



# Hoopeston City Council approves Floral Hill fee increase

The cost of getting buried is going up. The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved increases in fees for burial and related services at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Lot fees will increase \$100 over the 1983 price, said Alderman John Haughee, cemetery committee chairman.

An adult grave, measuring 3.5'x10', will go from \$75 to \$175 in the old section and \$225 in the new part. A baby grave, 2'x3', will go from \$15 to \$115 in parcel A and from \$25 to \$125 in parcel B.

Labor charges will increase, too, with adult grave openings costing \$200 on weekdays and \$250 on Saturdays.

Under the new ordinance, rates for all lots will increase \$50 on May 1, 2005 and 2006 and \$25 each in 2007 and 2008. Every year therafter, the lot rate will increase two percent. Labor fees will go up three percent every year after April 30, 2005.

Money from the increases is to be set aside in an accrual fund to replace cemetery equipment, Haughee said, adding currently, the cemetery is using a 1973 backhoe and a 1975 dump truck and has not accrued money to replace the items.

While fees are going up, the number of days a person will be buried is decreasing.

The ordinance calls for no burials on Sunday or city-observed holidays without approval of the mayor and cemetery committee chairman.

In unrelated business, the council again discussed selling the Willdon Building to Tad Ballantyne, an investor in Hoopeston Foods.

Mayor Chalmers Flint has said Ballantyne wants to purchase the building from the city for \$1 and invest \$100,000 to \$200,000 to make apartments in the top three floors.

City attorney Bill Nelson said the issue has "two or three major legal problems in my opinion," including making sure Ballantyne signs a binding agreement before the city accepts the building from Capstone Bank; finding a way around the state statute that requires bids be sought if the city disperses of property and making sure the purchaser is held responsible if it abandons the building.

The council also:

• approved Rick Birch and Kory Johnson as firemen.

• discussed buying a thermal imaging camera for the fire department. The camera is estimated at \$16,000. Alderman Brandon Hamilton requested TIF funds be used by aldermen Rod Kaag and Bill Goodwine asked that another way be found to pay for it.

• learned the police department received a \$2,055.96 matching grant for bulletproof vests. Chief Mark Drollinger said vests cost \$550 and that the department clothing allowance will be used to offset the cost.

• learned 165 feet of curb will be replaced at

# Foundation sets golf outing

Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation is gearing up for the sixth annual Charity Golf Tournament Saturday at Hubbard Trail Country Club.

Cash prizes will be awarded for both log gross and low net scores. Teams have the opportunity to win up to \$1,000 in cash prizes.

Morning and afternoon flights are still available. Entry fee is \$50 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart and lunch.

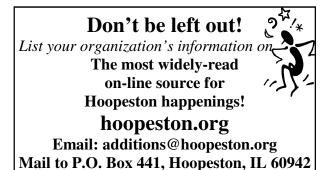
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that this witch school issue has received over the past

month. Everywhere I go, it's "witch school this," "witch

school that," or "what about the children." Never mind

the fact that there are meth labs in town or that the popu-

lation of pregnant early-teens is growing. No, let's worry

leased a list of its honor students for the spring 2003

Rankin: Becky Lynn Robinson

Rossville: Kelli Rhae Rice

Danville Area Community College has re-

Town of Hoopeston:

## Letters to the Editor

City has bigger problems than witch school about a witch school. I can almost guarantee that none of the representatives of the witch school are going to chase your kids down to get them to join their group. I'm overwhelmed by the amount of attention

I'm glad that Police Chief Mark Drollinger has agreed to let them speak at the August Neighborhood Watch meeting. I encourage the community to listen, instead of automatically speaking down to them and judging their practice. They're just trying to get their

# DACC lists area honor students for spring 2003 semester

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Students named to the Honor's List, for carrying 12 or more hours with a 4.5 point (B+) average are:

Alvin: Aaron David Reifsteck, Elizabeth Sroufek, Josh Thornsbrough.

Hoopeston: Elvira Antuna, Dawn Davis, Ann East, Janna Hodge, Leslie Eric Hoy, Abby Kuntz, Tony Joseph Sapochetti.

Milford: Kellen Douglas Brazel, Tracie Lynn Hartman, Brian James Rudin, Mary Smith.

Rankin: Amber Nicole Long, Anthony Lee Spencer, Susan Jane Strawser.

Rossville: Ivan Booher, Christopher James

#### **Police News**

A 15-vear-old Hoopeston girl reported Monday that someone took her bicycle from the 600 block of East Wyman. Police later found the bike and returned it to her.

A 60-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone broke a kitchen window and unlocked a door at her home in the 700 block of South Fourth St.

A 48-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that two places on her windshield and one place on the driver's side headlight of her vehicle had been damaged by an unknown object.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 88, low 65.

knowledge out there, just like any teacher in town. So like Mr. Palmer said, "God Bless America," but also God bless all Americans!. Even the ones that study Wicca.

Sincerely Nick Gonzalez

Hoopeston

PS: This letter was inspired by all the letters opposing the witch school, including John Palmer's July 10 letter.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Having out of town visitors? We have two 1 bedroom furnished apartments available by the night or by the week. TV, phone, utilities included. (217) 283-7996.

Mary Kay Open House, Saturday, July 19, 2-? 704 W. Lincoln, Hoopeston. Questions? Call (217) 283-4148.

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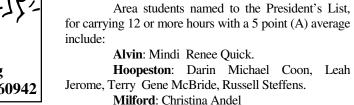
#### RUMMAGE SALES

409 W. Lincoln, Hoopeston. July 18-19, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Many household items, smooth-top electric range, dining table w/4 chairs, bedding, compact stereo, exercise bike, a few clothes.

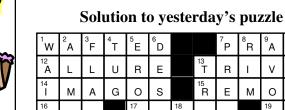
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