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Lights out

Jim Prather, top, and Pete Neal put up a stop sign at Market and Main Monday. Signs will replace traffic lights there and at Market and Penn as part of a study to determine if the lights are really needed. The study was requested by Illinois Department of Transportation officials who want the lights removed or updated. New lights are estimated to cost more than \$175,000.

Firearm safety kits available

The Hoopeston Police Department is providing free firearm safety kits to residents through a partnership with Project Childsafe, a nationwide firearms safety education program.

The kits, which include a gun lock, are available now. Kits are limited to one per person and will be given away until all 200 are gone.

Project Childsafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

By partnering with Project Childsafe, the Hoopeston Police Department is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners.

Voyles Park returned to village

WELLINGTON—After approximately 10 years, the people of Wellington have their park back.

Voyles Park, which was accidentally sold to Wellington resident Bill Warner, has been given back to the park, effective Dec. 1, said village trustee Judy Martin.

Warner inadvertently purchased the park in 1993 when he bought the former high school building. In July 2002, the issue was discussed by the village board, where then-Mayor Grover "Bud" Wise, said Warner had refused to sign a modified deed separating the park from the high school property.

At that time, Warner and Wise each said personal conflict between the two worsened the situation.

In return for getting the park back, the village

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Tuesday Night Classic League

11/25/03

1. Production Tooling	34	18
2. Ross Electric	32	20
3. Crop Production Service	31	21
4. Pla-Mor Lanes	26	26
5. Ferdinand Construction	25	27
6. Hiltz Portable Sanitation	21	31
7. Junction Café	21	31
8. Hoopeston Weather Service	18	34

High Individual Game: Mark Butterworth 279, Doug Wagoner 268, Bob Bruens 267; **High Individual Series:** Mark Butterworth 799, Bob Bruens 685, Doug Wagoner 673; **High Team Game:** Crop Production 667; **High**

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"The Shoemaker and the Elf" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 10:30 a.m. Fridays and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Tickets available

Today is the last day to get tickets for a drawing to win one of two decorated Christmas trees and several other prizes.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available at First Allied Securities, Community Bank, Capstone

Park continued from other side

agreed to tar and chip streets on the east and south sides of the former high school building.

Warner was a trustee when the village purchased the former high school from a Chicago-based church group for \$12,500. The property, including the park, was later sold to Warner for \$10,000.

Warner operated a tire recycling business at the school before opening WillKare Trucking.

A celebration to mark the return of the park may be scheduled for next summer, Martin said, adding the Wellington Lions Club, which has a shelter in the park, may now move forward with planned renovations of the shelter.

Bowling Scores



Team Series: Pla-Mor Lanes 1,882.

Games over 210: Todd Keith 234; Mart Butterworth 278, 279, 242; Dave Hughes 210; John Baker 221; Eugene Warner 217, 223; Doug Wagoner 268, 215; Mike Dean 223; Tim Coon 215; Jay Ferdinand 210; Randy Hiltz 218, 215; Will Bruens 225; Tony Gress 212; Rich Thompson 215, 210; Dave Warf 213; Bob Bruens 214, 267; **Series over 600:** Mark Butterworth 699, Eugene Warner 618, Doug Wagoner 673, Bob Bruens 684.

Illiana-Farmers League

Standings 11/26/03

1. Pla-Mor Lanes	40	20
2. FHHGG	40	20
3. CCPCC	32	28

4. BJ's Pump	30	30
5. High Five	29	31
6. Bacca	29	31
7. Ravens	24	36
8. Bye	11	49

High Series: Ronnie Bob Bruens 692, Keith Hicks 594, Brandon Hamilton 580; **High Game:** Bob Bruens 256, Pete Sollars 230, Brandon Hamilton 223.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

Standings 11/27/03

1. Pla-Mor	28	11
2. Carolyn's	21	18
3. Knuth's	17	22
4. Unger's	12	27

High Team Handicap Game: Carolyn's 829, Pla-Mor 817, Knuth's 789; **High Team Handicap Series:** Pla-Mor 2,359, Knuth's 2,309, Carolyn's 2,293; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Tammy Bertram 173, Joan Leslie 163, Barbara Knuth/Darlene Musk 159; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Tammy Bertram 469, Darlene Musk 451, Judy Clark 446.

Obituaries

BURGER - Helen J. Burger, 87, of Champaign, formerly of Danville, died at 1:18 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 2003 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in White County Memorial Gardens, Carmi. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

QUAKENBUSH - Robert W. Quakenbush, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 3:08 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

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Slab to close

The Hoopeston City Slab will close Dec. 13 for the winter.

Holiday art sale

Three area artists will be featured at an art sale this weekend at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Beverly Ward, Wachi Garabedian and Diane Goin will have works on display and for sale from 1-6 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the library, 110 N. Fourth St.

Open House

New Bethel Academy, 201 N. Chicago, Rossville, will hold an open house from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. The public is invited. For more information, call (217) 748-6195.

Meetings

Public hearing on the Rossville TIF, 5:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, Rossville-Alvin High School gym.

Weather



Rain likely today and tonight. High 49, low 38. Tomorrow, occasional rain or snow. High 42, low 20.

For current weather conditions, call (217) 283-6221.