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Hoopeston library project gets \$250,000 in state funding

The state will help the Hoopeston Public Library expand and become handicapped-accessible.

Head librarian Lou Graham was notified last week that the library will receive a \$250,000 construction grant. The grant is one of \$3.2 million in money given to 21 libraries in the state.

The funds are awarded through the Secretary of State's Live and Learn program with funding generated by automobile title fees.

The library's expansion project includes an addi-

tion on the south side which would have a ground-level entrance and elevator, bringing the building up to standards in the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The library district board has a preliminary design for the project. They are expected to meet this week to review the plans and costs.

The addition and modifications are expected to cost approximately \$1 million which will be covered by the grant and money from the Charlotte Ann Russell and Wilson Bessellieu trust funds.

Briefly

IHHA Scholarship

The Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association will accept applications for its 2001 scholarships until April 15.

Every year, 175 to 200 qualified students apply for the scholarships. Last year, the IHHA awarded 32 \$1,000 scholarships. Two scholarships will be awarded in our region.

An applicant must be an Illinois resident and have been accepted into a health care professional sequence. Applicants enrolled in an associates degree or hospital-based program will be considered their first year. Due to the nursing shortage, special consideration will be given to students pursuing a career in nursing.

Applications are available at Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange. Ask for Kathy Pickering, director of marketing and public relations, or Beth Tothoroh, hospitality services director.

Johnson's committee assignments set

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (R-IL 15th) has been named to the General Farm Commodities Subcommittee of the House Agricultural Committee. Johnson said he re-

ceived his first choice of a subcommittee assignment in Agriculture.


As a member, Johnson will be involved in the drafting process for the 2002 Farm Bill. Additionally, Johnson said he would be able to represent the agricultural interests of his district because the subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Federal Crop Insurance Program and issues surrounding Illinois' major crops of corn and beans.

Johnson was also assigned to two subcommittees under the House Transportation Committee, including both the Aviation and Highways and Mass Transit subcommittees. These assignments will allow him to protect the Blooming and Champaign airports, Johnson said, and will allow him to be a major voice for the interstate and highway systems.


As of Friday, Johnson was still awaiting assignments under the House Science Committee.

Rules of the Road

A free Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at the Hoopeston city hall conference room. For more information call 283-5833.



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Tuesday Night Classic League Standings 1/30/01

1. Crop Production Service	316	188
2. Production Tooling	301½	202½
3. Ferdinand Construction	291	213
4. Ross Electric	288½	215½
5. Hoopeston Weather Line	277	227
6. Pla-Mor Lanes	267	237
7. Danny's Sign Shop	256	248
8. O'Malley Insurance	19	485

High Team Game: Crop Production 854; **High Team Series:** Crop Production Service 3,226; **High Ind. Game:** Doug Wagoner 256; **High Individual Series:** Doug Wagoner 878.

Games over 200: Eric Gaffney 203, 243; Jeff Gaffney 213, 218, 217, 214; Dave Warf 205; Willard Bruens 233; Todd Keith. 216,202; Bob Bruens 224; Bob Butterworth 216, 226; Dave Carter 208, 206; Mark Butterworth 213; Jay Ferdinand 204, 214; Dave Gaddis 222; Kenny McVicker 234; Dave Hughes 200; Bob Ponder 215, 202; Doug Wagoner 247, 265; Randy Hiltz 237, 208; Chris Coon 225, 224, 221; Rick Birch 223; Rick Wieck 201, 221, 214; Roy Kohl 224; Eric Gress 204, 214; Tony Gress 229, 237.

Series over 800: Dave Hughes 804, Jeff Gaffney 862, Jay Ferdinand 808, Doug Wagoner 878, Chris Coon 838, Rick Wieck 828, Tony Gress 800.

Bowling Scores



Hall of Shame: Tom O'Malley 108.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League Standings 1/25/01

1. Pla-Mor Lanes	37½	16½
2. Crunch's	37	17
3. Rex's	30	24
4. Gress I	29½	24½
5. 4 MRS	29	25
6. Knuth's	28	26
7. H&R Block	21½	32½
8. Bye	3½	50½

High Team Game: Crunch's 882; **High Team Series:** Crunch's 2,419; **High Individual Game:** Tammy Bertram 224; **High Individual Series:** JoAnne Gress 505.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League Standings 1/29/01

1. R&R Body Shop	36	21
2. Community Bank	32	25
3. Rethelford Carpeting	31	26
4. Main Street Travel	31	26
5. B.J.'s Pump	30	27
6. Kankakee Federal	30	27
7. Pin Pals	29	28
8. Gillins Oil	28	29

Little known facts listed about Social Security program

- The first Social Security benefits were one-time, lump sum payments made in January 1937.

- COLAs (Cost of Living Allowances) were first paid in 1975 as a result of a 1972 law. Prior to this, benefits were increased periodically by special acts of Congress.

- Since November 1936, more than 390 million different Social Security Numbers have been issued.

- Women represent 98 percent of those receiving Social Security benefits as parents with a child in their care.

- The poverty rate among elderly women is 13 percent but without Social Security it would be 52 percent. Elderly men have a poverty rate of seven percent; without Social Security it would be 41 percent.

- The poverty rate for aged women was 18 percent in 1975. By 1995, the poverty rate for aged women had decreased to 13 percent.

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- The fastest-growing segment of American's older population are those who are at least 85 years of age. Since 1970, the number of people aged 85 and older has more than tripled.

- Disabled workers and their dependents account for 14 percent of the total Social Security benefits paid.

- The youngest age that one can retire and receive full benefits will rise. People born in 1960 and later will collect full Social Security benefits at age 67.

Weather



Mostly cloudy, morning flurries today. High 37. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 38, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

9. Gutter Balls	25	32
10. Family Affair	25	32
11. Weber's Drug Store	24	33
12. The Scramblers	21	36

High Team Game: Gutter Balls 1,056, Family Affair 1,044, The Scramblers 1,039; **High Team Series:** R&R Body Shop 3,052; Weber's Drug Store 2,990; The Scramblers 2,970.

High Individual Game: Rhonda Stephenson 214, Mona Birch 213, Patti Lowe 203; **High Individual Series:** Mona Birch 563, Patti Lowe 561, Tracy Lawson 557.

Games over 200: Patti Lowe 203, Mona Birch 213, Tracy Lawson 200, Rhonda Stephenson 214.

Series over 500: Patti Lowe 561, Helen Taflinger 523, Linda Warner 542, Mona Birch 563, Tracy Lawson 557, Terri Bell 506.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 1

Admitted: Carol Anderson, Darlene Hile, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Ludmilla Slusarski.

Feb. 2

Admitted: Zachary Garman, Hoopeston; Maria Villalobos, Ambia, Ind..

Discharged: Carol Anderson.

Feb. 3

Admitted: Crystal Longfellow, Hoopeston; William Beckhoff, Ambia, In..

Discharged: Marvel Norton, Donald Christensen.

Feb. 4

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