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## Liquor establishments to request Sunday sales

Fuzzy navels will soon be seen on Sundays if owners of local watering holes have their way.

Owners of bars, convenience stores and Parkview Lanes bowling alley have mounted a petition drive among customers, requesting the city council allow Sunday sales of alcohol in Hoopeston.

Sunday sales are currently allowed only for special occasions, such as benefits, with permission from the liquor commissioner, Mayor Bob Ault.

"For the first time in history, we're all working together," said Eddie Edwards, co-owner of the Second Chance saloon.

Edwards and Donnie Ervin, owner of Main Street Inn, are leading the campaign, which has netted more than 200 signatures thus far.

Reasons for requesting the change include keeping people from driving back to Hoopeston after drinking in other towns and keeping revenue from Sunday sales in Hoopeston.

## Local police, auxiliary plan benefit for fellow officer

The Hoopeston Police Department and Auxiliary Police Department are joining forces to help one of their own.

The groups are planning a benefit for auxiliary officer Danny Cobb to help offset medical expenses.

Cobb was hospitalized recently for surgery on a brain tumor. Doctors then found two more tumors, said Bill McClafin of the auxiliary police.

Cobb, single parent of four children, is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation on those tumors, McClafin said.

"Not one person in town can't name someone who wasn't killed on Sunday," Ervin said.

Loss of revenue is also a major point. Edwards, former owner of the Blue Moon Saloon in Milford, said 80 percent of Sunday business at the Milford bar was from Hoopeston people.

Residents also drive to Boswell and Dunnington, Ind. and Danville to purchase alcohol on Sundays, owners said.

Owners have contributed to a legal fund and plan to hire an attorney prior to approaching the city council, probably at the March 7 meeting, Ervin said.

The group believes it is important to have legal representation. "You seem to have a little more power if you go in with an attorney," he said.

Finding a lawyer has not been easy, however. Ervin said attorneys he talked with have advised bringing the issue up after April because alder-

See LIQUOR on other side

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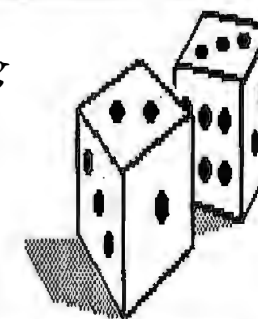
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The benefit is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m. March 5 at the Hoopeston VFW hall.

Two bands, "Smoke River," featuring Terry Buhrmester, and "Jessie Stone," with Bill Burke, are scheduled to play.

Also planned are an auction and 50/50 drawing. Food will also be available.

Anyone who would like to donate items for the auction, or who has suggestions for other fundraising activities, is asked to contact McClafin at 339-2297 or the Hoopeston police department, 283-5196.

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## Liquor continued from other side

men seeking re-election would be more likely to vote against the change before the election.

Ervin has already discussed the issue with some aldermen, and has had positive feedback. "No one's been negative so far," he said.

Whether that will turn into votes on the council floor is another matter. Convenient Food Mart requested Sunday sales approximately three years ago, without success.

The request will not mean all bars will be open on Sundays. Edwards said he "probably wouldn't be open on Sundays," while Ervin would not plan to be open every Sunday.

Bar owners are enthusiastic about a change, but others are less so.

"I think six days being open is enough," said police chief Orval Kaag. "They need a rest."

Edwards said some police officers signed the petition, something Kaag was not aware of. "It doesn't surprise me any," he said. "They can do what they want. It's a free country."

Ault is also against allowing regular Sunday sales. "I don't feel it's necessary, but the council would vote on it," he said. "I'm not in favor of it."

Issuing special permits for Sunday sales has worked well, Ault said, adding he has turned down few requests.

Local churches are expected to fight any change, although the Hoopeston Ministerial Association has not taken an official position on the issue, said the Rev. W.T. Harden, association president.

Harden suggested churches might take similar action, starting a petition drive against Sunday sales.

Some signers of the petition are church members, Ervin said, adding those who favor Sunday sales are not bad people. "It's like the churches are the only good people and the only ones who vote," he said.

"We're a bunch of good people, too."

## Police News



**Michael V. Anderson**, 21, of 803 E. McCracken, was arrested at 1:51 p.m. Tuesday, charged with driving on revocation and no valid registration. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

**Corey A. Hardin**, 23, route 1, Alvin, turned himself in to police Wednesday. Hardin was wanted on a traffic warrant. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

## Court dispositions



**Jan. 19 - Ron Cade**, Hoopeston, to pay \$100 plus \$20 service fee, rule to show cause to be issued.

**Ron Cade**, Hoopeston, to pay \$75 plus \$159.86 restitution, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

**Pam Chandler**, Milford, to pay \$75 and \$60 service fee, paid in full.

**Penny Dimmick**, Fowler, Ind., to pay \$75, rule to show cause to be issued.

**Ted Finnell, Jr.**, Hoopeston, to pay \$484, converted to 115 hours public service work.

**Deanna Milner**, Hoopeston, to pay \$95, rule to show cause to be issued.

**David Morlan**, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, paid in full.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Feb. 14, 1995

**Admitted:** Lori Goodrum and Robert Staley, both of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Debbie Faught and Raymond Good, both of Hoopeston.

## Weather



Sunny today. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, sunny, warmer. High near 45, low near 25.

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## Plan to attend Candidates

**Night**

7 p.m.

March 9

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Just the Facts is sponsoring a Candidate Night and we'd like readers to submit questions to be asked of the 13 candidates for the Hoopeston city council during a panel discussion.

Send questions to Candidates,  
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