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# New year to see new court system implemented in Hoopeston

Fines increase to pay for service

People charged with ordinance violations in 2006 will have a new court system in which to plead their cases. And those who are found guilty in the remainder of this year will pay higher fines to help pay for it.

At the Nov. 15 Hoopeston City Council meeting, aldermen approved increasing fines and court costs to help pay for a new municipal court that will be used starting in January.

The decision to eliminate the Hoopeston branch of the Vermilion County Circuit Clerk was made by presiding Judge Claudia Anderson, who cited budget constraints, said Police Chief Mark Drollinger at the Oct. 18 meeting. Drollinger called the decision "a logistics nightmare" for the police department and "another burden on taxpavers."

A judge's order ends court sessions effective Dec. 31. Since Anderson's decision, officials, including Mayor Bill DeWitt, city attorney Brian Manion and Drollinger have researched the option of a municipal court.

The new system will be based, in part, on Danville's night court, and will use hearing officers instead of judges. Four Danville-area attorneys have agreed to hear Hoopeston cases, Drollinger said.

Initially, court will be held the first Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. More sessions may be added if there is a need.

Because it will be a municipal court, the city will be responsible for all costs, including hearing officers' salaries and the computer equipment required to run the court.

See COURT on other side

## — Briefly

#### **Tiny Tots**

Tiny Tots will not be held this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### No paper Thursday

Just the Facts will not be printed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Publication will resume Friday.

#### WMD winners

November winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: Colleen Dixon and Jackie Fields, \$25; Ilse Fliesser and Betty Wisdom, \$15; and Letha Kenny and Julie James, \$10.

#### Diapers needed

The WIC program is in need of all sizes of disposable diapers for its clients. Anyone wishing to donate diapers may do so at the WIC office, 210 S. Market, from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays or at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Donations taken to the Multi Agency may be taken to the front office or thrift shop and should be marked as for the WIC program.

#### Three locations for Miracle Tree

Christmas shoppers will find Miracle Trees with gift tags in three locations this season. Pamida, in Pamida Plaza, will again have its Miracle Tree with name tags. For the second year, Global Fashions, 305 E. Main and First Allied Securities, 207 E. Main, in downtown Hoopeston, will each have a Miracle Tree with name tags available.

The employees and management of all three businesses look forward to helping anyone who wants to take part in this annual Christmas even in Grant Township.

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Wednesday is

# **Taco Night**

Serving 5-8 p.m. Maui Club 8-12

#### **BJ's Pump**

Bar & Package Liquor Store 1023 W. Main, Hoopeston (217) 283-5700







# **Our customers**

#### The Mini Mall

307½ E. Main

Dorothy Allison invites you to stop in and look around. Lots of wallpaper & borders, jewelry, flip flop jewelry, shelves, pictures, knickknacks, bath & body lotion, denim purses, Hartman chocolates & nuts.

#### R&G Services/ Tax Service Plus 310 E. Main

Tax service for individuals and businesses; accounting and payroll service; Firearms Owners ID (FOID) applications & photos. 10 years in business. Look for the purple door!

#### Unger's Jewelry 314 E. Main

We have new things in stock: new jewelry, gift items & new toys. Steve's new toys include percussion alligators, owls, frogs & crickets. New Brain Bending Puzzles—if you solve one in five minutes, it is free.

Also a new game,
Gobblet Jr., which is a three-dimensional tic-

tac-toe-style game.



#### **Bowling Scores**

# Thursday Night Men's City League 10/20/05

	VV OII	Lost
<ol> <li>Ross Electric</li> </ol>	39	10
2. Lawson Products	38	11
3. Ballz Deep	27	22
4. Hooterville Broadcasting	27	22
<ol><li>Con-Agra Foods</li></ol>	26	23
6. Pla-Mor Lanes	24	25
7. Tax Service Plus	23	26
8. Noble House Construction	18	31
9. U-Need Construction	17	32
10. Bye	6	43
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High Team Handicap Game: Hooterville Broadcasting 911, Con-Agra Foods 875, Lawson Products 854; High Team Handicap Series: Ballz Deep 2414, Ross Electric 2411, Lawson Products 2377; High Individual Scratch Game: Mark Butterworth 278, Ken McVicker 266, Russell Reed 244; High Individual Scratch Series: Ken McVicker 682, Mark Butterworth 676, Bob Bruens 635; Hall of Shame: Doug Goble 119.

## Thursday Night Men's City League 10/27/05

	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	13.5	10.5
2. Knuth's	13.5	10.5
3. Bell Painting	13	11
4. Carolyns	12	12
5. Ungers	11	13
6. Tooth Fairies	9	15

High Team Handicap Game: Bell Painting 829, Pla-

# Mor 815, Ungers 813; **High Team Handicap Series:** Ungers 2393, Bell Painting 2369, Pla-Mor 2332; **High Individual Scratch Game**: Angie Bell 233, Darlene Musk 183, Terri Bell/Jackie Langdoc 171; **High Individual Scratch Series**: Angie Bell 610 Darlene Musk 532, Linda

# Thursday Night Men's City League 10/27/05

	VV OII	LOS
<ol> <li>Lawson Products</li> </ol>	43	13
2. Ross Electric	41	15
3. Ballz Deep	34	22
4. Hooterville Broadcasting	32	24
5. Pla-Mor Lanes	31	25
<ol><li>Con-Agra Foods</li></ol>	26	30
7. Tax Service Plus	25	31
8. U-Need Construction	24	32
9. Noble House Construction	18	38
10. Bye	6	50

High Team Handicap Game: Hooterville Broadcasting 932, Ballz Deep 911, Tax Service Plus 859; High Team Handicap Series: Hooterville Broadcasting 2708, Balls Deep 2512, Lawson Products 2494; High Individual Scratch Game: Eric Gress 279, Ed Green 263, Steve Bru-

#### 61st anniversary to be marked

Francis and Irene Cundiff of Hoopeston will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 20. The couple would like to receive cards, which may be sent to 306 W. Penn, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

ens Jr./Anthony Cappellano 257; **High Individual Scratch Series**: Ed Gree 725, Ken McVicker 712, Anthony Cappellano 696; **Hall of Shame**: Phil Vines 103.



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#### LOST & FOUND

Lost: male pug dog from 200 block West Orange, Hoopeston. Little girl's pet. Reward. (217) 495-0169

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#### **Court** continued from other side

At the Nov. 15 meeting, the council unanimously approved waiving bids and spending \$10,127 for a complete computer system from Tyler Technologies in Texas. Also approved was a \$1,238 annual maintenance contract.

To fund the new court system, the council approved increasing ordinance violation fines from \$25-\$500 to \$100-\$1,000. Court costs have been set at \$80 per case. Currently, a sliding scale is used.

Under the current system, fine money is turned over to the Vermilion County Circuit Clerk's office. Under the municipal court system, fine money and court costs will go into the city's general fund.

Increases became effective Nov. 16 and will be

charged to all people found guilty of ordinance violations. Those charges include such things as junk cars, tall grass and animal violations.

Violations written under state law for traffic offenses and misdemeanors, currently heard in Hoopeston will be heard in Danville after Jan. 1, 2006. Felony cases are, and will continue to be heard in Danville.

#### Weather

VanBurk 485.



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 70, low 57. Tomorrow, high 64, low 41.

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