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Timothy Dudley, CEO and Nicole Van Hyfte, community development coordinator for Vermilion Advantage, address Hoopeston City Council Tuesday evening to discuss services offered by the organization.

Council hears of property damaged by nighttime vandals

Damage done to the parking lot between H&R Block and Mike Pemberton's State Farm office was brought to the attention of Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night.

Ald. Kellie Ferrell told the council that bricks were taken from a retaining wall, leaving them in the driving area of the lot. A tire of a car later entering the lot was blown out by the brick, she said.

Along with retaining wall damage, people have scaled the H&R Block building, where beer bottles and other items were left behind.

Ferrell, chairman of the city's civic committee said the

group discussed closing the park at night, but did not recommend the action, in part because it would have to be opened for evening activities at other businesses, like The Lorraine Theatre and because those causing problems would not abide by the closing.

Many reports of damage and theft have been reported by Hoopeston residents. In an effort to help, some residents have banded together in a social media group to be the eyes and ears of Hoopeston during night hours.

Ald. Lourdine Florek said group members drive around
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From the Blotter

Matthew Brown, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 8:18 p.m. Monday to the 1100 block of South Second Ave. for a report of someone trespassing.

Brown was taken into custody on preliminary charges of criminal trespass to residence and battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A Hoopeston man was taken to Carle Hoopeston Hospital after an accident at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday.

Patrick E. Clingenpeel, 68, went to the hospital for treatment after his 2002 Jeep Liberty was hit by a 2001 Pontiac Bonneville, driven by Jarrett C. Skinner 32, also of Hoopeston.

According to police reports, Skinner entered the intersection at West Maple and South Fourth St., not seeing Clingenpeel's vehicle and striking it in the front driver's side.

Skinner was ticketed for driving while license suspended.

Council continued from other side

Hoopeston, watching empty buildings for signs of squatters and reporting stolen items so others can be on the lookout.

While Florek said the group may be useful because Hoopeston officers cannot be everywhere at once, she and Ald. Joe Garrett urged caution.

A Secretary of State police officer, Garrett cautioned that the group should not turn to vigilantism, while Florek said a "look but don't touch" effort is needed and encouraged volunteers to call police with their findings.

Garrett hopes one burned out building that has been an eyesore since March 2019. Receiving no dissent from the council, Garrett will contact city attorney Dave Wesner to move action on Bzzz Bar from city court to state court, seeking a demolition order, with work to be paid for by the insurance company or owner. He will update the council as the case progresses.

In other business, Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chair, said the city has spent the first \$20,000 budgeted for tree removal, ridding city parkways of 44 dead/dangerous trees. That money was budgeted from Motor Fuel Tax funds. Additional \$20,000 increments are budgeted for tree removal in city parks and at Floral Hill Cemetery.

In total, \$80,000 was earmarked in this year's budget to remove trees.

Wise said tree removal runs from \$250 to \$1,000 per

Hoopeston Area clinches Vermilion Valley soccer championship in 3-2 win over Blue Devils

Hoopeston Area clinched the outright Vermilion Valley Conference Championship defeating Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin, 3-2, in overtime.

Obituaries

ABBOTT - Marla Jean (Miller) Abbott, 74, of Fowler, Ind., died at 3:15 a.m. EST Monday, Oct. 4, 2021, at Greenhill Manor, Fowler. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Danville National Cemetery. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

MARSHALL - Mary L. (Randrich) Marshall, 97, of Rankin, died Monday, March 29, 2021, at Accolade Healthcare of Paxton. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. memorial service Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin, is handling arrangements.

tree, depending on the circumstance. When the professional crew heads to Floral Hill, with its large trees and old monuments, the cost "will probably be much more than \$1,000 per tree," he said.

In unrelated business:

- Action on a suggested ordinance that would create a vacant building register was tabled by Ferrell, who said the Central Illinois Land Bank is working on a similar ordinance, which might be adopted by the city.
- Garrett announced Hoopeston Police Commission recently hired Thomas Kirby as a fulltime officer. He comes to Hoopeston from Ridge Farm and has already been through the Police Training Institute, Garrett said. Also, Officer Marvin Dobkins was recently promoted to sergeant by the commission.
- Garrett also announced trick-or-treat hours will be 5-7:30 p.m. Halloween night.
- The council unanimously approved Florek as mayor pro tem for the duration of Mayor Bill Crusinberry's medical absence. She abstained on the vote.

Weather

Showers today, tonight. High 74, low 60. Tomorrow, chance of showers then partly cloudy. High 76, low 60.

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The Blue Devils took a 1-0 halftime lead when Logan Hall scored on a rebound.

Second half Hoopeston Area Senior Ben Brown was able to tie the game up at one when Isaias Diaz made a great pass to help Brown to find some open space for the score. The Blue Devils answered back with a goal from Liam Oxendine with the assist to Hayden Rice.

The Cornjerkers were able to find their way into the box to get fouled to earn a penalty kick. Ben Brown stepped up and was able to make a great shot to make things 2-2.

In overtime, the fans and parents got to see both goalies make some great saves to keep things close going into the last ten minutes.

Hoopeston Area sophomore Talan Gredy-Nelson was able to assist Ben Brown for his third goal of the night with less than two minutes left to

make the score 3-2.

Derek Drayer was the winning goalie saving seven of nine shots he faced.

Before the game the Hoopeston Area High School recognized the six seniors for their dedication to the soccer program and the great young men they have grown into. The program will miss these boys and wish them nothing but the best in the future.

This was a great group of kids and the coaches really enjoyed having them these past four years. A lot of credit has to go to their parents, grandparents and other family members who raised them the right way in being very humble and outstanding individuals.

The seniors are, Kamerin Cade, Kayden Wallace, Nick Hofer, Ben Brown, Isaias Diez, Derek Drayer.

The Cornjerkers will try to sweep the conference on Thursday night as they travel to Gilman to take on Iroquois West.

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