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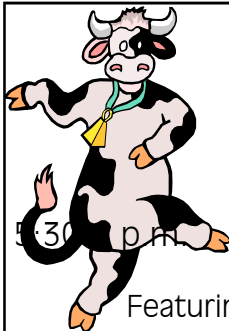
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Sunday alcohol sales profitable, no problem for owners

The first Sunday of allowed alcohol sales in Hoopeston went without incident and proved profitable for most bar owners.

The Hoopeston City Council last Tuesday voted to allow liquor sales from noon to 10 p.m., effective immediately.

Owners of establishments open Sunday reported at least some sales of alcohol made during the day.

BJ's Pump, which held a NASCAR party, had brisk sales all day, as did Ted's Home Beverage, which owner Mike Morris did not expect.

"We were pretty busy," Morris said. "I was sort of surprised."

Other sellers, including Pizza Hut, Hoopeston Convenience Food Store and Second Chance, also had sales on Sunday.

At Pizza Hut, "a moderate amount" of beer was sold with pizza Sunday, said shift manager Nathan Hoelscher. Overall, however, beer



Photo by Lourdine Florek
Andy Braden of BJ's Pump mixes a drink for a customer Sunday.

sales have risen since the issue of Sunday sales. "We used to sell about 40 bottles a month," Hoelscher said. "Since this started, people have been asking for it."

At Second Chance Saloon, owner Larry Stephen said business was "pretty steady. People left a little bit before 10 because they have to work the next day," he said.

At Pla-Mor Lanes, open Sunday for bowling, business was "a little better than normal," said owner Dennis Gress. A tournament sponsored by a beer company was featured last weekend, he said.

Owners hope Sunday sales will help increase their bottom lines which, some said, have been steadily dwindling.

"Anything will help because our business is cut in half and the bills keep coming in," Stephen said. "I've

talked to other (owners) and it's the same thing everywhere. I'm glad (the city council) did

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Caterpillars and Butterflies" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots sponsored by the Hoopeston Public Library. Children will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Multi Agency. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Drawing winners

Winners in the monthly Women Making a

Difference drawing are: Frances Long, Hoopeston, \$25; Vickie Jackson, Hoopeston, \$15; and the Don Dixon family, Rossville, \$10.

Little League signup

Signup for Hoopeston Little League will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 2, 9, and 16 and noon-2 p.m. March 3, 10 and 17 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

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	2	3. Hot Shots	26

Obituaries

GARNER — Donald B. Garner Jr., 78, of Hoopeston, died at 5:09 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002 while delivering his rural paper route. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital or the American Heart Association.

HUCKLEBY — Louie Frank Huckleby, 75, of rural Hoopeston, died at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services as the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Vermilion County Humane Society.

MONTROSS — Raymond H. Montross, 77,

See ALCOHOL on other side

Alcohol continued from other side

it. It won't hurt anything to try it."

Bar owners admit that whether Sunday sales will increase income—or whether the same amount of money will be spread over seven days instead of six—won't be known for at least several months. "It will take two to three months to tell," Morris said.

Gress said it may take up to a year to know if the ordinance change means more change in the coffers of local bars.

Aside from making money, bar owners said Sunday sales will keep patrons safer since they will not have to drive out of town to purchase liquor. "There were a lot of people who came in who said they were glad they didn't have to drive to Milford," Morris said.

of Hamilton, Mo., formerly of the East Lynn area, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002 in Cameron, Mo. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery, East Lynn. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Parkin-

Police News

A boy's yellow and silver dirt bike was found Tuesday in the 300 block of South Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Jerry L. Lindsey, 31, of 857 E. McCracken, was arrested at 11:07 p.m. Tuesday at his home.

He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 31-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Lindsey threatened him on the telephone and in person.

Lindsey was also charged with resisting arrest.

Not all establishments that serve alcohol will be open Sundays and of those that are, not all will be open until 10 p.m. Both the VFW and American Legion will open for special events, such as benefits and banquets but will not be open every Sunday. Other businesses will close before the 10 p.m. deadline. "I'm going to close at 8 p.m. unless it's really busy," said Andy

Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of flurries today. High 27. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 17. Friday, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late with possible accumulations. High 30, low 20.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopes-

4. Lil Bowlers 26
5. Pin Snappers 31
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