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Grant Township residents to see higher tax bills in new year

Grant Township residents will see an increase in their tax bills following action taken by Grant Township trustees Monday night.

At their regular monthly meeting, trustees unanimously approved a 25.1 percent increase in the road and bridge fund and a 24.3 percent increase in the general town fund.

The increases will raise \$246,432 for roads and bridges and \$206,220 for town fund items, such as general assistance.

Township officials had earlier estimated the higher levy will add approximately \$25 to the tax bill on a \$40,000 home.

On other business, road commissioner Jim Crouch said painting a township bridge guard did nothing to prevent vandals from spray painting slogans on it.

The unidentified bridge was painted by township workers to cover existing graffiti, Crouch said. "Within 72 hours after we painted it,

(vandals) started painting it again," he said. "We did our part...and they did their part."

In unrelated business, assessor Teresa Sollars said her office is accepting applications for the senior citizens tax freeze under the Homestead Exemption - even though the applications may be no good.

Sollars said state officials allowed only two days to accept applications after the last legislative session, but that the local office had no paperwork to accept applications.

Applications are being accepted in case the program is extended by legislators during the next session, she said. Applications will be accepted through the end of this month for the 1994 tax year, and will be accepted from January through May for the 1995 year.

In other action, trustees approved a one-year agreement with the city of Hoopeston for fire protection. The township will pay the city \$7,500.

Mail early for timely Christmas delivery: postmaster

"The sooner, the better" is the motto for mailing Christmas cards and packages, according to Hoopeston postmaster Paul Ziemnisky.

The local office will deliver more than 300,000 pieces of mail this holiday season, or 75,000 each week during December.

The worst of it will come after the Christmas season, however, with clearance sale catalogs, sweepstakes information and tax packets.

Also, late December mail is expected to be heavier as people mail items before the Jan. 1 postal increase.

To make sure Christmas cards and packages arrive on time, Ziemnisky said certain deadlines should be met.

Today is the deadline for on-time delivery for overseas air mail. "If they don't have it mailed by the 14th, going to a foreign country, it won't make it by Christmas," he said.


The deadline for parcel post, or fourth class, the least expensive way to send packages in the U.S., is also today.

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Admission is a non-perishable food item for the Grant Township Food Cupboard or toy for the Hoopeston Jaycees Toys for Tots program.

Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library is participating in a Food for Fines program during December. Patrons with overdue books may donate one non-perishable item of food for each dollar of fines owed.

All items will be donated to the Grant Town-

ship Food Cupboard.

This week, quart-size zip lock bags are especially needed. For more information, contact the library at 283-6711.

Santa hours

Santa will be at his house next to Global Fashions for only two more weekends. Children may visit St. Nick from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16 and 23 and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 24.

Miracles needed

Some names remain on Miracles Trees at both Weber Drugs and Pamida, and last-minute names will be available at the Grant Township building. If you can help make Christmas more merry for a local child, please do.



Police News



Bruce A. Compton, 36, of 709 N. Seventh St., Apt. 6, was ticketed for failure to yield at a stop

intersection after his 1981 Ford struck a 1984 Chevrolet driven by Tommy A. Slaven, 307 Benton, Rossville.

The accident occurred at 3:45 p.m. Monday at North Market and East Thompson.

Greg Fiore, 37, of 41684 Main St., East Lynn, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at 855 E. Lincoln.

A 1987 Ford, driven by William G. Baker, 702 W. Main, backed into Fiore's 1985 Dodge.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 12, 1994

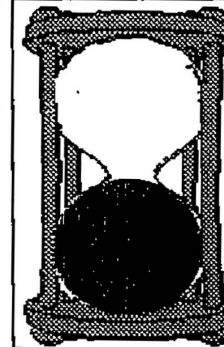
Admitted: none.

Discharged: Karen Bray, Hoopeston.

Weather



Becoming cloudy today. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, continued cloudy. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, warmer. Scattered showers likely. High near 39, low near 31.



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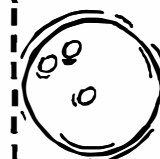
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