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## Council votes 'party' line for New Year's Eve liquor sales

Hoopeston residents will be able to welcome in 2001 at local watering holes.

In a 4-2 vote, the Hoopeston city council on Tuesday approved allowing bars to be open from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

Alderman Dave Borders said the civic committee, which discussed the issue after the Jan. 18 council meeting, recommended the "no Sunday sales" ordinance be waived for New Year's Eve.

Aldermen Mike Eckersley and Drew Allen voted against the change. "We've sat here and run this thing around a thousand times," Eckersley said, adding the council did not approve other requested variances.

Allen said he voted against the change because the ordinance specifies no Sunday sales and "because that's

the way most of the people I talked to want it."

Alderman John Haughee said the variance will keep people in Hoopeston, a sentiment echoed by Alderman Bill Goodwine. "If they can't do it in Hoopeston, they'll go to Danville and then you send them out on the roads," he said.

In other business, Allen said a 1991 diesel jet/vac truck will be brought to the city for inspection when the weather clears. The existing jet truck is "in pretty bad shape," he said,

The 1991 model is "one of those rare finds," he said. "We'll have to make a decision because these things don't come around very often."

The jet/vac will cost \$85,000. The city has put back money for several years to pay for a replacement.

## Former cable company owner is star to Multi Agency

The former owner of Hoopeston Cable TV is a star to a local social service agency.

Bob Schloss, former franchise owner, donated \$15,000 plus computer equipment to the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Schloss wanted to donate to the community and was directed to the Multi Agency, said executive director Chalmer Flint. He originally planned to donate \$10,000, but after learning about agency services and its needs, Schloss increased his donation. "It was a real shocker," Flint said.

The computers will be used by employees, as well as by the Teen Reach and senior citizen programs, Flint said.

The money is being used in a variety of ways.

Next year's Teen Reach Christmas party, the youth program and the Multi Agency's school supplies program will each receive \$500. Additional money will be

used for the transportation program shuttle bus, new folding tables, chairs, software and lights in the front office, board room and garage.

Like the computers, a planned purchase will benefit both youth and seniors. Flint said the agency will spend approximately \$800 for a pool table to be used by senior citizens during the day and teens in the evening. "We've had people ask why we didn't get a pool table," Flint said. "Now that we have the money, we're going to."

While Schloss' donation was very helpful, the Multi Agency is planning its annual auction, to be held March 25 at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Money from the auction will help pay for a new furnace for the agency.

Anyone with items to donate for the auction is asked to call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544. Items may be dropped off at the office, 206 S. First Ave., or will be picked up by volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays.

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## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

“Ocean and the Sea” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program. Children may wear a pair of sun-

glasses and bring a beach towel.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Tiny Tots is open

## Letter to the Editor

### Former AG praises Manion

Editor:

My good friend, Paul Manion, I a candidate to be the Democratic nominee for Vermilion County State’s Attorney. I strongly encourage everyone in Vermilion County to support his candidacy because he is an extremely capable, honest and hardworknig lawyer who would do an excellent job in that office.

During my tenure as Illinois Attorney General, Paul acted on many occasions as my Special Assistant Attorney General. I always could count on him to get even the toughest jobs done for me.

Sincerely,  
Roland W. Burris, Esq.  
Former Illinois Attorney General

## Cause of Monday morning fire remains unknown: Chief

The cause of a fire that gutted a house Monday in the 800 block of West Main is still unknown.

Firemen were called at 10:44 a.m. to the home of Wally and Betty Wisdon, 822 W. Main.

Fire chief Brian Laird said the fire appears to have started in a hallway between the kitchen and a bedroom. The fire is not of suspicious origin and the State Fire Marshall’s Office will not be called to investigate, Laird

said.

Firemen remained on the scene for nearly three and a half hours.

The blaze gutted the inside of the home. “They pretty much lost everything inside,” Laird said, estimating damage at \$30,000 to \$40,000.

A family dog was found dead at the scene.

The family was not at home when the fire broke out.

## Police News

**Esmeralda Cordova**, 20, of 319 N. Sixth Ave., was arrested at 5 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of North Market. Cordova, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, was released on \$400 cash bond.

**Thomas J. Edwards**, 39, of 513 E. Main, turned himself in to police at 5:31 p.m. Monday. Edwards, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, was released on \$100 cash bond.

**Kristy L. Glenn**, 21, of 623 E. Thompson, turned herself in to police at 8:36 p.m. Monday. Glenn, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, was released on \$200 cash bond.

## In the Hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**Jan. 31**

**Admitted:** Ernest Trent, Roger Reckner, Hoopeston; Raymond Stephens, Ambia, Ind.

**Discharged:** none.

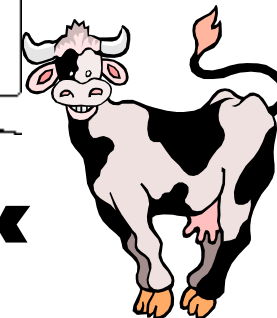
## Weather

Sunny today. High 30. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 15. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 35, low 22.

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