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# Bill, Carol Fewer don't fudge when it comes to making fudge

Bill Fewer mixes milk, chocolate and flavorings in his Hoopeston kitchen and makes magic.

Fewer and his wife, Carol, are the proprietors of Princess Alexandra's Fudge, based in their home at 521 E. Seminary.

The company is named after their daughter, Alexandra, who is almost four. The couple also has two sons,, Nick, 13, and Tony, 11.

The business sprang from Fewer's love of cooking and the fudge he made for friends and relatives as gifts. "We started giving it away and people kept saying 'this is the best fudge we've ever had. You should market it," Fewer said. "I thought they were kidding."

The couple, formerly of the Chicago area, moved to Hoopeston five years ago. Mr. Fewer, who is permanently disabled, began spending more time cooking. "He's always making something but the fudge stuck," Mrs. Fewer said.

The product he now produces came from collecting

## Alderman Mike Eckersley resigns

Residents of Hoopeston's Ward II will lose a long-time representative today when Alderman Mike Eckersley officials ends his duties as a member of the city council.

Eckersley resigned because he is moving out of the city. His resignation, after 13 years on the council, becomes effective at 3 p.m. Friday. He also spent eight years on the city zoning board.

Saying he appreciated the support of his constituents and other council members, Eckersley said he has enjoyed the opportunity of "working with you and for you. I love this town. I love the people." He also had kind words for city employees. "I have nothing but admiration for city workers." he said.

Wishing the city luck, Eckersley urged "everyone to try to work together" for the good of the city.

recipes then modifying them until satisfied with the end result. "Everything is trial and error," Fewer said. "I don't hesitate to throw it away. If it doesn't feel right, if it's not the color I want, it's gone."

Fewer uses Belgium chocolate, a high-quality chocolate with a just hint of bitterness, as the base for his chocolate fudge. He travels to Champaign to pick up ingredients himself. "I don't want nothing shipped," he said. "I don't want anybody handling my stuff."

Even though he uses quality ingredients, Fewer said it's how he combines them that makes the difference. "It's not exactly what I use, it's how I do it. Once you know how to do it, you never change," he said.

Mrs. Fewer said the secret may be more in her husband's touch. "I can take the same ingredients, cook it the same way and it doesn't taste like it does when he does it," she said. "It's not god-awful but it doesn't taste the same." Instead of spending her time at the stove,

See FUDGE on other side



Alderman Mike Eckersley accepts a commemorative plaque from Mayor Chalmers Flint at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

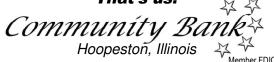
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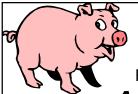
520 N. Tenth Ave., Hoopeston August 25 6:30 p.m.

## Fudge continued from other side

Mrs. Fewer handles the company's business end.

Fewer makes everything in an old-fashioned way, melting and mixing ingredients in small measures to maintain flavor. He will make large orders in smaller batches rather than risk losing flavor. Making huge vats of the confection "strikes me as going towards mass production and I'm against that," he said. "That's not what we're about."

Several varieties of fudge are available including milk, dark, white and mint chocolate, peanut butter, butter



# **Pork Chop Night**

Friday 5-8 p.m.

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scotch and maple nut. It may be purchased with or without nuts. Fewer is working on new flavors for holidays, such as Christmas, as well as expanding the line to include special occasion items.

Customers must give 24 hours' notice as the fudge is made fresh. The candy has a three-week shelf life if refrigerated but should be eaten at room temperature. "That's where all the flavor is," Fewer said.

Free delivery is available to Hoopeston, as well as Milford, Rossville, Rankin and East Lynn.

The Fewers are pleased with their business venture and are



happy it is based in Hoopeston. Carol and Bill Fewer and daughter, Alexandra, display the banner they will use "We cater to our hometown peo- during the National Sweetcorn Festival.

#### **Lunch Menus**



#### **Hoopeston Area grade schools**

MONDAY: Chicken fingers, tri-tator, breadstick, marinara sauce, pineapple.

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, bread, oleo, bananas.

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti-Os, max stix, peas, fruit yogurt. THURSDAY: Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, corn, apple

FRIDAY: Chicken strips, tator tots, sweetie bears, pears.

#### Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Country fried steak/gravy or fish/bun, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, oleo, pineapple.

TUESDAY: Chicken salad wraps or corn dog, fries, salad, fruit cocktail.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or hamburger/bun, max stix, salad, apple crisp.

THURSDAY: Burrito or chicken nuggets, salad, Spanish rice, peach slices.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter & jelly or ham & cheese, tator tots, brownies, applesauce.

#### Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Taco/soft shell, corn, mixed fruit, August birth-

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, oranges, vanilla pudding. WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib, cheese sticks, baked beans, banana, graham cracker.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pineapple, bread, butter.

FRIDAY: Chicken nuggets, tator tots, pears, no bake cookie. All meals include milk.

# -*Briefl*v

#### **See the Cornjerkers**

The Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers will have scrimmage games Friday. Junior varsity will play at 5:30 p.m. followed by the varsity at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

#### Going away party

A going away party for Josh Bruens will be held from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes. Bruens will be leaving on a four-year tour of duty overseas.

#### Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tomorrow. Highs 82, lows 63. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 80, low 58.

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

ple," Mrs. Fewer said, adding they will be part of the National Sweetcorn Festival.

Princess Alexandra's Fudge may be reached at (217) 283-5046 or email at fewer59@hotmail.com.

#### **Obituaries**

**NEATHERY** - Eugene Neathery, 78, of West Lafayette, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 2002 at Heritage Health Care Center, West Lafavette. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Federated Church of West Lafayette, Ind., First Christian Church of Hoopeston or the American Diabetes Association.

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