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## Hoopeston to get \$500,000 for lagoon sewage treatment

SPRINGFIELD -- Governor George H. Ryan announced Friday+ that the City of Hoopeston will receive a \$500,000 grant for improvements at the municipally owned sewage treatment plant that will also benefit a local company, Hoopeston Foods, Inc. The loan will upgrade the city's existing sewage treatment lagoons to bring them into compliance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and accommodate the future growth needs of Hoopeston Foods.

"This grant allows the City of Hoopeston to conform to the state's environmental standards and allows for future growth at Hoopeston Foods' warehouse facility," Governor Ryan said. "This project is critical in maintaining the quality of life in Hoopeston and retaining the existing jobs at the company."

The \$500,000 grant is part of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs' (DCCA) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP), a federally funded program that assists smaller Illinois local governments with their economic development

## Hoopeston Public Library qualifies to apply for Gates grant

The Hoopeston Public Library District may soon receive a compute grant from the wealthiest couple in the world.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's US Library Program has determined the library is eligible to receive a grant as part of a program to place computers, Internet access and other digital information in public libraries in Illinois, said library director Lou Graham. The program focuses on libraries serving low-income communities.

"It's not every day that you learn you might be getting a generous grant from two people who are as well known as Bill and Melinda Gates, so naturally we were thrilled to learn our library is eligible for this important

needs. In this case, the City of Hoopeston was issued a warning by the state's environmental agency to correct wastewater treatment issues by June of 2002 in order to keep Hoopeston Foods at its current location.

"Mayor Flint and Hoopeston Foods are to be commended for their commitment in working with us to find a solution to the existing environmental issue and the company's expansion needs," said DCCA Director Pam McDonough. "This situation could have meant the loss of dozens of jobs, but instead, this partnership with the State of Illinois will allow the company to maintain its role as an important employer in the community."

"We are extremely grateful to Governor Ryan, Senator Judy Myers and Representative Bill Black for making this grant happen," said Hoopeston Mayor Chalmers Flint. "The people of Hoopeston and Hoopeston Foods have had a mutually beneficial relationship. As a result of this grant, the community will save money and Hoopeston Foods will keep its warehouse and jobs in town, and also have the ability to expand. It's a great result."

program," Graham said adding the grant would allow the library district to provide computer access to low-income residents for whom computer equipment and services might not be available.

Graham expects the grant application to arrive at the end of August. If awarded, the computer and other equipment could be available as early as next March. The foundation will also send staff to train library personnel on using the equipment.

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois State Library in Springfield have worked for more than two years to bring the Gates Library Initiative to Illinois public libraries, Graham said.



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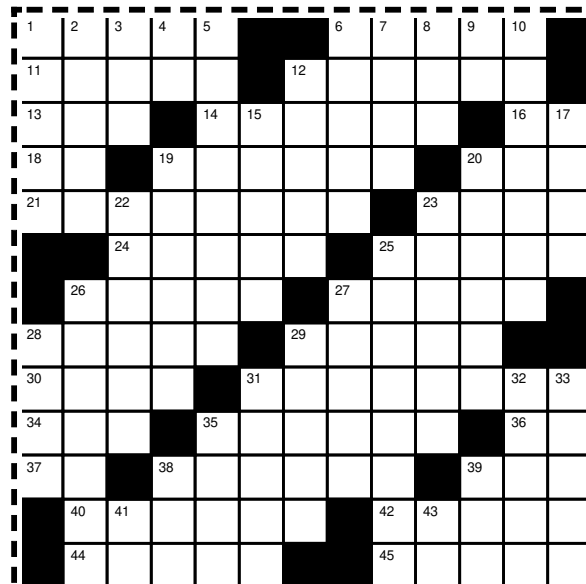
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### Book sales continue

Books by Philip Gulley, who will give a community presentation Aug. 20, are still available to purchase prior to the speaking event. Books are available at Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert, Kankakee Federal and the Presbyterian Church in Hoopeston and Gift Baskets by Wilma in Rossville.

Gulley will be available to autograph books following his presentation.

### Soccer signup

Hoopeston soccer signup will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 4 and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

### Nurses' coffee

The monthly nurses' coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital cafeteria. All area nurses are invited to attend.

### Meetings

Rossville village finance committee, 7 p.m. Wednesday, village office, to discuss employee insurance.

### Across

1. Sound
6. Endless straps
11. Diminish
12. Collapse; 2 words
13. Young seal
14. Criticized mercilessly
16. From
18. Exists
19. Inadequate
20. Cultivator
21. Called for
23. Disconcert
24. Viper
25. Halley's find
26. Waits
27. Military unit
28. Sympathized (with)
29. Roam about
30. 'The best you can get is an \_\_\_ break'
31. Causes the downfall of

### Down

34. Vast age
35. Esophagus
36. Pronoun
37. Greek letter
38. Profession
39. Deadlock
40. Dumfounded
42. Close together
44. Purvey food
45. Business stimulators
1. Tasteless; boring
2. Vituperation
3. Track circuit
4. Tag player
5. Shielded
6. Expressed by barking
7. At any time
8. Shepherded
9. Palm lily
10. Dozes

12. Basketball player
15. Takes on cargo
17. 'Tootsies'
19. Infuriate
20. Wickerwork receptacle
22. First, as a voyage
23. 'Lest we \_\_\_!'
25. Transforms
26. Encampment
27. Transoceanic message
28. Look to be

29. Wielded the scepter
31. More confident
32. Hawthorne's '\_\_\_ Told Tales'
33. Looks for
35. Stare
38. 'Katze' or 'chat'
39. Sesame
41. Family member
43. Laugh sound

## In the Hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

**July 26**

**Admitted:** Opal Willie Norman, Rossville.

**Discharged:** Geneva Nelson, Ila Thrasher.

**July 27**

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Joshua Deardurff, John McElhaney.

**July 28**

**Admitted:** Roberta Wood, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

**July 29**

**Admitted:** Eugene Lauren, Rossville.

**Discharged:** none.

## Weather



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