

# Dunkirk receives update on 'Field of Honor's project

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## Saving bees

Hardin Northern first-graders Livianne Minter and Sydnee Trachsel present a check for \$562.60 to Dunkirk Fiscal Officer Phyllis Spencer and Village Superintendent Terry Evans to purchase flowers in the village to benefit the bees in the community. As part of the Hardin Northern Showcase, first graders were raising money to help save the bees. They studied bees and shared what they learned with the community. The students received donations from members of the community and also from the Hardin County Pheasants Forever organization. *Submitted photo*

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DUNKIRK — Plans for Dunkirk's "Field of Honors" veterans park continue to take shape. Last fall a World War II-era tank was relocated to the downtown site and Fiscal Officer Phyllis Spencer gave an update on the project to the village council Monday night. The display will have an array of brick columns that will feature veteran banners. The banners had been displayed on light poles, but often were knocked down by passing semis. She said Adam Paxton will be donating the memorial wall at the front of the park. Spencer will be sending out a letter seeking donations from area businesses. The Field of Honors project also received a \$2,000 grant from the Hardin County Community Foundation.

Also at the meeting, council approved a \$3,000 quote from Combs Concrete to repair three potholes on Main Street and another on Patterson Street. Village Superintendent Terry Evans expects the repairs to be made within the next two weeks.

Council also gave Evans the approval to get a scrap metal dumpster because of all the scrap metal in the town's back building behind the water plant. He also received the OK to spend \$222 for material to build three more shelves. The building, among other things, is used to house Dunkirk's Christmas decorations.

In other business, council:

- Agreed to have community yard sales on July 16-18.
- Learned the village received a \$562 donation to purchase flowers from the Hardin Northern Elementary first grade class of Nicole Hackworth which has been studying the importance of bees.
- Learned the village is now the owner of six parcels at 360 W. Washington St., including a trailer. The current resident has been given 30 days to vacate the premises. Spencer said it was obtained through an "absolute auction" for \$1, the same way the village earlier acquired an adjacent five parcels of the former Reich property.
- Heard there continues to be a problem with dogs running loose in the downtown. The owner has been identified and advised he needs to contain the animals. Council told Evans future incidents should be documented and the Hardin County Dog Warden contacted.
- Learned from Evans that he soon will be installing American flags along Main Street and invited veterans to help with the project.
- Received a draft ordinance to establish guidelines for the height of new fences and hedges, capping them at six feet. Solicitor Mark Schwemer said council can make changes to the proposal, which is slated to take effect on Jan. 1, 2022.
- Learned from Spencer that Knueve and Sons will soon be installing touchless toilets and faucets at the park's concession stand, community center, town hall, EMS building and water plant through funding provided by the CARES Act.
- Received grants of \$1,000 for the village tree program and \$500 for downtown decorations from the Hardin County Community Foundation.
- Approved final reading of an ordinance establishing a contract to maintain the CSX lots in the village. Dunkirk will be paid \$60 per hour.
- Designated the Hardin Northern Community Center to be the recipient of funds through purchases made by the village in the Smile Amazon program.