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Rossville trustees eliminate tax levy, seek good citizens

ROSSVILLE—Village officials are disproving the adage that the only sure thing in life is death and taxes.

In a 3-2 vote trustees approved eliminating the village tax levy, totaling approximately \$16,000.

The board was set to vote on the levy when trustee Richard Kiser suggested abolishing the levy. "The amount of money generated is infinitesimal," he said. "It makes no difference to the village but it could make a difference to senior citizens (or others who pay taxes)."

Trustee Jon Witvoet abstained on the vote, saying he wanted more information.

Trustee Tom Mills, who at last month's meeting raised the possibility of dropping the tax next year, voted against it, saying the issue needed to be studied more carefully first. "We now have to come up with \$16,000

in revenue," he said.

In unrelated action, trustees want the names of a few good people.

The board is implementing a "Good Citizen" program and wants input from residents about who should receive the award.

Anyone wishing to nominate a resident should send a letter, with the nominee's name and qualifications, to the village office. Nominations will be reviewed Dec. 15.

In other action, trustees:

☐ approved paying \$2,850 for tree trimming and removal.

☐ discussed, but took no action on, sidewalk, street and railroad crossing repairs.

☐ tabled action on the proposed planning commission.

Season of miracles to begin at Grant Township offices

The season of miracles is beginning at the Grant Township offices.

Officials are gearing up for this year's Miracle Tree program. The program anonymously matches underprivileged children, 12 years old or younger, with Santa's helpers who provide Christmas gifts for the tots.

Information on the children, including gender and sizes, will be hung on trees at Pamida and Weber Drugs. Tags will be available Nov. 28, said township supervisor Carol Flint. "We encourage everyone to keep going back if there aren't any names because there will be," she said.

The program, started in the 1980s, has grown over the years. Last year, 132 children from 49 families received gifts.

No child has gone without Christmas gifts. "We always have someone on the back burner who says 'if

you need someone at the last minute, just give me a call,'" Flint said.

It is not only children who benefit from the program. "It does as much for the individual as it does for the kids," she said.

Flint would like to see the program duplicated in other towns. "It would be nice if every community would get behind a program like this," she said. "We have such a community to be proud of, there's no getting around it."

Screening for the Miracle Tree, as well as the Grant Township Food Cupboard and Lions Club Christmas baskets, will begin Wednesday, Flint said. Hours will be 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the township office, 525 S. Market.

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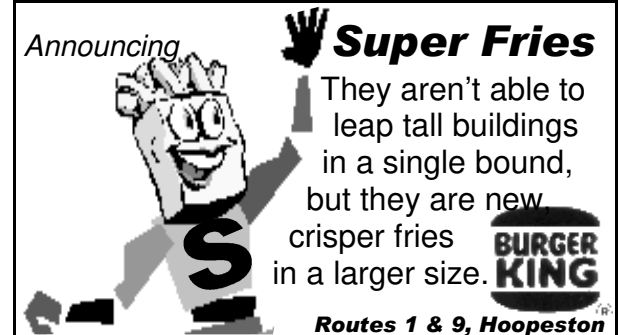
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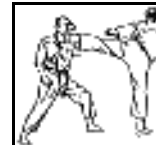
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Police News




Rolando Cantu, 509 E. Wyman, reported Sunday that someone took a television, VCR, jewelry and money from his home.

Todd E. Mayberry, 525 N. Seventh Ave., reported Monday that someone cut three tires on his 1978 Chevrolet pickup while the truck was parked at his home.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at



Court Dispositions



Nov. 6: Mark Hewitt, Hoopeston, illegal possession, pleaded guilty; \$100.

David Keiss, Hoopeston, to pay \$125; converted to 26 hours public service work.

Kurtis Kochell, Hoopeston, loitering, pleaded not guilty; bench trial Jan. 22, 1998.

Ronald Longest, Hoopeston, nuisance weeds, pleaded not guilty; bench trial Jan. 22, 1998.

Nathan Longfellow, Rantoul, status check on payments; fine and costs status check.

Hoopeston man loses battle for Budweiser Classic crown

The Budweiser Classic Bowling Tournament was held Nov. 16 at Ten Pin Alley in Hoopeston with 89 bowlers. There were 56 on the high (186 and up) and 33 on the low (185 and below).


On the low side roll off, #4 Steve Skimehorn defeated Kenny McVicker 209-182, then defeated Jeremy Gaddis 211-200. Skimehorn then tackled Dave Gaddis with the Gaddis family member a winner, 175-148. Gaddis then bowled the top seed, Hoopeston's young Chad Bruens. Bruens continued his domination of the low side field winning 213-157 as the older Gaddis ran out of steam. Bruens advanced to the final roll off against the winner of the high side.

On the high side roll-off #5 Charlie Varner rolled against #4 Rich McFarland with Varner winning 248-226. Varner then bowled #3 Bobby Fauver with Varner again winning 254-236. He then went against #2 Brandon Hamilton of Hoopeston. Varner converted a critical split to win 212-199.

Varner then rolled against the top seed Jason Turner fresh off his High Roller victory on Saturday. Varner continued his winning ways 245-183.

This set up a showdown between low side Bruens and high side Varner. Both opened with three strikes. In the 4th frame both men split. Varner recovered in the fifth frame and started a string of strikes until his second ball in the tenth frame.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Nov. 13, 1997

Admitted: Grace Townsley, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Nov. 14, 1997

Admitted: John Glenn, Marin Graves and Alice Smith, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Nov. 15, 1997

Admitted: none.


Discharged: none.

Nov. 16, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Grace Townsley.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 44. Tonight, fair. Low 27. Tomorrow, sunny. High 47, low 28. For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

7:38 a.m. Monday at Route 1 at Birkey's Farm Store.

Police said James B. Craighead, 211 S. Axtel, Milford, pulled his 1988 Pontiac from Birkey's driveway onto the highway and was hit by a 1992 Mercury driven by Janice Kesler, 600 Warren, West Lebanon, Ind.

Craighead was at fault for failure to yield the right of way, police said.

Peggy S. Smith, 623 S. Second Ave., reported Monday that sometime in the last week, three tires on her 1993 Buick were flattened by nails thrown or dropped in the road.

Obituaries

BOEHME - Wayne Boehme, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston United Methodist Church. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church or the United Samaritans Medical Center Cancer Center, 806 N. Logan Ave., Danville, IL., 61832. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GOODWINE - Earl Goodwine, 93, of Hoopeston, died at 8:35 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 1997, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-9 p. m. Wednesday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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