

## Gaming fee vote doesn't meet state law, new vote expected

At its meeting next week, Hoopeston City Council is expected to revisit a vote taken at its June 7 meeting on an ordinance on a proposed new video gaming fee.

Earlier this year, Illinois amended its gaming statutes, allowing municipalities to levy a fee of up to \$250 per gaming machine, with half of the fee paid by the establishment in which the gaming machine is located and the other half by the terminal operator.

A proposed ordinance setting the fee at the maximum \$250 was discussed at the April 21 council meeting. At that meeting, Doug Wagoner, owner of Fast Lanes, encouraged the council to implement the fee in increments. Wagoner said he was speaking for other license holders, as well, who were not against the fee but hoped it could be done on a graduated scale.

The issue was to be voted on at the June 7 meeting and Wagoner again attended and again asked the council to consider the business owners' request.

Also at the June 7 meeting, Âld. Joe Garrett said he spoke with other business owners and substantiated that they, like Wagoner, would prefer it to be phased in.

Ald. Kellie Ferrell made a motion to impose the \$250 fee, seconded by Ald. Robin Lawson, which opened the

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## Cooling center open

Hoopeston remains under an excessive heat warning until 8 p.m. today. During this heatwave, Hoopeston City Hall is open as a cooling center from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### **Breast cancer support**

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. June 16 at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

matter for further council discussion.

"Asking for (\$250) a year when they're making \$100,000, I don't feel guilty, to be honest," said Mayor Jeff Wise. "This could potentially do some things to help us." Wise went on to say that "everybody in here knows things are going to hell in a handbasket," and that Hoopeston has things "coming down the pike that are going to cost us big money. Where we're going to come up with that money, I don't know. If taxes on gaming helps us a little bit, I say let's do it."

The vote split 3-3, with Garrett, Kyle Richards and Stephen Eyrich voting no and Ferrell, Lawson and Bob Porth voting yes.

"It's a 3-3 split so it's up to you," Eyrich told Wise. "It passes," Wise responded.

However, officials later learned the vote did not follow the state statute, which says all ordinances and any resolution or motion to create any liability against a city or for the expenditure or appropriation of its money requires a concurrence of all members then holding office, including the mayor, unless otherwise provided by other state regulations. To approve the ordinance, five votes were needed.

"Oceans of Possibility" summer reading program, Thursday. Kids ages 4-8 will read "Ten Splishy, Splashy Fish," at 1 p.m. At the same time, kids in grades 6-12 will take part in the "It's in the Bag" reuse and repurpose program. Bring an old t-shirt for the craft, if you have one.

At 2 p.m., youngsters ages 9-12 will learn about "Kids Who Are Changing the World."

#### Membership picnic

All area women are invited to Hoopeston Area Women Making A Difference membership drive picnic on Tuesday June 28th at 6 p.m. Come meet members and see what we do. For meeting place and information email us at hoopestonwmd@yahoo.com.







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## July classes available Open to all kids entering 3rd-8th grade Class information, dates and registration available at:

https://dacchoopeston.coursestorm.com Printable registration form can be found at http://www.dacc.edu/hoopeston

DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston 847 E Orange St, Hoopeston or call 217-283-4170

## **Obituaries**

**EVANS** - Thomas William "Tom" Evans, 80, passed away at 6:58 a.m.. Friday, June 10, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. He was born April 29, 1942, the son of Thomas Everett Evans and Francis Almeda Hocutt Evans. He married Emily Elizabeth Olive and they raised three daughters before they later divorced. Tom is survived by his



three daughters, Kathleen

TOM EVANS

(Philip) Vines and Kristi (Scott) Hudson both of Hoopeston; and Karen (James) Guglielmo of St. Peters, MO. He is also survived by one sister, Donna Fleming, of Des Moines, IA; nine grandchildren, Evan Vines, Kelsey Vines, Jo Vines, Emma Vines, Matthew Vines, Samuel Hudson, Sean Hudson, Dominic Guglielmo and Vito Guglielmo; and nieces and nephews, Jay Evans, Cindy Evans, Dee Evans, Bill Leemon, Linda Gilman, and Steve



Berry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Floyd Evans and Kenneth Evans, and one sister, Eileen Leemon.

Tom worked at UARCO in Watseka and American Can Company in Hoopeston for years before retiring. He served in the US Naval Reserves and US Navy for eight years during the Cuban Missile Crisis era as a Yeoman with stations on the SSS Kennebec and in San Diego, Hawaii, and Newport, RI. Tom loved the routine and order of the Navy.

Tom was a lifelong Yankee and Cubs fan and enjoyed following the Fighting Illini. He was very proud that all three daughters chose to attend the U of I. He inherited his father's green thumb and loved to garden – typically starting all his vegetables from seed. His daughters remember being quizzed on the names of flowers as they would tour the gardens.

Though Tom was not a social person, when he did get out, he enjoyed talking to people. He took a great amount of pride that all of his daughters had achieved a college

### **Court Dispositions**

#### May 11

Brian K. Swinford, Danville, appeared at status hearing for nuisance structure; new status hearing June 8. Joseph C. Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear at

status hearing for criminal damage to property; case sent to state for further enforcement.

Jorge A. Antuna, Hoopeston, complied for general nuisance, paid \$180 fine; case closed.

Larry É. Sutton Jr., Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance in two cases; abatement order for per-day fines given; status hearing June 8.

Juan Jl Lugo, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; new status hearing June 8.

**Lacey C. Sutton**, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; new status hearing June 8.

**Clarence Krygowski Jr.**, Hoopeston, appeared at trial for unlawful acts constituting disorder, case dismissed by hearing officer.

### Weather

**HEAT WARNING** through 8 p.m. Wednesday. Hot today. High 97. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 76. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 93, low 67.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/. education and were independent thinkers. Tom was very proud of all of his grandchildren, not just in their achievements and accomplishments, but mostly in the good people that they are growing up to be.

Tom would have also wanted it known that he would be leaving behind an animal companion, Kellogg, his sweet cat. For anyone moved to do so, you may choose to make a memorial donation to the Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team so that other precious companions like Kellogg can be saved.

As per his wishes, he will be cremated and no services will be held.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Tom's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Classifieds

#### HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a fulltime water department employee. Requirements:

Valid Driver's License

- Class B CDL with airbrake endorsement or ability to obtain one
- High School diploma or equivalent
- A positive attitude and willingness to learn Strong work ethic

Punctuality and attendance is important for this position. There is opportunity for advancement with the proper training and certification Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment

#### CITY OF HOOPESTON Chief of Police

The City of Hoopeston is seeking candidates to fill the position of Chief of Police. Hoopeston is a community of 4,915 residents located at the junction of Illinois highways 1 and 9, approximately 100 miles south of Chicago. For more information about Hoopeston, visit our website at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

The City currently has 8 full time officers and is in the process of hiring 1 to 2 more full time officers.

Qualified candidates will have:

•10 plus years of experience in municipal law enforcement •Ability to lead coach, and train staff in a focused and effective manner

•Community oriented and able to maintain positive relationships with residents, schools, and the business community

•A degree in criminal justice or related field is desired •Equivalent training or experience will be considered

•Excellent interpersonal/communication skills are essential The City of Hoopeston is an EOE, offering a comprehensive wage and benefit package with a starting salary range of \$65,000 to \$70,000.

Candidates may submit a confidential reply to the City of Hoopeston; Administration Office, 301 W Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 or online to hoopestoncityjobs@cityofhoopeston.com

Submissions should include resume and cover letter. First review of candidates will occur by Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park is in need of a Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. The position available may be part-time or full-time. If you are interested, please mail your resume to The Frederick Community Bank, PO Box 36, Cissna Park, IL 60924, or pick up an application from the receptionist in Cissna Park.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1<sup>st</sup> St. in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend day. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Stop by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: silgancontainers. mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/ Posting/view/12464/0

Silgan Containers is hiring for an Electrician-Industrial/ Maintenance position. Please apply online at: silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12406/0

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

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East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

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