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### Revolving loan fund money goes to lagoon aeration project

A program used to establish businesses in Hoopeston will be without funds for a little while.

Approximately \$60,000 in the city's revolving loan fund will be used to help pay the costs of a new aeration system at the lagoons, a condition of receiving a \$500,000 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs grant for the aeration system.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved using the revolving loan funds and okayed other aspects of grant participation.

The revolving loan program funds business start-ups or improvements, with owners able to borrow \$10,000 for each full-time equivalent position created.

Using the money towards the lagoon project will temporarily decimate the fund. Although the project will benefit Hoopeston Foods, whose wastewater is treated at the lagoon, the company will not have to repay the re-

volving loan fund, said Alderman Kevin Davis, water/sewer committee chairman. The city may apply for more DCCA funds for the loan program and payments made on existing loans can be loaned to future borrowers.

Davis is enthusiastic about the aeration project. "I truly believe this has a good chance of eliminating the odor," he said. "I'm excited about it."

In related action, the council waived approved Bowen Engineering Corp. of Fishers, Ind., to complete the project pending engineering approval from Dailey & Associates. Four construction bids were received, with Bowen being the only one at or below the project estimate, Davis said.

The city must complete the project to meet a Dec. 1 deadline set by the Illinois EPA to rectify the odor problem, Davis said.

### Computer crimes get attention from regional task forces

Criminals using computers to commit their crimes are the focus of special task forces and Hoopeston is represented in one of those groups.

Russell Rudd, dispatch supervisor for the Hoopeston Police Department, spoke about the Regional Computer Crimes Enforcement Group at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Rudd is Hoopeston's liaison to the group.

Vermilion County is in the Mid State region, which also includes Iroquois and Champaign counties, among others, Rudd said. In all, the area task force includes 15 members of local law enforcement agencies, including the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, represented by Rod Kaag of Hoopeston.

The group's function is to help local law enforcement deal with computer crimes, such as child por-

nography and computerized fraud through such things as on line auctions, Rudd said.

Members of the group must receive 80 hours of training which was set up by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The group is made up of people who use computers and who are "fine tuning their skills," Rudd said, adding the group recently completed first-level training.

The training teaches task force members to extract evidence from computers without tampering with it. "We take a snapshot of everything that's there," Rudd said. By using specialized equipment to copy what is on a computer, rather than removing computer parts, "defense attorneys can't claim we manipulated evidence. It's worked extremely well in

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### Hog Roast



Friday August 10 4 p.m.-1 a.m.

### Hoopeston American Legion

**\$5** BBQ pork sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, chips.

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## Briefly

### Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at the Hoopeston City Hall.

The course is designed to help applicants pass the Illinois drivers license renewal application. Drivers are informed about current vision and driving ability parts of

### Obituaries

**PETERSEN**—Susan Marie Peterson, 48, of Carlinville died at 9:41 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001 at Carlinville Area Hospital. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Carlinville Methodist Church. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Petersen Children Education Fund or Carlinville Wrestling Club. The Davis-Anderson Funeral Homes, LTD, of Carlinville, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Peterson was the wife of Scott Peterson, formerly of Hoopeston.

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other parts of the stat so far.”

Presenting evidence to suspects often means the suspects will avoid lengthy trials. “Ninety nine times out of 100, they just plead guilty because the evidence is there in front of them,” he said.

Computer crimes are becoming more prolific although few have been reported in Hoopeston. Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger said two local cases involving computers are pending, including a fraud case involving a woman who received money for auction items but did not send the items to buyers. Drollinger said the woman was serving a jail sentence and was unable to send out the items in a timely manner.

The other case, still under investigation, involves a man who, using a fictitious email account, told a victim of a crime the man had committed against the victim. That incident is still under investigation, Drollinger said.

The next meeting will be Sept. 10 at Country Terrace. The Vermilion County Canine unit is expected to present the program.

the exam. The course also prepares applicants for the general written and road sign exam.

For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

### Damage assistance

Those who received damage from the July 7 storm and do not have insurance are asked to call the Hoopeston Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544 or 283-7987.

The agency may be able to assist those call.

### Walk-in clinic

The Vermilion County Health Department will host a walk-in immunization clinic from 9-112 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. No appointment is necessary but bring

## Chief warns residents of crimes

Hoopeston residents are being asked to keep an eye on their cars and those of their neighbors.

Last weekend, police received several reports of criminal damage to autos throughout the city, said Chief Mark Drollinger at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Another crime on the upswing is bicycle thefts. Ten were reported in about the last two weeks, Drollinger said. Often, thieves will pick up a bike and ride it to another location where it is discarded. “They use it as a mode of transportation but try telling that to a nine-year-old,” he said.

Anyone seeing suspicious people around vehicles is asked to call the police department at 283-5196.

## In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

Aug. 6

**Admitted:** Gertrude Williams, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Alice Goodwine.

## Weather



Partly sunny, humid today. High 90. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 73. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms late. High 90, low 68.

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

the child's hot record. Cost is \$7 per shot. A parent or legal guardian must be present.

Call (217) 431-2662 for more information.

### School supplies

The Hoopeston Multi Agency will once again be helping local low-income families with school supplies. Those who want help must bring proof of income for one month, Social Security cards for everyone in the household, Public Aid medical card, children's grade and supplies needed.

For more information, stop by the Multi Agency at 206 S. First Ave., or call (217) 283-5544.

## Police News



**Trudy L. Carter**, 40, of 224 W. Maple, was arrested at 8 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of West Penn. Carter, wanted on Vermilion County warrants for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Larry L. Brougher**, 22, of 122 E. Seminary, was arrested at 1:26 a.m. Tuesday following a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Main.

Brougher was arrested on a Vermilion County felony warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

The woman driving the vehicle involved in the traffic stop, Elizabeth M. Lopez, 20, of the same address, was ticketed for failure to secure a child in a safety seat.

**Police are** investigating a report of criminal damage to property at the driver's license facility, 825 W. Elm.

Police said someone using an unknown object broke the front double pane door, breaking the first pane.

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