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Briefly...

AARP to meet
 The Hoopeston area AARP will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center.

Hospital sets forum
 The Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital board of directors will hold their annual informational session at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center.

Issues that will be highlighted this year are the healthcare reform debate, along with the state Medicaid budget crisis and what it means to the average citizen. An update on the nursing home expansion project will also be given, followed by a question and answer session. The public is invited to the forum

Relief fund gets major donation
 The Hoopeston Flood Relief fund drive got a major shot in the arm from Community Bank and its employees.

The bank started the fund with a \$500 donation, said bank president Don Sherrill. That amount was matched by bank employees, bringing the total from the bank to \$1,000.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the fund may do so at the Community Bank, 221 Bank St. For more information, or to donate furniture or other items, contact Just the Facts at 283-9348 or attorney Calvin Hultquist at 283-7711.

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Police News

Charles Dunavan, 690 E. Euclid, reported to police Saturday that someone damaged the windshield and scratched the hood of his 1982 Dodge pickup. The damage occurred Friday or Saturday while the truck was parked at 900 W. Orange.

Eileen Weber, #7 Parkview Court, reported to police Saturday that someone put slit marks in a tire at her residence. Police are investigating.

Bobby D. Kinnaird, 515 E. Main, reported that someone removed four chrome wheel spinners from his vehicle while it was parked at 626 E. Washington. The theft occurred sometime after 1 a.m. Sunday.

Larry Bell, Jr., 704 W. Lincoln, reported to police Sunday that someone took a Huffy Mud Slinger bicycle from his yard. The bicycle is black and gray with a gray seat. The theft happened between Thursday and Sunday. Police are investigating.


Obituaries

LUND - Marguerite L. Lund, 78, of Rossville, died at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 1994, at T.J. Sampson Hospital, Glasgow, Ky. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the Wolfe funeral Home in Rossville. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather

Partly sunny and warm today. High in the low 80s. Tonight, low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, scattered thunderstorms. High near 77, low near 64.

CELEBRITY WAITER
 Benefit for July 4 Fireworks Fund
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Council meeting bears resemblance to temperance rally

Part of Tuesday's city council meeting resembled nothing less than a temperance meeting. I fully expected to see Carrie Nation come forth, hatchet in hand, to preach against demon rum.

That made me angry. It's not that I'm an avid fan of alcohol. In fact, I don't drink. But just because I choose not to drink doesn't mean I have the right to force others to my way of thinking.

A great deal of discussion focused on alcoholism, which is a terrible problem.

I say "problem," and not "disease" as is politically correct these days because I don't think alcoholism is a disease.

Cancer is a disease. Heart trouble is a disease. But alcoholism? I don't think so.

People get cancer or heart trouble without having done anything that normally leads to those illnesses. They don't smoke, eat healthy diets, and still get sick.

To become an alcoholic, on the other hand, you have to do something. You have to drink. I've never heard of a teetotaler coming down with alcoholism.

The main reason I don't drink is because there is a history of alcoholism on both sides of my family. I figure that with a family tree like that, drinking is like playing Russian roulette. Sooner or later, the chemicals in alcohol will click and I will become an alcoholic. I know what that's like and, well, no thank you.

That's a choice I made based on what I've experienced. Nobody had to tell me not to drink. I took responsibility for myself.

And that's the problem with those who preach against alcohol. They aren't holding individuals responsible for their own actions.

Drinking isn't wrong. (If it was, I doubt Christ would have turned water into wine at Cana.) But abusing the stuff is.

In these times, however, it's easier to blame the

object. Alcohol causes problems, so rather than blame the person who abuses it, we'll blame the alcohol. Guns kill people, but let's not blame those who pull the trigger. We'll blame the guns, instead.

It makes no sense.

Another problem with this attitude toward alcohol is the hypocrisy that accompanies it.

There are those who oppose Sunday liquor sales but make sure they stock up on Saturday so they don't have to miss their daily dose. Or they'll drive to Milford on Sunday. Or Danville. Or Watseka. But at least we're not selling it here.

Teenaged drinking was also brought up Tuesday night - like it isn't already going on.

Alcohol is the biggest drug problem this town has. Kids who are going to drink are already finding lowlifes to buy their booze for them. Kids who aren't going to drink aren't going to be influenced if 20 new liquor stores open.

Besides, it's not the city council's job to teach kids not to abuse alcohol. That's up to their parents.

The final problem with Tuesday's discussion has nothing to do with alcohol and very little to do with a liquor store.

It has to do with the free enterprise system and what kind of businesses, if any, will be allowed in Hoopeston.

It seems no matter what kind of business wants to open, somebody's against it.

Competition drives the marketplace. Customers go where they get what they want and are treated fairly.

Businesses offering reasonable prices and good customer service have nothing to fear from competition.

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Child Support Collection

Can a parent withhold visitation because the other has not paid child support?

No. Child support and visitation are unrelated. The proper way to pursue child support is to file a petition to find the non-paying parent in contempt of court. By withholding visitation, you may be in contempt yourself.

Illinois law provides that if a parent fails to pay his or her child support, the other parent may not only recover back support, but also attorney fees.

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