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AUCTIONEER NOTE: there will be more added and pictures by Wednesday February 15. Nice quality furniture so be sure to check back on Feb 15.
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A moving van sits outside the Edward Jones office at 209 E. Main. Hoopeston City Council voted last week to condemn that building and one at 211 E. Main, owned by Dick and Pat Doyle.

Council condemns 2 more buildings, backtracks on backfill

In a 5-0 vote, Hoopeston City Council approved condemning two more buildings in the 200 block of East Main. The group met as in special session on January 31 to discuss 209 and 211 E. Main, owned by Lance Raver and Dick and Pat Doyle, respectively. The Doyles' building was affected by demolition of the building to the east and Raver's Edward Jones office was temporarily closed, with Raver looking for temporary office space. According to the meeting agenda, the council was to go into executive session for potential litigation. Attorney Steve Miller cited Open Meetings Act to explain the closed session for Raver's building but omitted mentioning Doyles' structure. After Mayor Jeff Wise said there was the potential for litigation on both, Miller explained that he did not mention the other building because he was

not sure "if there was actually had been a threat of imminent litigation on that piece." Prior to his discussion on litigation, Miller wanted to include the possible purchase of both properties during the executive session. However, according to the Open Meetings Act, agendas are to be posted 48 hours before meetings and reasons for closed sessions are to be listed. Land acquisition was not listed on the agenda for action. After spending more than 30 minutes in executive session, the council returned to open session where Ald. Kellie Ferrell made a motion to condemn the buildings. After Ald. Michael Ferrell seconded the motion, they, along with council members Stephen Eyrich, Robin Lawson and Bob Porth approved the action. Members Joe Garrett, Angela Highfill and Tim Scharlach were absent. See BUILDINGS on other side


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Nicole M. Hughes, 36, of Danville, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 12 a.m. Saturday at West Honeywell and South Sixth Ave. Cited for operating uninsured vehicle, she was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Keli R. Kirkley, 44, of Bismarck, was charged with unlawful display of license plate not authorized by law

Obituaries

BURY - Pauline Lucile Bury, 95, of Milford, died at 6:58 p.m. Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. celebration of her life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Milford Park and Pool Foundation or Milford Public Library. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

HATFIELD - Paula Ann (Nolan) Hatfield, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 6:47 a.m. Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 5 -7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in East Lynn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Buildings continued from other side

In other action, the council voted 5-0 to change the backfill material at the downtown demolition site.

After originally considering using clay and dirt to fill the opening, officials went for the less expensive option of filling the excavation with bricks from the demolition.

That course was reversed to using clay with six inches of dirt on top. Wise said bricks will be taken to the city slab, which will save landfill costs, but the new backfill option will add \$75,000 to the cost.

During discussion of the matter, Kellie Ferrell said that when the council previously discussed using dirt, the cost would have been more than \$200,000, so the council opted for the cheaper option. However, she said, if someone wanted to build on the site, the cost of having the bricks removed would be prohibitive. "People who wanted to build downtown would go elsewhere," she said.

Ferrell made the motion, seconded by Lawson, with all members voting in the affirmative.

From the Blotter

for use on such vehicle after a traffic stop at 6:57 p.m. Saturday at South Third St. and Orange. She was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Kari N. Bernard, 38, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for expired license and operating when registration suspended for non-insurance after a traffic stop at 1:19 a.m. Monday in the 600 block of West Washington. She was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Both drivers were ticketed after an accident at 4:04 p.m. Monday at West Thompson and Rt. 1.

Police said Joyce E. Williams, 70, was eastbound in a 2020 Ford utility, failed to yield at the stop sign, entered the intersection and hit a 2008 Ford utility, driven by Barbara A. Summers, 50, of Milford.

Williams was ticketed for failure to yield, while Summers was ticketed for operating uninsured vehicle. Each was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Brendan B. Genovese, 26, of Danville, was arrested after leading police on a chase Monday evening.

Police reported initiating a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Genovese was later identified as the driver. According to police reports, Genovese fled from officers, making a final stop at Rt. 1 and 350 North Rd. in Iroquois County.

Genovese was apprehended on preliminary charges of speeding 78 mph in a 35 mph zone, two counts of diso-

In unrelated business, on a motion from Eyrich, seconded by Michael Ferrell, the council unanimously approved Yolanda Woods as the new city treasurer. She replaces Edye Bookwalter, who retired from the position on December 31, 2023.

Both Bookwalter and former City Clerk Gail Lane were reelected in 2021. Lane also retired from her position in December. Brad Hardcastle took on those duties and was officially appointed to the position at the January 2 meeting.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 52, low 41. Tomorrow, breezy, mostly cloudy, chance of showers. High 57, low 49.

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beying a traffic control device, illegal transportation of alcohol, reckless driving, aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude police officer, driving while license suspended and speeding 130 mph in a 55 mph zone.

He was processed at the police station before being transferred to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for the temporary positions of Assistant Manager and Lifeguard for the 2024 swim season for the McFerren Park Public Swimming Pool. Applications and job descriptions are available online at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/ and at City Hall, 301 W Main St. Please contact Kristi Hudson, 217-772-1064, or City Hall, 217-283-5833 for questions. Application deadline is Friday, February 23rd, 2023.

The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for the position of dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or on our website at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/. For questions, please contact the police department at 217-283-5196.

Customer Account Representative

The Frederick Community Bank in Cissna Park has a position available for a **part-time** Customer Account Representative. Applicant must have skills interacting with customers, ability to handle various transactions accurately, and be part of a team environment. 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.

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