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## Fundraiser for The Complex skate park draws hundreds to McFerren Park Saturday



A skate park in Hoopeston is more than \$12,000 closer to reality, thanks to a day-long fundraiser Saturday at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

A skate jam raised \$6,631 for the cause, organizer April Jones posted on social media. The Pump also donated \$6,000, for a total of \$12,631 to be deposited in a fund for earmarked for the project.

Funds are deposited in a city account under a "skate park" line item that includes \$4,444 from fundraising efforts many years ago.

The skate jam included activities for skateboard and BMX enthusiasts, but also had events for those with no interest in the sports.

For those interested in the sports, there were demonstrations by the Tru Skateboards team from Effingham, as well as skate contests with giveaways and prizes.

Others came for the bags competition hosted by East Central Illinois Baggers. Winning teams were Cody Jacobs and Ryan Cade, first; Heather Ellis and Josh Birch, second; and Matt Boyce and Jerry Hargrove, third. All donated their winnings back to the skate park. Jacobs hit an airmail challenge bag for \$200, which he donated.

Youngsters could burn some energy in bounce houses provided by Wear 'Em Out Jump Houses. Ted and Heidi Cano, owners of Baby Blessings 3D-4D painted faces throughout the day.

Vendors had wares for sale around the civic center and a variety of food choices were available to visitors. Four bands and DJ Blaze provided musical entertainment throughout the event.

Jones approached Hoopeston City Council in August about the skate jam. The skate park is tentatively planned to be located in McFerren Park in the space where sand volleyball courts once were.

**Gavin Haskins, of Flora, goes airborne during a skateboarding demonstration at Saturday's skate jam to raise funds for The Complex, a planned skate park in Hoopeston.**



## Briefly

### HASA registration

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold registration on Sundays, March 13, 20 and 27 from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 5-7 p.m., all at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main.

### At the library

Events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

- Take Home Crafts for March include pompom rain-

bows and cupcake liner flowers for preschoolers, rainbow telescope and rainbow shaker for students in grades 3-5 and yarn wall hanging in two color options for teens and adults.

Supplies are free while they last and may be picked up at the library, 110 N. Fourth St.

• Stitchin' Time, 10:30-noon Wednesdays. For those who like to knit, crochet or do other needlework. Bring your needles and yarn and get together with



## Bouncy, bouncy

Youngsters enjoy a bounce house at Saturday's skate jam fundraiser at McFerren Park Civic Center. Wear 'Em Out Jump Houses lived up to its name, providing fun for the younger set at the event.

likeminded crafters.

• Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) meeting 3 p.m. Friday.

For more information on any program, call (217) 283-6711 or check out the library's Facebook page.

### Who ya gonna call?

Hoopeston Police remind residents that for police, fire and ambulance emergencies, call 911.

For nonemergency police and fire calls in Hoopeston only, residents should call (217) 283-5196. That is the only phone number that is manned 24 hours a day.

### Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:08 a.m. Sunday to Autumn Fields, 325 E. Orange, for a reported fire alarm. An investigation showed the alarm was false.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston hair salon looking for a cosmetologist, nail tech and esthetician. 765-413-3062

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a fulltime position. Candidate must have a valid driver's license and high school diploma or equivalent. Computer skills are necessary. Potential supervisory roll with proper training and licensing. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

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 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: <https://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0>

## From the Blotter

Tasha Uppinghouse, 31, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 9:35 p.m. Sunday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she posted bond and was released.

## Obituaries

**McKINNEY** - Kathleen S. (Brutlag) McKinney, 64, of Milford, died Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at home. Visitation will be 2 p.m. until the 4 p.m. funeral Friday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Condolences may be shared at [www.baierfuneralhome.com](http://www.baierfuneralhome.com).

## Weather

Sunny today. High 42. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 47, low 29.

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