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lent," he said. to Floral Hill Cemetery is expected to get a new surface next year. In other business, the board took no action on pur-

Bituminous asphalt material (BAM) is expected to be used on the road, said Jim Crouch, Grant Township Road Commissioner, at Tuesday's township board meeting.

Cost of the project is expected to be \$55,000 to \$60,000, Crouch said, adding the township currently spends approximately \$6,000 every two to three years to tar and chip the road. On the road, which has heavy traffic, tarring and chipping is "kind of a stopgap," Crouch said.

The BAM surface will be applied professionally and is expected to have a long lifespan. Thompson Ave. from Sixth to the fertilizer plant was resurfaced with BAM several years ago, in a joint effort be-

chasing a brush truck for the Hoopeston Fire Department.

Township officials are saving money to help purchase a truck for the department, which provides fire protection in rural township areas. Supervisor Bill Boose said the fire department would like to purchase a truck in the near future but that enough money is not available. Boose suggested waiting on a decision until officials know how much changes in property taxes will cost the township. "I want to see the effects the additional exemptions will have before we even think about obligating ourselves to something that big," he said.

See ROAD on other side

HA Music Boosters announce calendar sales, honor sponsors

Hoopeston Music Boosters are proudly selling the 2005 edition of the "Music Booster Calendars" featuring pictures of all the music performing groups Grades K-12. For the price of \$25 each buyer has the opportunity to win \$50 each week day of 2005 and \$100 on Concert Days during the year. Calendars can be purchased through any music student, from any music teacher, or from Brown's Woodworks, Global Fashions, Carolyn's Beauty Shop and The Razor's Edge, Russ Leigh and Associates, and Terri's Beauty and Barber.

Anyone who does not have access to transportation may call Terri Hambleton at 283-9608 for delivery in Hoopeston. Delivery in surrounding areas is possible by calling Bev Hinkle (815) 984-3161.

Profits from the sales are used to purchase musical

instruments and to hire Show Choir Choreographers and Clinicians for the performing groups. Monies are also used to help fund scholarships for music camps and to maintain the Music trailer and other equipment. Award pins are given to all band and chorus students in the elementary grades and any equipment and musical needs are supplied to the K-2 grades. A portion of each year's profits is saved for the purchase of new band uniforms in the future.

The Music Boosters would like to thank the sponsors for this year's calendars. These businesses have contributed valuable advertising dollars to this project and we are very grateful. Sponsors are:

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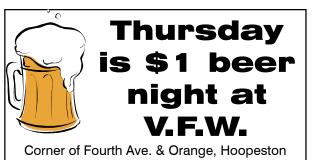
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502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

\$2 School Exchange Gifts Colored silicone bracelets with sayings: Courage, Will Power, Be Brave, Love in vellow, blue, pink, maroon, black, white \$1 each. Lance Armstrong Nike Live Strong \$3 Slider bracelet w/5 charms of your choice just \$2. In The Gift Gallery Room in Country Way Gifts, 110 E. Attica St., Rossville.

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Briefly

Carolers seek stops

Girl Scout Service Unit #625 will be going caroling from 3-5 p.m. Sunday in Hoopeston. They would like to carol door-to-door and are taking requests to do so free of charge. They have no requests at this time and would love to get out there and spread some Christmas cheer.

If you would like to be on the list of homes we visit or

Police News

Marcus A. Burke, 21, of 1225 E. Williams, Danville was arrested at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of West Lincoln. He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 40-yearold Hoopeston woman.

Music continued from other side

Sims Construction Paul's Towing Service Haley's Electric, Inc Read Car Dealership Brown's Cash and Carry Taylor Higgins Ellis Greene Welding and Hardware Crown Ford-Mercury Russell Leigh, CPA Tammy's Finishing Touch

Road continued from other side

This year, owner occupied and senior citizen Homestead Exemption amounts will be increased to \$5,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

Boose estimated officials will not know the impact for at least 90 days.

Vermilion County Board member Gary Weinard, who attended the meeting, said funds may be available through federal grants for Homeland Security. "The feds seem to have dollars for that," he said.

Weinard also said the county will lose about \$44 million because of the change in exemptions.

In other discussion, Boose said the Republican caucus will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11. A time and place have not been announced, he said.

have us visit your friend or loved ones please call the service unit manager Angie Foster at 283-4004 and she will put you or your loved one on the list. Requests will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library will accept items for the Grant Township Food Cupboard through the month of December. Personal care items are needed,



Burke was released on \$100 cash bond. A 24-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone broke into his home and took money and jewelry. The residential burglary occurred in the 800 block of East Elm.

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Weather

Chance of sprinkles/snow today. High 42. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 22. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 34, low 20.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap and hand lotion. The library will also accept food and paper products.

These items may be used to pay overdue fines.

WMD winners

December winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$25, Vickie Gaddis and Sandy Lewis; \$15, Carol Hodge and Sharon Dixon; and \$10, Maxine Garner and Alan Smith.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday floral sale. Home & cemetery florals with red dots, take \$5 off reg. price. Dec. 17, 18, 19 at Dixie Plaza Flea Market

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