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We would like to thank all of you for your cards, concern, assistance, phone calls, visits and prayers during Don's hospitalization and since returning home. Your acts of love and kindness made a difficult journey easier to walk and helped to sustain us during the really rough patches. Never underestimate the power of prayer as Don is an example of what God can do.

Thanks again and May God Bless All of You Abundantly.

> With Much Gratitude and Love. Don and Sharon Dixon Colleen and Andy Edington

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Council learns of loan approval 1 week short of deadline

With less than a week left before the bid for water tower work could expire, Hoopeston officials learned they will get an EPA loan.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mike Streff, of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, said loan documents were sent to the Illinois EPA director on August 2 and were signed August 22, granting a loan of \$2,536,692 to refurbish Hoopeston's aerial and ground storage water tanks.

The loan comes with a 1.93 percent interest rate and 20-year payback, Streff said.

The action comes just under the wire of the 90-day guarantee of the winning bid by Leander Construction, of Canton. Streff said that while Leander officials were willing to extend the bid guarantee, had EPA officials not signed off on the loan, Leander would have had to get agreements from its vendors and subcontractors to extend its bid.

While pleased that the documents were signed, Streff said he has a meeting with the EPA next week and plans to ask about the holdup in getting documents signed. "There were no hiccups on our end," he said. "We started this thing in November.

In unrelated business, parts of a civic improvement committee recommendation concerning Hoopeston liquor licenses got council approval, while another part did

Currently there are five Class A licenses, two each of AA and B and three AAA. At the August 20 meeting. the committee recommended increasing AA to five and B to three plus creating three BB licenses, for beer and wine sales only at businesses such as pizza parlors.

The August 20 recommendation came after Sunny Singh, manager of Hoopeston Marathon, requested that the convenience store, which is licensed to sell beer and wine, be allowed to also sell hard liquor.

At Tuesday night's meeting, chairman Larry Baughn made a motion to approve creating the BB category - at a cost of \$550 per license - along with changes to the special event licenses, eliminating a set number and changing the wording from notifying the city each January to providing notification one calendar year before the event.

That motion passed 7-1, with Alderwoman Nancy Stipp voting against it.

Baughn did not bring up setting a number for the new licenses or increasing the number of AA licenses, saying after the meeting that he felt doing so would be a con-

Although given the opportunity, no other aldermen, including Baughn's committee members, Bill Goodwine and Carl Ankenbrand, brought up the increase.

After the vote, Mayor Bill Crusinberry allowed public input on the issue. Ted Morris, owner of Ted's Home Beverage, questioned the need for more licenses.

Crusinberry said that since no one brought the recommended increase up for a vote, the number of licenses would not be increased.

Singh, who has attended several council meetings waiting for an answer, declined to comment.

In other business:

- Doug Wagoner, Fast Lanes owner, requested officials look at a situation regarding poker machines. Currently, the state shuts off machines at the hour specified to stop serving alcohol, but, Wagoner said, customers sometimes want to play the machines past that time.
- Heard from Alderman Joe Fell that Fire Chief Cliff Crabtree was thankful for support in Saturday's Sweetcorn Festival parade, both from residents and the number of fire departments who provided mutual aid for the June 19 tire fire that returned to take part in Saturday's parade.







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and paraphernalia were found.

Patricia A. Morgeson, 51, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:36 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East McCracken. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police were at her home assisting a parole agent when alleged crack cocaine

Morgeson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.



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Police News

A 69-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 3 p.m. Tuesday that someone slashed a tire on her vehicle in the 800 block of Wyman.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:03 p.m. Tuesday at Elm and Fifth Ave.

Police said Beverly Knapp, of Cissna Park, in a 2002 Buick, struck a 2001 Pontiac van driven by Joshua D. Pierce, also of Hoopeston, in the intersec-

tion.

John P. Smith, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:42 p.m. Tuesday at Penn and the railroad tracks. He was charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly crossing the tracks when the crossing arm lights were activated and a train was approaching.

Smith was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Fire Calls



- Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday to 4000 North and 1130 East Rd., for smoke coming from items in a concrete culvert under the road.
- Firemen were called at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday to Heaton Grain Elevator, 1900 East Rd., Rossville, for

Court Dispositions

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August 1, 2013

Jose Mendez, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, paid \$180 fine.

Brandy Childers, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$230 or 28 hours public service work; status hearing September 5.

Zacaria Sage, Hoopeston, failed to appear for alcoholic containers prohibited in public places, found guilty by derfault; sentencing September 5.

Ruben Espinoza, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restrictions for burning trash, fined \$180; status hearing October 3.

Donald Underwood Jr., Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to interference with police; trial September 5.

Vicki Ford, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disobeying police, fined \$330 or 40 hours public service work; status hearing October 3.

Patrick Griffen, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default; Sentencing September 5.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 84, low 59.

mutual aid for a fire in the grain distributor.

- The department was called at 6:16 p.m. Sunday to Country Terrace, 705 E. Orange, for an active fire alarm. The alarm malfunctioned.
- Firemen were again called to Country Terrace at 5:33 p.m. Tuesday for an alarm that was apparently malfunctioning.

Obituaries

MATHEWS - Barbara Sue Mathews, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 1:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Classifieds

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