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### Soccer clinic set for kids in pre-K through eighth grade

A one-hour free soccer camp for kids pre-K through eighth grade will be held Saturday, May 26, at the Hoopeston Youth Soccer Fields on South Sixth Ave.

Pre-k through fourth grade will learn from 9-10 a.m. and grades 5-8 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. with Coach John Klaber, his staff and varsity team. Beginning and experi-

enced players welcome!

Register before your camp time for prize drawings. Sign up that day for Klaber's summer camp and save \$5.

For information, call Kevin Jett, (217) 772-1971 or kjett4@gmail.com.

#### Library to end personal computer instruction; online classes stay

People who want to improve their computer skills have just a few more weeks to receive personal instruction at Hoopeston Public Library. However, online classes will still be available to anyone via the library's website.

Dozens of area residents have taken advantage of the library's free classes since they were announced last summer. Funds for the program were made possible by an Eliminate the Digital Divide program grant awarded through the Illinois State Library by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

After May 31, library staff will no longer provide individual instruction through he program, but those interested can still access online courses by visiting www.hooplib.org and clicking the link to GCFLeearnfree.org.

Featured courses include Computer Basics, Internet **See LIBRARY on other side** 

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## Open this weekend!

#### Mother's Day Specials

Tomatoes, Peppers, Herbs Annuals & Perennials

1 mi. North of Floral Hill Cemetery (217) 283-7427 Open Wed.-Sat., 8-4, Sun. 1-4



#### USDA seeks public and nonprofit applications for grants to improve quality of rural housing

CHAMPAIGN—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that applications for grants are being accepted from public and non-profit organizations to help low- and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program.

"These grants help limited-income rural homeowners make necessary repairs and improvements for safer, healthier and more energy-efficient dwellings," Vilsack said. "I strongly encourage all eligible organizations to apply for this funding."

USDA Rural Development is offering Housing Preservation Grants to intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. Funds are then distributed as grants or loans to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents.

Funds can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. Housing Preservation Grants help bring job growth and stability to low-income communities while improving the living conditions of rural Americans.

Last year USDA Rural Development awarded Housing Preservation Grants to Western Illinois Regional Council (serving Fulton, Hancock, McDonough and Henderson counties), Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission (serving Saline and Hardin counties), Crosswalk Community Action Agency (serving Franklin County) and Shawnee Development Council (serving Alexander, Hardin and Pulaski counties). The grants totaled \$215,243 and are leveraging another \$871,000 in funds from state and local resources to help low-income homeowners make needed repairs and renovations.

#### Library continued from other side

Basics and Email Basics. For those new to computers, these classes provide an introduction on how computers work and how to get started using email and the internet.

Additional popular courses cover Facebook and other social media; Google and iPad basics; as well as using varios versions of Windows and the Mac OS X Lion operating systems.

For those who want to improve their business skills, courses are available in Microsoft Office and its components: Word, Access, Excel and Power Point. Successful completion of these classes can earn participants Continuing Education Unit credits.

Participants will still be able to use the library's free public access computers to complete the classes. They may also work at home, if they have high speed internet access.

For more information, stop by the library at 110 N. Fourth St., or call (217) 283-6711.

#### Weather



Sunny today. High 70. Tonight, clear. Low 46. Tomorrow, sunny. High 77, low 53.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

For fiscal year 2012, USDA may award up to \$4.1 million in competitive grants through the <a href="Housing Preservation Grant">Housing Preservation Grant</a> program. Applications are due June 25, 2012. For information on how to apply, please see page 27179 of the May 9, 2012 Federal Register or click on this link <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-09/html/2012-11036.htm">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-09/html/2012-11036.htm</a>. Interested organizations in Illinois can contact Rural Development Specialist Brenda Barr at 217-403-6225.

Rural Development has more than 40 programs that foster growth and economic stability in rural areas by providing affordable financing and technical assistance. Support is available for regional food systems, broadband and biofuel infrastructure, homeownership, business development and community needs. More information on USDA Rural Development programs is available on the web at <a href="https://www.rurdev.usda.gov/il">www.rurdev.usda.gov/il</a>.

## **Classifieds**

#### HELP WANTED

Experiences full time carpenter wanted. Submit resume to P.O. Box 216, Hoopeston IL 60942.

#### HOUSES FOR RENT

Two bedroom house for rent, appliances included, storage shed. \$425 a month plus \$425 deposit. 815-471-0149

#### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Dell studio 1555 laptop with case like new. Printer comes with. Dell Inspiron laptop; power washer mid size; paper shredder in box. Brand new; Tivo unit for watching and recording TV. Call 312-3911-2705 /local call. Leave message please.

Lawn mowers \$70. Utilitech 2 light wrap and fluorescent lights \$60 OBO, (217) 283-7426

#### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 402 E. McNeil. Fri. 8-5, Sat., 8-2. Women's clothes, Dyson sweeper, books, purses, patio umbrella, collectibles, much misc. for everyone!

HOOPESTON: 912 Wilson (Roots) Fri., 4-7 p.m., Sat., 7-11 a.m. Multi family sale. Grass sweeper, televisions, patio furniture, name brand kids clothes, adult clothes, twin bed frame, bikes & much more. Rain or shine!

Call (217) 283-9348 or email publish@justthefacts.net to place your ad!

## A Modern Fairy Tale

## Goldilocks' Porridge Shop

Goldilocks opened a porridge shop after visiting the Three Bears.

She wanted to increase business and advertised in the longest-running publication in the land. Then the bill came. "These prices are too high and nobody bought my porridge," she said. She advertised in another publication but noticed they piled up in doorways and saw dogs treating them as toys. "My ads are not being seen and no one is buying my porridge," she said.

Then she placed her ad in **Just the Facts**. Sales skyrocketed so she started a chain of porridge shops, bought a jet and and lived happily ever after!

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