



Christmas Tree Sale

Starts Nov. 23

Rtes. 1 & 9 at former
Carnival Video building
Small trees \$20, large \$25

Visit Santa noon-2 p.m. Saturday

Rock-n-Bowl

Hall of Fame Fundraiser

Sat. Nov. 24

8 p.m. sign-in, 8:30 p.m. start \$12
Strike pot, pot split, 50/50, pay on colored pins

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Happy Birthday
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College Kids!

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Free pool-Free jukebox
\$1.25 beers (except premium brands)
\$1.25 schnapps shots & monster Jello shots.

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Hoopeston looks to Watseka for assistance with TIF

Hoopeston's tax increment financing (TIF) district may face some problems that city officials hope can be fixed with help from Watseka.

Watsseka Alderman Ron Corke attended Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, going into executive session with aldermen.

Potential litigation, land purchase and personnel matters were listed as reasons for the closed session.

After the hour-long executive session, Mayor Chalmers Flint said Corke was invited to discuss TIF work and what Watseka has done. Corke specifically has information on enlarging or reducing TIF districts, Flint said.

Additionally, "the residential (portion) hasn't been handled properly and we need to correct it," Flint said. He would not say whether residential property was incorrectly included or excluded from the TIF district.

Part of the problem lies with the company that helped officials develop the TIF, Flint said. St. Louis-based consultants "Economic Development Corporation didn't

complete the TIF properly," he said.

Also attending part of the executive session was Steve Cline, a Bloomington attorney and associate of TIF attorney Tom Jacobs. Jacobs was unable to attend the meeting, Flint said.

In other business, the council:

- received a letter from Frank Caruso, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital administrator, regarding amending the contract between the city and hospital for ambulance service. After the meeting, Flint said the service needs more money.

- learned tree damage from the July 7 storm totals \$13,080 to date. City workers have cleaned up most of the badly damaged trees. Tree work has ended for this year, said street/alley committee chairman Rod Kaag.

- discussed, but took no action on, closing McFerren Park at dusk during winter months to cut down on vandalism. Also, parks committee chairman Mike Eckersley suggested the civic center be closed to walkers at 3:30 p.m.

Rossville trustees to retackle burning issue of fire station

ROSSVILLE—Trustees are revisiting the issue of a new fire station in a residential area on the village's northern edge.

After a closed-door session following Monday's regular board meeting, trustees unanimously voted to reconsider a vote taken at the Jan. 15 meeting that stopped a zoning ordinance change allowing a special use permit to build a fire station in an R-1 residential area, said Mayor Terry Prillaman.

Following a public hearing last year, hearing officer Tim Smith recommended the zoning ordinance be amended. However, trustees vote 4-2 not to follow the recommendation.

Last April, new trustees were elected, leaving only Prillaman, who was a trustee at the time, and Vic Lackey, from the board that voted the suggestion down.

Trustees approved holding a public hearing on the zoning issue. That hearing was subsequently set for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Rossville-Alvin Grade School.

Trustees are expected to vote on the issue at their Dec. 17 meeting.

The issue of a fire station on property abutting a residential area has burned in Rossville for well over a year. Two residents, Ed Perkins and Jim Smith, hired Hoopeston attorney Bill Nelson to help block having a fire sta-

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It's Turkey Time

and we're "stuffing" your social calendar with lots of extras!

Wed., Nov. 21 - No turkey yet...just TACOS!

Extended Hours -- 11 AM - 10 PM

DJ & Karaoke -- 8 PM - 1 AM



Thurs., Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Day

Open at 3 PM / DJ & Karaoke -- 8 PM-1 AM

Fri., Nov. 23 - Race Party -- 11 AM

Munchies, Prizes, All Day Drink Specials

Rock with the Unfrozen Cavemen

9 PM - 1 AM



Sat., Nov. 24 - 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off

Enter crockpot by Noon

Prizes for Best Traditional,

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DJ & Karaoke -- 6 PM - 1 AM



The Hangout

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:11 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Washington.

Police said Franklin Prickett of 437 Fulton, Indianapolis, Ind., backed his 1999 Honda from a driveway into a 1999 Oldsmobile driven by Delores M. Cushman of 618 E. Washington. She was also backing from a driveway.

Prickett was at fault for improper backing.

Myrna J. Moore, 21, of 503 N. Seventh Ave., was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way at an unmarked intersection after an accident at 4:17 p.m. Monday.

Police said Moore, in a 1987 Ford, was northbound on North Seventh Ave., slowed for the intersection at Young, went through the intersection and hit a 1995 Chevrolet driven by William McElhaney of 408 W. Penn.

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tion in the Morts and Mann subdivision, directly north of Perkins' home.

Moore and an unidentified number of passengers were treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

A set of keys on a "D" ring was found Monday in front of Hoopeston Coin Laundry. The owner may identify and claim them at the hospital.

Two men were arrested on alcohol charges after police responded to a loud music complaint at 12:02 a.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of East Main.

Jeremy W. Burks, 19, of 515 E. Main, and Matthew L. Allen, 18, of 323 S. Fifth St., were charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

A representative of Lloyd Excavating, Inc., Staunton, Ind., reported Tuesday that the front tires of a piece of heavy equipment were damaged between Friday and Tuesday while the equipment was in the 100 block of

In other action, trustees:

- will reconvene Monday's meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 26. Some village employees will be instructed to attend, Prillaman said.
- learned November gas rates will be the same as October.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 56. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 58, low 36. Friday, chance of rain. High 50, low 35.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

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Just the Facts

Will not be printed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Publication will resume Friday.

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\$1 tacos every Wednesday

Nov. 21 Maui Club

8 p.m.-midnight. No cover!

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North Fourth St.

Wally's Pub & Eatery

119 S. Chicago, Rossville (217) 748-6858

DJ—Dance Music

8:15 p.m.-12:15 a.m. Wednesday

South of the Border Night

Kitchen open until 8 p.m.

Open Thanksgiving Day 2 p.m.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flashback in Rossville is closing end of month. Most items \$5 or less. Albums \$1. Racks & bookcases must go. Register for free merchandise.

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