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## Council gets good news on sewer project, hears PM2 update

Engineer Sam Cole of C2 Engineering brought good news to Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The EPA has indicated the Hoopeston will receive funding for the sanitary sewer lining project planned for Sixth St. between Thompson and McCracken. "Basically, the project is approved," Cole said, but funding is not expected to be approved until July.

The downside is that with late funding, construction will also be delayed, until fall or possibly winter, he said.

Hoopeston also qualifies for a lower tier interest rate, less than the usual interest rate charged on EPA loans. The current rate is 1.76 percent, with the lower tier rate at 1 percent. Rates could increase between now and July, Cole said, but the increase would not be great.

Hoopeston may also qualify for principal forgiveness of as much as 45 percent, he added.

For the city's water tower improvements, the EPA allowed 30 percent principal forgiveness on the \$2.3 million project.

Officials hope to receive a low interest loan not to exceed \$710,000 for the project, which will include placing inserts in sanitary sewers, sealing joints and manhole work to keep storm water out of the system.

The project has also been given a categorical exclusion because the small scope of the project means construction

will not cause environmental issues.

Cole also reported on progress at Prairie Meadows II, saying water mains have been installed and tested, sewer lines have been installed and sanitary sewers have also been installed and are waiting to be tested. Pavement construction, including sidewalks and streets, is expected to begin in late February.

Water Superintendent Steve Baker reported a new pup was installed at the lift station at the former Baer's Trailer Park and is working well.

In other discussion, Ald. Bill Goodwine recapped a meeting of tax increment financing (TIF) taxing bodies held January 31. At that meeting, Goodwine reviewed TIF expenses and income and Russ Leigh, representing

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## Briefly

### At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Brain Games for Adults**, 10-11 a.m. Thursday. Exercise your brain with brain teasers, memory games and other mental workouts!

**Home School Gathering**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday. Local home school families invited to share ideas. Bring the kids! Activities for all.

**Tiny Tots** story program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For youngsters ages 0-4 accompanied by an adult.

### Volunteers still needed

Volunteers are still needed for Saturday's Eastern Illinois Food Bank's Foodmobile at McFerren Park, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event will be 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Valarie Hinkle, (217) 274-2956 or email [hoopestonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:hoopestonchambercommerce@gmail.com).

### Breast Cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at The Pit Stop. All past and present survivors are welcome. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9828.

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# From the Blotter

**Dorian Martin**, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:49 p.m. Tuesday to the 500 block of East Lincoln for a possible domestic dispute.

He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from an 18-year-old Hoopeston woman. He was also charged with resisting arrest and aggravated battery to police after allegedly becoming combative with an officer.

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

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 4:43 p.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of West Chestnut. Police said a 16-year-old, in a 2002 Ford F150, was eastbound and lost control due to road conditions, striking a parked 2010 Hyundai, owned by Kenia Martinez.

# Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 26. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 22. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 33, low 21.



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Young bowlers from around the state experience Fast Lanes Bowling Alley for a Pepsi Youth Bowling competition. **Youngsters, parents from around Illinois come to Fast Lanes for Pepsi Youth Bowling event**

Kids between the ages of six and not-yet-14 thronged to Fast Lanes Bowling Alley in Hoopeston for the two-day Pepsi Youth Bowling competition.

On January 27-28, 152 youngsters and their parents met at Fast Lanes for the event, said Doug Wagoner, Fast Lanes owner.

Bowlers came from Peoria, Kankakee, Monee, Taylorville, Springfield, Mattoon, Shelbyville and other places to test their skills against their peers.

While most bowlers attended one of the two days, one young hopeful made an appearance both days.

Wagoner said the eight-year-old and his mother came from Effingham to bowl in the tournament. When the lad didn't recognize anyone else, he refused to bowl. He and his mother left and she called later to see if an opening was available Sunday. Another bowler canceled with the flu so mother and son returned to Hoopeston. The young man did well and moved on to the next round of competition, Wagoner said.

Those who came for the event were impressed with the alley and the food served by The Pit Stop, the bowling alley's restaurant. "they loved the food, and without our great help, it would not be possible," Wagoner said.

Family, friends, local bowlers and parents of

Hoopeston youth bowlers turned out both days to lend a hand.

To accommodate the tournament, Wagoner had to change the usual schedule, being open on Sunday and serving food more hours than usual. That benefited not only visitors but residents as well, especially Sunday when many people went to Fast Lanes after church. Residents shouldn't get their hopes up for regular Sunday dining there, though. Wagoner said employees, while willing to work a special event, don't want to do so routinely.

Pepsi sought bids to host the event and Wagoner's was successful. "I thought we need to bring something into town," he said. "The music (events) didn't really pack it

# Sewer continued from other side

Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation, talked about planned economic development projects, all in hopes of getting taxing bodies to support a 12-year extension to the city's two TIF districts.

If approval is given, Hoopeston officials will ask Rep. Tom Bennett to bring the issue to the legislature. If approved, it will move for the governor's signature before it can be implemented.

in and the youth of today are the bowlers of tomorrow," he said. He plans to bid on it in the future and would also like to bring Pepsi's competition for bowlers ages 14-18 to Hoopeston.

Along with owning Fast Lanes and the Pit Stop, Wagoner is also coach of Hoopeston Area High School's bowling teams.

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