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Hoopeston City Council hears update on revolving loans

Hoopeston's revolving loan program was the main topic at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, who oversees the program, reported that of all the revolving loans made since the program's inception in the 1980s, seven - or 49 percent of loans - have been repaid. Another 16 percent, or three loans, are current on payments, while three other businesses went bankrupt. Five loans, or 18 percent of the total, are delinquent on payments.

Those having paid off loans include Accent Healthcare, Global Fashions, M&N Pallet, Fence It In, Western Auto, Hoopeston Foods and the defunct Hoopeston

Food Locker. Those loans totaled \$235,874, Goodwine said.

Existing loans on which owners are current include Haga's Party Supplies, with a \$27,000 loan; Lorraine Theatre, \$25,000; and Yaden Flooring, \$25,000.

Businesses that went bankrupt are Hoopeston Hoops and Ruby Nells. Hoopeston Hoops and Old Country Store are both repaying loans at court-ordered amounts, he said.

Delinquent accounts include Hoopeston Memorials, with an original loan amount of \$39,786; Hooterville

See LOANS on other side

The residents of the Hoopeston Nursing Home wish you and your family a Happy Holiday Season. The Nursing Home will be having their annual

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2,000 Page Health Bill

I read David Smith's letter to the editor on Senator Durbin's statement that he was "in the dark" on the healthcare bill. Why am I not surprised with this statement? The only surprise is that he admitted it. I would suggest to you that very few of our representatives or senators have read either of these proposed bills, let alone understand them. Lawyers and lobbyist have read the bills and they are pushing for the parts of the bills that helps them, and the firms they represent, not us.

Why oh why can't they just come out with a simple bill that they all understand, then they can inform the citizens, and let us vote on it in a referendum form? Let the citizens of this country decide the future of this coun-

Loans continued from other side

Broadcasting, \$25,000; Kelly's Pub, \$10,000; and Jeremy Gaddis, \$10,000.

Those loans are all at least 16 months in arrears except Kelly's Pub. No payments have been received on that loan, which was granted in December 2008.

Goodwine said letters were sent to delinquent loan-holders, asking them to contact him to discuss their loans. Of those, only Hoopeston Monument and Jeremy Gaddis responded, he added.

Obituaries

SIMPSON - Earl Eugene "Gene" Simpson, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 9:55 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 at Heartland Healthcare, Paxton. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

SUCHOSKI - Earl W. Suchoski, 63, of Sheldon, died at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 at home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association.

Letters to the Editor

try. It is our kids who are going to have to pay for all this deficit spending, not their kids. They have their own healthcare plan, they don't really care how it effects the rest of us.

In about 10 years Medicare is supposed to be broke, (How can they validate reducing \$500 million from Medicare to help pay for this new bill)? Talk about robbing Peter to pay Paul! I knew they couldn't keep from increasing the deficit even more, without taking money from one benefit and transferring it to another. The bad part is, the people that counted on Medicare are going to be SOL, because the new bill isn't going to cover you as well as Medicare did.

Ask yourself, do you feel that our government is really

Revolving loan money originated from a state loan made to Schumacher Electric. As the company repaid its loan, the money was made available to other businesses. The program is designed for loans which are not bank-worthy to keep the city's program from competing with local banks, Goodwine said.

In other business, the council:

●Heard a reminder from Alderwoman Susan Comstock about the contractors meeting to be held at 7 p.m. January 7, 2010. The meeting, which is open to the public, is to develop a contractor registration program in Hoopeston. This meeting will include not only general contractors, but also plumbers, landscaping and other contractors, she said.

●Heard from Jean Minick that pictures of children with Santa are available at the Chamber office. Parents are urged to pick up the pictures as soon as possible.

●Heard from Goodwine, acting as mayor pro-tem in the absence of Bill Crusinberry, that nothing new has been heard on the planned motel project.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 37. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, chance of rain, snow. High 38, low 23.

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

looking out for our best interests, or are they just trying to pass something, no matter how bad it effects it's citizens?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Police News



A **45-year-old** Milford man reported at 9 a.m. Tuesday that someone took a half cord of cut wood from the 700 block of North Market. An unidentified person was seen taking the wood without permission.

A 16-year-old Rossville girl reported at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday that someone took money from her purse at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.

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