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Hoopeton retirees were honored at an open house Wednesday, including, from left, Roger Uden, Gail Lane, Steve Baker, Edye Bookwalter and Tom Bookwalter.  
**Retiring Hoopeton employees celebrated for longtime service, dedication at open house**

Roger Uden makes retirement look like a lot of fun. Formerly the City of Hoopeton Parks Department supervisor, Uden was one of five employees honored at a retirement open house. Uden, who retired last year, did not want an event in his honor when left, but did agree to join the group for Wednesday's festivities. And he made no secret of what

he thinks about his retirement. "I love it," he exclaimed to his fellow retirees, including Gail Lane, Edye Bookwalter, Steve Baker and Tom Bookwalter. Baker, set to retire at the end of February, has purchased a recumbent bicycle and plans lots to get in lots of exercise riding around Hoopeton. Lane and Edye Bookwalter, who retired at the end of

December, each has her own business and will continue doing that work. For Bookwalter, it's an a home-based accounting business and for Lane, a downtown sewing/mending business. Tom Bookwalter will retire at the end of February and join his wife in the accounting business. **See EMPLOYEES on other side**

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**Akeem L. Blackwell**, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:48 p.m. Saturday to the 1100 block of Savannah Ct. for a report of a domestic dispute.

Blackwell was taken into custody on preliminary charges of communicating with a witness, making threat to injure or damage property and assault. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Adam Fox**, 24, of Alvin, was arrested after police

### Fire Calls

**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called to two reports of gas smells Tuesday.

The first call was 8:13 a.m., when firefighters responded to Gibson Health, 705 S. Dixie Hwy. There were no reports of sickness and the location or source was not located. Ameren was notified to respond.

The second was at 1:37 p.m. in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave., after police officers reported smelling natural gas. Firemen and Ameren were called to the scene.

**Firemen were called** at 3:57 p.m. Wednesday for the smell of gas in the 500 block of West Maple. No leak was found.

The Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni would like to thank all who came out on Saturday night to support our 7th Annual Scholarship auction and to give their money generously. Also a thanks to all the businesses and individuals that donated cash and merchandise to make the auction successful.

The Auction was a huge success because of the generosity of our community and the area. We are proud to be a part of a great Community that is so generous.

Thank you one and all. We couldn't do it without you

**Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni**

### From the Blotter

were called at 12:45 a.m. Sunday to McDonald's, 824 S. Dixie Hwy, for a report of a suspicious vehicle in the drive-through. Sleeping in the vehicle with his foot on the brake, Fox was awakened and, when asked to step out of the vehicle, police noticed a gun within Fox's reaching distance. A computer check showed the gun to be stolen, police reported.

He was arrested on two counts of aggravated unauthorized use of a weapon and possession of a stolen gun and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Isaiah Head**, 19, of Bowling Green, Ken, was stopped for a traffic violation at 2:01 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9. He was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Glenn D. Marshall**, 30, of Penfield, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:12 p.m. Monday at South Fourth St. and East Chestnut. He was cited for no front/rear registration

### Obituaries

**POTTER** - Charles Robert "Charlie" Potter, 73, of Henry, Tenn., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 1:42 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2024, at home. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, rural Rossville. Memorials are suggested to Mann's Chapel, c/o Vermilion County Museum, 116 N. Gilbert St., Danville IL 61832. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

### Employees continued from other side

The city hall chambers housed a good turnout of family, friends, past and current coworkers and former elected officials who came early and stayed for most of the 90-minute event, enjoying chocolate and vanilla cupcakes, along with fruit and bottled water, and stories of the retirees' days serving Hoopeston residents.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 45. Tonight mostly clear. Low 28. Tomorrow, sunny. High 47, low 29. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 49, low 29.

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plate, no valid driver's license, operating vehicle with expired registration plates or registration sticker and operating uninsured vehicle and was released from the scene on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**A wallet** was found Wednesday at Euclid and East Orange. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

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