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## Hoopeston city council tackles specific alcohol issue

Alcoholic beverages will be served at a Sept. 20 benefit for a Hoopeston man.

The Hoopeston city council voted 5-2 Tuesday to make an exception in the ordinance banning Sunday liquor sales to allow a benefit for Eddie Hollen who was injured when he fell from a roof.

Whether the benefit would be held come into question after the Aug. 18 council meeting when aldermen rescinded a special permit issued by Mayor Bob Ault for BJ's Pump to be open Sunday, Sept. 6.

Approximately 40 people attended Tuesday's meeting, including bar owners and teetotalers, to discuss Sunday sales, as well as selling alcohol in the park during the National Sweetcorn Festival.

City attorney Jim Spiros explained that five special event licenses are granted by the city each year. The special licenses, which also allow alcohol to be sold in the park, are subject to the same limitations placed on regular liquor licenses, such as days and hours of operation, he said. However, by ordinance, the special permit is available only to non-profit organizations, he added.

Spiros advised the council that they could change the

ordinance or make an exception to it for the Sept. 20 benefit.

Some residents questioned why alcohol should be served at benefits. "Why can't you do it with Pepsi; why can't you do it with Coke," asked Al Walker. If you've got to have your alcohol, do it in your own home."

Others said eliminating alcohol consumption at benefits might affect attendance; others disagreed.

Saying the benefit has already been advertised, Ault asked the council to make an exception to the ordinance.

Aldermen Drew Allen and Susan Comstock voted against the exception. Both said they disagreed with making exceptions to ordinances.

While the issue has been decided for the Hollen benefit, it is far from over. The council must still decide what to do about future Sunday benefits and other activities.

Borders, chairman of the city's civic improvement committee, said his group will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday to discuss city liquor laws.

## Landings recall sweet memories for former local man

When I picked up the pen the other day I was sitting on the deck watching numerous planes fly towards runway number 2 at O'Hare. I laid the pen down, however, and sat in amazement as a storm of flickering and flashing jets invaded the midnight Chicago skyline. I wasn't able to write; I watched so intently as planes from all directions converged onto one central spot, only to land for a brief period of time. All these planes coming from different places, with different futures, with very different destinies. Yet, one place joined them together.

## Guest Commentary

By MATT PARSONS



Does this have a haunting familiarity to you? It should: it has been part of Hoopes-ton culture for 55 years. Every year, for a few days, the runway opens. It is a familiar runway, one with a little bar on a hill, a bridge in cornfields where many a youth

have said goodbye to innocence; it has a mascot that stands as a symbol of what built the town; and a people bound by tormented friends, disillusioned families, and years of commitment to comfortable stability.

See LANDINGS on other side

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## Landings continued from other side

The Sweetcorn Festival (The Festival as the locals say) is the runway. Take a moment and think back to some of the best times you have had in Hoopeston...more than likely some of them revolve around The Festival. It is a place where young boys go to meet young girls, away from the watchful eye of mom and dad. It is a place where old friends meet to talk about the glory days, old lovers, the new baby, or worse, the X spouse. The Festival has endured as an event where grown men and women stay up till all hours painting streets, setting up barricades, drinking lots of beer, and even cooking breakfast and watching The Jerry Lewis Telethon till sunrise. It has not only certain personal memories for all of us, but also, certain collective moments, shared by many. Moreover, The Festival is always about one thing, bringing people together. Like the runway, it has been a place for many of us to land safely from time to time.

The National Sweetcorn Festival is bigger than a small town celebration of our "golden" crop. It is an American celebration that still has some pure and enduring qualities. In a time of ethical questions at all levels of society, and a time when the betrayed have become your next-door neighbors; The Festival has an unadulterated sense of pure and clean happiness. Close your eyes and picture the beauti-

ful queens riding down the street, one of the hometown girls wearing a crown for a brief period of time, a band called the marching Cornjerkers butchering a Souza tune, and the American flag waving in the crisp Illinois breeze. These are snapshots of life that are burned into the collective psyche of this little American town.

Nevertheless, the question is how long will this traditional part of Hoopeston culture remain. There are many signs of dramatic change on the horizon. The rich history of The Festival will only remain if everyone gets involved at some level. A Sweetcorn Festival Web page would be a great way to reach out to the collective body of people who share some of the aforementioned memories and colorful history The Festival has provided. This year is the time to start planning ways to help insure that the future of The Festival is as bright and rich as the past 55 years have been.

So this year, as you spend time basking in the glow of old friends and loving family, think about ways you can help. Talk to one of the Jaycees about ways to get involved with any aspect of The Festival. Remember that our time in life is always much shorter than we think and if we don't act soon it may very well be too late. So as you touch down on the runway once again remember where you came from and

embrace the memories of the people who not only taught us, but also tolerated us.

*Editor's note: Matt Parsons, formerly of Hoopeston, currently lives in Chi-*

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## Court Dispositions



**Aug. 20: Sonia Leavell**, Hoopeston, to pay \$125,

## Police News



**Three people were** arrested at 7:30 p.m. Monday, charged with disorderly conduct.

William R. Dilts, 37, of 837 E. Seminary, Mary A. Dilts, 33, of 841 E. Seminary and Vicki L. Underwood, 40, of 827 E. Seminary, were arrested at 837 E. Seminary after police answered a fight call.

All were taken to the police station then released on notices to appear.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 10:30 p.m. Monday in the 800 block of East Maple.

Police said an unidentified vehicle struck a parked 1993 Ford owned by Richard and Bonnie Moore, 503 N. Seventh Ave.

failed to appear.

**Daniel Lile Jr.**, Hoopeston, to pay \$55, failed to appear.

**Larry Palomo Jr.**, theft, continued to Oct. 22.

## In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Aug. 31**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Evelyn Redenbaugh, Harold Ingold.

## Weather



Mostly sunny, cooler today. High 80. Tonight, fair. Low 57. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 83, low 60.

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