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## Hoopeston gets early gift in mandated loan forgiveness

Christmas came early for Hoopeston officials this year.

Mike Streff, engineer with Foth Infrastructure and Environmental, announced at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting that \$729,197 of the city's \$2.6 million loan to refurbish water towers will be forgiven.

Chad Rice, of Illinois EPA, said in an email that the U.S. EPA mandated principal forgiveness in the drinking water and wastewater revolving loan programs. Community eligibility was based on median household income. Rice wrote.

The windfall will "come off the top" of the city's loan,

Streff said.

In other business, the council approved the 2013 tax levy ordinance, payable in 2014, up 10.25 percent over last year.

Last year's levy was \$626,273, compared with the new one of \$690,477.

Alderman Brandon Hamilton said the primary increase is for police pensions. Funds set aside for police

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## Thankful

Kyle and Samantha Fitzgerald, both stationed in Afghanistan, were able to spend time together for Thanksgiving. She is the daughter of Stephanie Myers of Hoopeston and he is the son of Lisa and Shawn Fitzgerald, of Wellington.



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retirement are invested, but with low interest rates, the fund is not making enough money to meet the \$118,791 amount mandated by the Illinois Department of Insurance. Therefore, the city must levy enough to make up the gap between what is mandated and contributions and interest earned, Hamilton said.

In other business, the council:

• Heard from humane officer Sherry Klemme that the city pound is up and running, with room for about 30 small animals and six large dogs. Located in the former veterinary office on West Main, the pound will be a holding place for found animals and will also offer

## Cornjerker wrestlers fall to Herscher, Prairie Central

Hoopeston Area wrestlers lost two meets Tuesday evening, falling to Herscher and Prairie Central. Individual results were:

#### Herscher 48 Hoopeston Area 21

145- C. Coon (HA) fall M. Phillips (H) 5:32

152- A. Shore (HA) tech fall C. Harris (H) 4:00

160- A. Renshaw (H) fall JD Patti (HA) .29

170- A. Ellerman (H) fft

182- M. Marcotte (H) fft

195- M. Geister (H) pin T. Lanter (HA) 3:52

220- C. Willis (HA) fft

285- G. Miller (H) fall G. Herron (HA) 1:33

106- A. Rink (H) fft

113, 120 double fft

126- B. Malone (H) fall I. Bell (HA) 2:30

132- C. Davis (HA) maj. dec D. Cummins (H) 15-5

138- D. Mook (H) fall C. Warner (HA) 1:53 Prairie Central 36 Hoopeston Area 24

152- N. Kauffman (PC) fall A. Shore (HA) :33

160- JD Patti (HA) fall D. Varney (PC) 1:26

170, 182- double fft

195- J. Adams (PC) fall T. Lanter (HA) 3:44

220- J. Malone (PC) fall C. Willis (HA) 2:42

285- B. Bennett (PC) fall G. Herron (HA):31

106, 113-double fft

120- I. Bell (HA) fft

126- D. Pate (HA) fft

132- I. Simpson (HA) fft

138- J. Hartke (PC) fall C. Davis (HA) 1:25

145- T. Bergstrach (PC) fall C. Coon (HA) 4:23

The team is led by head coach Logan Patton and assistant Carl Ankenbrand.

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#### **Police News**

**Police are investigating** a report Monday that someone vandalized and took money from the three drink machines in front of Hoopeston IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut. The damage occurred sometime after 3 a.m.

Elbert W. Cannon, 47, of Hoopeston, was arrested

after an incident at 6:12 p.m. Tuesday in Hoopeston. He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 14-year-old girl who alleged Cannon repeatedly called her names. He was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

#### **Obituaries**

AGEE - Richard E. Agee, 77, of Watseka, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, at Watseka Health Care. He will be cremated. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

**SMITH** - Charles F. "Fred" Smith, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 12:56 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at home.

Celebration of his life will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Chapel, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by American Legion Post #384. Visitation will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

## Weather



Chance of snow today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 35, low 24. Tomorrow, high 26, low 13.

boarding. A rotation of veterinarians is expected to offer micro-chipping, vaccinations and spay/neutering surgeries

An open house is planned for December 13-14. More details will be forthcoming, Klemme said.

• Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that Schuler's Flower Shop is providing grave blankets for the perpetual care program. Thirty-eight blankets will be made at a cost of \$33 each, the same as last year, she said.



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