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Hoopeston City Council approves new revolving loan

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a revolving loan that will give an old business a new owner.

Chad Yaden was approved for a \$25,000 loan to purchase Rethelford's, a carpet cleaning and flooring business owned by Perry and Barb Rethelford for the past 36 years.

Yaden, a 1991 Hoopeston Area graduate, said he returned to Hoopeston after completing college and has been looking for a local career.

The loan will be repaid over nine years at one-quarter percentage point under the prime rate.

The interest rate was changed on a recommendation from finance committee chairman Alderman Bill Good-

wine who said the city should reward those who make timely payments. Those who are late even once with a payment will now see their interest rate rise to one-quarter point over prime.

Goodwine reviewed the list of current revolving loan holders. Five loans are current, including those to Hooterville Broadcasting, Rod's Home & Auto, Tim Strawser, Hoopeston Foods and Iron House Gym.

Hoopeston Food Locker and Hoopeston Monument are each four months behind in payments while Herb Voyles is nine months behind, Goodwine said. All have made plans to get their loans up-to-date, he said.

The revolving loan fund currently has \$96,000 available, Goodwine said.

HA students get dramatic for Neighborhood Watch group

It isn't every day that a mugging and a store hold-up take place at Country Terrace, but both did Monday night, thanks to Hoopeston Area High School Drama Club students.

Jason Knapp, Drew German, Elizabeth Newman, Andrea York and Cody Moore, all drama students, acted out a mugging and a robbery to allow Neighborhood Watch members to test their suspect identification skills.

"Tonight is probably the most important part in your function—to be a witness," said Police Chief Mark Drollinger before the skits. "Things aren't always as they appear." He urged group members to pay attention to the voices, clothing, height and weight of all the players. "You want to be very, very observant," he said. "It's really important to pick up on that in a short amount of time."

In the first skit, a young woman was overpowered by an assailant. In the second skit, a woman was pur-

chasing items from a store clerk when two armed assailants entered and demanded money. Drollinger then questioned the audience about the dress and actions of all the characters.

Victims' and suspects' actions are important, Drollinger said, because oftentimes, a suspect works in conjunction with an apparent victim or a suspect may be someone familiar with the establishment being robbed. Also, people sometimes fake crimes for insurance money. "The first think we have to ask ourselves is 'did this crime really happen,'" he said.

Each skit took less than a minute, the amount of time each crime often takes in real life. For example, the average robbery, from start to finish, averages 72 to 90 seconds, Drollinger said.

It took longer for the students to develop the skits, said drama sponsor Mike Caparula. Students met Thursday, spending approximately 30 minutes devising the skits and practicing their performances.

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Valentine's Day" will be the theme of Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may wear red or pink.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Community Fund meeting

The United Community Fund of Grant Township board will meet at noon Wednesday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Rules of the Road

A free Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at the Hoopeston city hall conference room.

Devotional book contains 15 of Hoopeston woman's works

Fifteen poems authored by Hoopeston poet Bonnie J. Manion have recently been published in a daily devotional entitled *Penned from the Heart*.

The works were compiled by Pennsylvania author Gloria Clover and published by Son-Rise Publica-

For more information call 283-5833.

Nurses' coffee

The monthly nurses' coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

Free books

The Hoopeston Public Library is spring cleaning the shelves and now there are a lot of books that need a new home. Check the library book sale cart and table for free books and magazines until Feb. 28.

Route 1 Association meeting

The Route One Association annual meeting will be held at noon Feb. 10 at Lincoln Trail College in Robinson.

Robert Winchester, deputy chief of staff for Gov.

tions of New Wilmington, Penn.

Clover's book includes inspirational poems and essays authored by writers from throughout the United States.

Manion has written poetry for many years but never shared her works with the public until last year. In June 2000 she received second place in light poetry at the St. David Christian Writer's Conference at Beaver Falls, Penn.

Police News



A **15-year-old** boy was arrested at 1:48 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of South Third St., charged with violating Hoopeston's daytime curfew ordinance. Police said the boy left school grounds without a parent or guardian.

The youngster was later released to a family member.

A **14-year-old** boy was arrested at 2 p.m. Monday at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange, charged with possession of under 2.5 grams of cannabis.

The youth was released to a family member. A juvenile petition is expected to be filed.

Shane A. Kelly, 25, of 3810 N. Lake Blvd., Danville, was arrested at 11:23 a.m. Monday on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. He was arrested following a traffic stop at West McCracken and North Sixth Ave.

Kelly was released on \$513 cash bond.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Feb. 5

Admitted: Opal Hanson, Frances McCrory, Ludmilla Slusarski, Hoopeston; Nicole Foster, Rossville.

Discharged: Zachary Garman, Crystal Longfellow, William Beckhoff, Fern Hofer, Darlene Hile.

Weather



Chance of rain today, tonight and tomorrow. Temperatures holding steady at 45 today. Tomorrow's high 55, low 50.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

George Ryan, will be the featured speaker.

Reservations may be made by calling (618) 262-8400.

Coffee Hour

The Active Seniors group would like to invite anyone age 60 or older to a free coffee and social hour from 9-10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Country Terrace activity room.

Parking is available in the south parking areas of the nursing home and Country Terrace.

For more information, call Charlene Ervin, 283-9215.

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