limiting their exposure to a coworker who might have Covid, he added.

As for the HEMA truck, Hardcastle said that the group had used an old ambulance as a command center but that it no longer runs. Hardcastle is asking for a four-door truck, rather than a two-door, to accommodate agency volunteers, as well as supplies, including those to fight Covid.

Additionally, he said, the groups need a truck because currently, equipment that used to be stored in the ambulance is now in a trailer. Volunteers are concerned about the liability of using their personal vehicles to pull city-owned property.

As for the HEMA building, setbacks and Covid-related increased costs have almost doubled the price tag since Mayor Bill Crusinberry broke a tie to approve \$35,000 for the building last August.

HEMA/auxiliary police had planned to do much of the  
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**From the Blotter**  
**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 5:42 p.m. Tuesday. William Keele, 31, of Hoopeston, said his 2003 Chevrolet truck was struck at an unknown time and location.  
**Two Hoopeston people** were involved in an accident at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday at West Main and Second Ave. Police said Brandon Irvin, 26, in a 1999 GMC utility, and Linda Carlson, 73 in a 2012 Buick, were both west-bound. Carlson was preparing to turn south when Irvin's brakes failed and his vehicle hit Carlson's.  
No injuries were reported at the time of the accident and no tickets were issued.

**Briefly**  
**Bowling meetings**  
Organizational meetings for bowling leagues at Fast Lanes are scheduled and include:  
• Men's Thursday Night League, 7 p.m. August 12  
• Sunday Mixed League, 5 p.m. August 15  
• Monday Night Ladies League, 6:30 p.m. August 16.  
Youth League signups are underway, as well.  
For more information, call Doug at Fast Lanes, (217) 283-6505.

**Birthday celebration**  
A 90th birthday celebration for Edith Baldwin, of Hoopeston, will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Fast Lanes, 719 W. Elm. No gifts, please. Cards are appreciated.

**Historical society to elect officers**  
Hoopeston Historical Society will meet August 16 and will have election of officers. Nominated are:  
President- Mary Polson, Vice President-Linda Williams, Secretary- Sue Bane and Treasurer-Tami Goin. Directors will also be elected, including Debbie Winters for a four-year term, Carol Hicks, three years, Jeff Keith two years, and Alex Houmes, one year.  
The meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. at the North Market St. fire station.. Following the business meeting, the group will hear a presentation about the history of the Hoopeston Fire Department and tour the building.

**Weather**  
Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 89, low 70. Tomorrow, chance of storms, then partly cloudy. High 83, low 69.  
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**Funds** continued from other side  
work but conflicting work schedules has made it difficult to get manpower together and others who volunteered have moved. Miscommunication between whether plumbing or framework should be first, then finding an affordable plumber added to the delay.  
Since the framework is leaning, the consensus of officials Monday was that it should be dismantled, posts should be reset and new trusses purchased. Garrett said he would relay the request to the contractor.

Other planned purchases from ARPA funds include new radios for auxiliary police at \$20,000, \$13,000 for a van for animal control, which has already been purchased and \$5,000 for any new Covid-related expenses.  
Hoopeston City Council is expected to vote on the expenditures at its August 17 meeting.  
City officials have requested the federal flow-through money from the state but had not been received as of Monday, Hardcastle said.

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