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Council tables request for package liquor store

Hoopeston resident Alan Reece has a name picked out for his planned business - The Beverage Shop.

He's got a proposed floor plan.

The only thing he doesn't have is the liquor license.

Reece appeared at Tuesday's council meeting to request approval for a new package liquor license.

"It's going to be an establishment tha your grandmother or grandfather could walk in to," Reece said, calling the plan "a shining star for Hoopeston...something for everybody to be proud of."

Reece's plan would include packaged liquor, as well as ground coffees, coffee mugs, beer glasses and a selection of humorous cards.

Reece, a design engineer at FMC, cited in-

creased employment and tax revenue as reasons for granting his request.

Alderman Bill Goodwine suggested the council table the issue until the next meeting. "It becomes an emotional issue," he said. "I think we would send a strange signal, a wrong signal if we were to act on it tonight."

In other action, the council:

- ♦ approved a variance for Ed Lockhart, allowing him to sell a one-acre tract for a proposed house. Goodwine voted against the measuresaying he would have preferred Lockhart submit a written plan.

- ♦ accepted a \$10,000 bid from GTE for a new phone system; a \$3,500 bid from Russell Leigh & Associates for an audit; and a bid from Silver Brothers for \$2.90/sq. ft. for the sidewalk repair program

Hoopeston-based school of karate expands to serve Watseka area

The owners of a Hoopeston-based karate school have opened a branch in Watseka for Iroquois County residents.

The former Hoopeston Karate Club - now called The Karate Club - began classes at the Christian Activity Center in Watseka on May 28, according to owners/teachers Bill McGee and Susan Kietzman.

The expansion met both the needs of The Karate Club and the Christian Activity Center, McGee said. "They've been trying to find someone (to teach karate) for two years," he said. "We wanted to expand, anyway. It all fell together."

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Workers of closed company paid

Workers at the now-closed Power Plus diesel service have received back wages, according to an attorney representing the workers.

Attorney Calvin Hultquist said he met with Earl Stipp, owner of Power Plus. Hultquist said Stipp told him all differences between the company and workers have been worked out. "As far as I know, that's correct," Hultquist said.

Not only did Stipp meet back pay requirements, but he also gave employees severance pay, Hultquist said.

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Karate continued from other side

Classes are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday, and are open to anyone aged six or older. McGee, for one, would like to see older people take classes. "I'd gladly have someone older than me," he said. "I've been the oldest forever."

More classes will be added as the demand increases. "We'd really like to offer some afternoon classes," McGee said.

Classes, taught by five black-belt and five brown-belt instructors, stress discipline, self-esteem and self-defense. "Our focus is self-defense," McGee said.

Those who join classes in Watseka may also attend classes at the Hoopeston school, located behind the Collector's Cage. "Anybody who joins either school joins both," McGee said. "They can attend classes six days a week."

McGee called the training offered at the school "realistic," a concept Kietzman agreed with.

Movies which feature karate focus on violence and death. "That's what most people think," Kietzman said.

McGee concurred that when students start

classes, they often are impressed with karate movies. "When people start, they say '(That movie) was so good,'" he said. "After they've been in it for a while, they say 'It was so bad.'"

Those who would like to enroll at either school or would like more information may contact McGee or Kietzman at (217) 283-7306.

Briefly...

High school play scheduled

The Hoopeston Area High School Drama Club will present "Anything Goes" at 7 p.m. March 8-9 in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students and are available at the door.

In the Marines

Michael D. Wallace has joined the Marine Corps. His address is 355785395, 1st BN A Company, Plt. 1121, 40004 Midway Ave., Unit - 1, San Diego, Calif., 92140-5671. He is the son of Candy Warf of Hoopeston and Michael Wallace of Terre Haute and grandson of Gary and Fran Warf and Bev and Bob Wallace, all of Hoopeston.

Police News

William L. Ritter, 710 N. Market, reported to police Monday that someone scratched his 1992 Chevy while it was parked on the 300 block of East Main. The damage was done between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday.

Jamie and Herb Smith, Jr., 309 E. McCracken, reported to police Monday that someone entered their residence, causing damage. Police are investigating.

Benjamin F. McSpadden, 17, of 725 E. McNeil, Apt. 6, was arrested at 10 a.m. Monday, charged with theft on a complaint by Judy McSpadden of the same address. He was released on a notice to appear.

Tricia Schieler, 12211 State Route 9, reported to police Monday that someone scratched her

1988 Chevy while it was parked on the 500 block of East Main. The damage was done between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

April 4, 1994

Admitted: Kenneth Samet, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Cloudy and continued cold today. Rain likely. High in the lower 40s. Tonight, rain ending. Low in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 52, low near 30.



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