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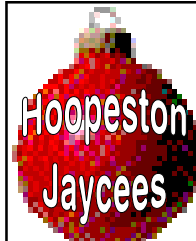
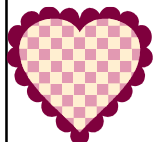
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Hoopeston City Council to revisit Sunday alcohol sales

The Hoopeston City Council will take a look at its ordinance regarding no sales on Sunday following a request from some businesses which sell liquor.

A letter to the council requested a change in the ordinance, which currently bans Sunday sales as well as consumption on the premises of any establishment with a liquor license. Those who signed the letter suggested the ordinance could be changed to allow sales only during a specified period and used noon to 8 p.m. as an example.

Those signing the letter included representatives of Pla-Mor Lanes, BJ's Pump, VFW, American Legion, Second Chance, Hoopeston Convenience Food Store, Casey's General Store and Main Street Inn.

The owners of Compton's Bar and Grill, Ted's Home Beverage and CVS did not sign the letter.

The request sparked discussion among aldermen. "I think it needs to be discussed," said Alderman Kevin Davis. "There's a lot of communities around us doing it. I think it would be a good thing to allow some sort of change in Sunday sales." Davis cited a loss of tax revenue and that changing the ordinance would keep residents from driving to Milford or other towns that allow Sunday sales. "It's also a safety issue," he said.

Alderman Bill Goodwine disagreed. "I guess I don't see why we should (change the ordinance)," he said, adding he believes his constituents would overwhelmingly not favor a change. "The feeling is 'why can't they buy it the day before,'" he said.

As for residents leaving the city to purchase alcohol on Sundays, "I've never been caught in a traffic jam of people going to Milford to get beer," he said.

Alderman Don York sided with Goodwine, saying his constituents voted for him, in part, not to change the liquor ordinance.

Alderman Rod Kaag said he is "not opposed" to Sun-

day sales while Alderman Ed Lotz said he is "indifferent about it at the moment" but said public input is needed.

Lotz' civic improvement committee, along with Davis, will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the ordinance, among other issues. The committee will then make a recommendation to the council.

In related discussion, the council took no action on a request from Joyce Ervin to allow Main Street Inn to hold an employee Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 16 at which employees would consume free alcohol.

Mayor Chalmers Flint said since the ordinance bans consumption, such a party would be illegal while Davis said if a change was made for one business, others might request changes.

Ervin also asked what the council plans to do about New Year's Eve, which falls on a Tuesday this year. Under the ordinance, bars must close at midnight on weeknights. That issue will also be addressed by the civic committee.

In unrelated matters, the council approved a 4.81% tax levy increase. The levy will generate \$520,808 for the 2001-02 year, up from \$496,914.

Finance committee chairman Goodwine said the increase is barely under the five percent level needed before a referendum is required. However, city attorney Bill Nelson said the city could levy more but would need to hold a public hearing, not a referendum.

Missing from the levy is the maximum amount for ambulance service, requested by Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, which would have generated \$36,000 annually. Goodwine said he excluded the request to stay under five percent.

Although Nelson said going over five percent would mandate a public hearing, he added there was not enough time to change the levy and meet filing deadlines for such a hearing.

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Gutter Gang 1,022, Rush & Co. 988, Strikers 978; **Handicap Series:**The Gutter Gang 2,944, Rush & Co. 2,920, Strikers 2,815. **Boys Scratch Game:** Jonathon Russel 133, Jordan Tate 122, Craig VanWieringen 120; **Scratch Series:** Jordan Tate 303, Tyler Brown 295, Jonathon Russel 290; **Handicap Game:** Jonathon Russel 238, Craig VanWieringen 238, Trevor Rush 233; **Handicap Series:** Craig VanWieringen 635, Trevor Rush 619, Jordan Tate 615. **Girls Scratch Game:** Maggie Shankland 140, Kalyn Sanford 127, Alina Burk 122; **Scratch Series:** Maggie Shankland 371, Alina Burk 333, Kalyn Sanford 332; **Handicap Game:** Maggie Shankland 235, Kalyn Sanford 217,

Jennifer Porth 214; **Handicap Series:** Maggie Shankland 656, Kalyn Sanford 602, Alina Burk 600.

Briefly

Birthday wishes

Helen Cox of Hoopeston recently celebrated her 90th birthday and would like to hear from friends, either in person or through cards.

Police News



Robert W. Goodnight, 39, of Hoopeston was arrested at 12:20 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of North Sixth Ave.

Goodnight was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear for jury trial and was released on \$500 cash bond.

A **29-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took a black purse from a 1986 Cadillac

She is at Hoopeston Nursing Home, Rm. 38-2, 701 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Coat drive

The Hoopeston Multi Agency is holding its fourth annual coat drive for children.

Good used coats may be taken to the Multi Agency at 206 S. First Ave. or call (217) 283-5544. All sizes are needed.

Book fair set

Hoopeston Area Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on school days from Nov. 30 to Dec. 5 in the middle school library.

The fair will feature books, toys and other items for all ages.

Obituaries

HASSELBRING—Robert Hasselbring, 75, of Milford, died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, at home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Burial with military rites by the Cissna Park American Legion Post 527 will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation was 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford and will be held one hour before services Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the radio fund of Our Savior Lutheran church or a charity of the donor's choice.

KOESTER—Mariechen Koester, 82, of Cissna Park, died at 11:55 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park.

Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Ash Grove. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park and will be held one hour before services Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



Mostly cloudy, chance of rain today. High 68. Tonight, rain ending. Low 40. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 50, low 33.

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