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**Hoopeston council approves land purchase by church**

The First Baptist Church of Hoopeston has the Hoopeston city council's blessing to purchase railroad right-of-way.

The church sought approval to buy 20 feet of the property, the first step in a plan to build a multi-purpose addition, said the Rev. Steve Nelson, church pastor.

Nelson said he must now get approval from the congregation to meet the \$300 purchase price, then have plans for the addition created. "This is just the first step," he said.

The church is not the first buyer for the former railroad property that runs between Main and Seminary,

said Mayor Bob Ault. Six to eight people have purchased parcels adjacent to their property, with more sales pending, he said.

In unrelated business, the council:

- learned street and alley workers have been repairing water main leaks in the city.
- learned city workers will pick up residents' Christmas trees after the holidays. Trees must be left at curbside.
- will have meetings on the tax increment financing program. Agendas for meetings in January, February and March should be available by the end of next week, said Mayor Bob Ault.

**Two men arrested for breaking windows in Wellington**

WELLINGTON—Two men were arrested Sunday for breaking several windows in the village.

Kyle Voyles, 19, of Wellington and Adam Seymor, 19, of Hoopeston, have been charged with criminal damage to property over \$300, according to the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department.

Both were released on bond.

The two are charged with breaking windows at the Donald Anderson residence, windows in two buses and a van at Hoopeston Migrant Head Start and all the windows in the Greer Fire Station, said Under Sheriff Bob Harwood.

A neighbor of the Head Start building heard the win-

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 Monday, Dec. 27.  
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**Briefly**  
**Yard decorating winners**  
 Winners in the Hoopeston Jaycees Christmas yard decorating contest were: first place, Randy Inman, 607 E. Main, \$25; second place, Mary Shipman, 415 N. Market, \$15; and third place, Kevin Tyler, 1013 W. Main, \$10.

**Food for Fines**  
 The Hoopeston Public Library will once again hold its Food for Fines program during December.  
 The library will accept canned goods and paper products as payment for overdue fines. Goods collected will be donated to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

 **Police News** 

**A 40-year-old** Rossville man reported Tuesday that while he was visiting a friend in the 300 block of East Seminary, someone broke the windshield and driver's side window of his 1986 Chevrolet coupe.


**A 34-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that a resident of the 800 block of East Seminary has left a number of threatening phone calls on his answering machine.


**Final list of candidates given for Marcy 2000 primary**  
 Two Republicans hope to win the March 21 primary to represent District 1 on the Vermilion County Board. Mark Drollinger of Hoopeston and Chris Leigh of Rankin each filed as a candidate in the primary. Monday was the final day for candidates to file. Drollinger filed on Dec. 13 while Leigh filed later last week. Candidates for other races include:  
**Circuit clerk:** Democrats Brenda Bostic of Danville and Susan Ponder Miller of Oakwood; Republican Leigh Busby Hughes, Danville.  
**Recorder:** Republican Nancy J. Kelley, Ridge Farm;

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**Donation received**  
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 Roger Reed of the Hooterville Iron Car Club, presented the nursing home with a \$300 check, the proceeds of the show and 50/50 drawing held Sept. 18 at BJ's Pump.  
 The money will be used for the facility's "bow tree," where boys are sold to decorate the tree.  
 Bow money will be used to purchase a big screen television for the nursing home.

**In the Hospital**   
**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**Dec. 20**  
**Admitted:** Doug Musk, Hoopeston  
**Discharged:** Grace Brown, Lila Jennings.

**Weather**   
 Mostly cloudy today. High 20. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 8. Tomorrow, snow early, then partly cloudy. High 23, low 10.  
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**Windows** continued from other side  
 dows break, then followed the men's car to Voyles' home in Wellington, according to police reports.  
 The two are also accused of destroying garland and Christmas lights at the Pheasant Roost restaurant in Dunnington, Ind., Harwood said.

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