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## Fire chief offers safety tips for potential winter hazards

Winter is a time for many potentially hazardous activities in the home. Live Christmas trees, space and kerosene heaters and drop cords all may pose threats through the risk of fire or electrical shock.

To help minimize the risk, Hoopeston Fire Chief Jim Pajor listed the following safety tips:

- Always choose a freshly cut tree. To test a tree, strike the stump down on a firm surface. If needles fall off, the tree is too dry.
- Place the tree away from heat sources and, of course, from sparks and open flame.
- Always keep the tree well watered. Check and refill often.
- Use only noncombustible decorations.
- Check and replace any worn or damaged light sets. It is a good practice to replace any set that is more than four or five years old.
- Use only U.L. or F.M. approved light strings; Spot or floodlights should only be used on an artificial tree; NO CANDLES!
- Avoid overloading electrical circuits or creating "octopus" connections.
- Disconnect the lights at bedtime or when unattended.

For outdoor lights, Pajor recommended using a ground fault interrupter (GFI). The device shuts off power when there is a drop in power. GFIs are also useful in bathrooms where electrical appliances may come in contact with water, such as a blow dryer falling into a tub. "It's a small price to pay to save a life," he said.

### Space heaters

- Choose models that have automatic safety switches that turn off the unit if it is tipped over accidentally.
- Always look for a label or tag indicating the heater has been tested/approved by a recognized independent testing lab.

•Check the cord before plugging in the heater; if frayed, worn or broken, do not use it. Either have an electrician replace the cord or replace the heater. Simply putting tape on the cord is not enough to prevent overheating and fire.

•Never use an extension cord with a portable heater.

•Keep portable electric heaters away from sinks, tubs and other wet or damp places to avoid deadly electric shocks.

•Keep an electric heater at least three feet away from curtains, newspapers or anything that might burn.

•Never leave the heater unattended and never leave the house or go to bed without turning off the heater.

•Keep all heaters out of high traffic and exit areas.

### Kerosene heaters

•Never refuel the heater inside the home. Fill the tank outdoors, away from combustible materials, and only after the heater has been turned off and allowed to cool.

•In case of flare-up or if uncontrolled flaming occurs, do not attempt to move or carry the heater, which can make the fire worse.

•Reduce exposure to indoor air pollutants by properly operating and maintaining the heater.

•Keep an outside window opened approximately an inch to insure adequate fresh air infiltration. This is true regardless of whether you use a kerosene heater or some other conventional method of heating, if your home is relatively new and tight, or if it is older but has been winterized to reduce air infiltration from the outside.

### Drop cords

•Cords should be in good condition. Frayed cords should be thrown away.

•To avoid falls, cords should be placed under carpets.

•Drop cords should be considered temporary and should not be used longer than is absolutely necessary.

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## Bowling Scores



### Tuesday Night Classic League

Standings 12/3/02

1. Hiltz Liquid Waste	37	27
2. Production Tooling	37	27
3. Ferdinand Construction	35	29
4. Hoopeston Weather Line	34	30
5. Ross Electric	33	31
6. Crop Production Service	32	32
7. Pla-Mor Lanes	31	33
8. JBM	17	47

**High Team Game:** Production Tooling 697; **High Team Series:** Production Tooling 1,830; **High Individual Game:** Henry Reutter 278, Jay Ferdinand 262; **High Individual Series:** Jay Ferdinand 724.

**Games over 210:** Randy Hiltz 237, 258; Henry Reutter 278; Will Burens 213; John Baker 221; Tony Gress 219; Dave Hughes 211; Jay Ferdinand 252, 262; Robert Bruens 220; Bob Bruens 257, 212; Nick Gonzalez 201, 220; Kenny McVicker 212; Bob Ponder 220, 223, 213; **Series over 600:** Randy Hiltz 678, Henry Reutter 621, Dave Hughes 615, Jay Ferdinand 724, Bob Bruens 653, Bob Ponder 656, Nick Gonzalez 625, Kenny McFicker 625.

**Hall of Shame:** John Morgenroth 128, Dennis Gress 129, Mike Dean 130.

### Illiana-Farmers League

Standings 12/4/02

1. Corrflex	47	9
2. Hoopeston Awards	37.5	18.5
3. FHHGG	36.5	19.5
4. Pla-Mor Lanes	33	23

5. Ravens	24	32
6. High Five	18	38
7. Bacca	16	40
8. Bye	12	44

**High Series:** Chad Kenny McVicker 738, Chad Bruens 706, Randy Hiltz 661; **High Game:** Chad Bruens/Kenny McVicker 278, Doug Bray/Randy Hiltz 258.

**Hall of Shame:** Ricky Lile 101.

### Thursday Afternoon Ladies

Standings 12/5/02

1. Knuth's	27.5	14.5
2. Carolynn's	25	17
3. Iron House Gym	25	17
4. H&R Block	17.5	24.5
5. Gress I	17	25
6. Pla-Mor	14	28

**High Team Handicap Game:** Knuth's 823, Iron House Gym 814, H&R Block 813; **High Team Handicap Series:**

## Obituaries

**MURPHY** - Frances Murphy, 80, of Hoopeston, died at 2:06 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



## Police News



**Two Hoopeston men** were arrested in connection with the theft of several items from a 64-year-old Hoopeston man.

David Aguirre III, 18, of #47 Parkview Court was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Sunday at Parkview Court. Jimmy D. England, 20, of #9 Parkview Court, was arrested at 9:04 a.m. Monday, also at Parkview Court.

Each faces preliminary charges of residential burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of a stolen

firearm, unlawful possession of a weapon and criminal damage to property, police said.

Both men were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

The man reported an assortment of collectible coins, knives and firearms had been taken. Police recovered all the property.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 42. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 45, low 25.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.



## Fire calls

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:40 p.m. Sunday to a fence on fire in the 400 block of East Main. Police also responded.

## Classifieds

### AUCTIONS

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The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for Substitute snowplow drivers on an as needed basis. Applicants must possess a CDL License, and participate in a Drug and Alcohol policy mandated by the City of Hoopeston. Applications may be picked up at Hoopeston City Hall Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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