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Council approves amended alcohol ordinances for parks

Despite public protest last month, the Hoopeston City Council amended an ordinance allowing alcohol in city parks with a special events license.

In a 6-2 vote, the council amended the ordinance banning alcohol in parks to state that liquor may be served if a special event license has been granted.

Council members Jerry Yonkers and Nancy Stipp voted against the amendment.

At the Nov. 15 meeting, the council heard from several residents asking that alcohol not be allowed in parks, especially McFerren Park during the National Sweetcorn Festival.

McFerren Park is currently the only park for which special event licenses have been issued, including the festival and the annual Firemen's Ball.

At its Sept. 20 meeting, the council approved increasing the number of special event licenses from five to 12. In making the recommendation, Alderman Carl Ankenbrand said the increase would allow events such as large wedding receptions, to be held in Hoopeston rather than being moved to Danville.

Yonkers, Stipp and Alderwoman Gail Lane voted against increasing the number of licenses.

In unrelated business, Alderman Bill Goodwine said

plans for a 60s museum are on hold for now. Museum organizers met last Wednesday with Vermilion Advantage, then Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce members and with the city council at a dinner. While the group is still interested in the Willdon Building for their museum, Goodwine said their research shows not enough people would be interested in making the trip only for the museum. "The challenge they have is their research shows they can't attract 4,000 people a week for a day trip," Goodwine said. Key issues that have to be faced include where would visitors eat, where would they stay, where would they park and what else would they do, he said.


"It's very necessary that we come up with a nice sit-down restaurant, restaurants and a nice motel," said Mayor Bill DeWitt. "At this time, we don't fit that criteria."

Goodwine said other activities do not have to be in Hoopeston but should be within approximately 50 miles of Hoopeston but DeWitt said keeping visitors in Hoopeston would be better. "I don't like for Hoopeston to be treated as a suburb," he said.

In other action, the council:

Approved an agreement with Silgan Containers about
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Briefly

Miracle Tree screenings

Friday is the last day for screenings for Grant Township Food Cupboard, Lions Club Christmas baskets, Jaycees Toys for Kids and Grant Township Miracle Tree. Screenings will be conducted from 9-11a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Grant Township business office, 525 S. Market St.

Please bring proof of address, in-effect LINK card, proof of income, and Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

Miracle Trees with gift tags are available at Pamida,

First Allied Security and Global Fashions.

Winners announced

Winners of gift certificates from the recent open houses at Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert are: \$10, Yolanda Woods, Hoopeston; Ruth Guill, Watseka and Sue Burton, Hoopeston; \$5, Carol Clark and Sally Birch, Hoopeston.

Service pictures needed

The Community Service Awards Committee would like pictures of all Hoopeston area military service peo-

Council continued from other side

groundwater and soil contamination on company property at a site that was formerly a gas station, Yonkers said.

Under the agreement, the city will not allow use of shallow groundwater under the road right-of-way and will limit access to soil there and will prohibit use of shallow groundwater under the right-of-way as a potable water source. Silgan maintains responsibility for meeting Illinois Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for the site.

Heard from Alderman Bill Crusinberry that results of a September IEPA inspection of the water treatment facility resulted in no negative findings. “They made a

couple of suggestions but mandated nothing,” Crusinberry said. One of the suggestions - having the water tower inspected cleaned - is already planned, he added.

Learned from Alderman Ed Lotz that county budget cuts will eliminate Animal Regulation services after 4:30 p.m. daily, on weekends and holidays. The police committee will review the situation and make a recommendation, he said.

Approved an \$8,825 bid from HOW Construction for new windows at McFerren Park Civic Center. Other bids were for \$9,450 from Jackson Quality Construction; \$11,430 from Silver Brothers; and \$16,874.96 from Brown’s Cash & Carry.

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Police News

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Thomas C. Boyne, 20, of Rantoul, was arrested following a traffic accident at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East McNeil.

Police said Boyne, in a 1982 Chevrolet pickup truck, hit a mailbox while traveling west on McNeil. Boyne’s

truck was found at a residence in the 600 block of East McNeil.

An 83-year-old woman was able to give police a description of the truck and driver.

Boyne was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident operating an uninsured motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on notices to appear.

Obituaries

SIEFFERT—Edward L. Sieffert, 84, of Milford died at 2:56 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Sheldon. Burial will be in Sheldon Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

Weather

Snow likely today and tonight. High 22, low 9. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 26, low 13.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

ple for a video to be shown at the awards banquet.

If you have not already turned in a photo, please send one to Hoopeston Area Schools Superintendent’s Office, 615 E. Orange, Hoopeston by January 6, 2006.

Thank you for your assistance!

New Books at the Library

Fiction

Miss Julia’s School of Beauty by Ann B. Ross (large print)

Choose Me by Xenia Ruiz (inspirational)

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells (young adult)

Mad Girls in Love by Michael Lee West

Just Above a Whisper by Lori Wick (inspirational)

Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avon Christmas Sale. Friday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 1027 W. Thompson, Hoopeston. (217) 283-6857

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Rossville, Ranch 2 b/r, 2 bth, 2.5 car gar. No Pets. No smoking. \$430 +\$430 Sec Dep. Owner is Realtor. Illiana R.E. 748-6900

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