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Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones
1 p.m. Sunday, December 17, 2006
 Area ministers will share in the Tribute with families who have lost a loved one during the year.
Refreshments will be served.



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Grant officials approves increase in levy over extended taxes

Grant Township officials passed levies above what they received in taxes this year but aren't hopeful that they will get the extra amount.

In the town funds, the \$213,300 levy is 4.1 percent more than the \$204,914.90 in 2005 taxes extended by Vermilion County.

The road and bridge levy is up 4.17 percent over 2005 taxes, for a total levy of \$221,500.

Road Commissioner Gary Weinard, who also represents District 1 on the Vermilion County Board, said how much the township gets will depend on the equalized assessed valuation of the township. That amount is not expected to be known until July or August, he said. "You come up with the amount you want to spend and then you wait for the EAV to come in. I'd say it's not worth the paper it's printed on but that's the way it's done."

Supervisor Bill Boose agreed. "It doesn't matter what we levy because we're not going to get anything extra unless there's an increase in property value," he said. "It would be a Christmas miracle if it went up."

Boose said there were no major changes in the levies because the township is taxing at the maximum levels allowed by law in most categories.

The town levy covers salaries of town officers, administrative costs, money set aside for youth and senior services and economic development.

Also included is \$13,100 for fire protection in rural Grant Township, to be provided by the Hoopeston Fire Department.

The department had requested the amount be raised to \$30,000. Township officials had asked that department officials meet with them to discuss the increase and the number of calls in the country. However, the two sides had not been able to meet before the deadline for the levy, Boose said.

As for the road and bridge levy, it includes money to repair the Davis and Peters bridges, sharing the expense with Vermilion County. Whether those bridges will be repaired or fixed will depend on the county engineer.

Weinard said 28 or 29 bridges in the county need work but because of staff constraints, only four or five will be done at one time. Bridges are ranked according to the condition of each and the two local ones "are not in the top half," he said.

While chances of getting bridges repaired using the joint fund aren't good, "it's important that we keep our presence on the list and the money to be able to build a bridge," he said, adding that if towns with higher ranking bridges are not able to pay their share, local bridges would move up the list.

In unrelated business, screenings for the township Food Cupboard program, as well as Miracle Tree, Toys for Kids and Lions Club Christmas basket program ended. This year, 240 children qualified for the Miracle Tree program, up 60 from last year. Trees, located at Pamida, Global Fashions and First Allied Securities, contain tags with information on needy children, including sizes and things they would like for Christmas.

Some tags are still available, Boose said.

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Non-Fiction

Room Full of Mirrors: a Biography of Jimi Hendrix by Charles R. Cross

The Last Coach: a Life of Paul "Bear" Bryant by Allen Barra

From Where You Dream: the Process of Writing Fiction by Robert Olen Butler

Shiva's Drum: Poems by Stephen Cramer

Zap by Paul Fleischman (young adult)

Not Tonight, Honey, Wait 'Til I'm a Size 6 by Susan Reinhardt

Bad Cat by Jim Edgar

Guerrilla Travel Tactics: Hundreds of Simple Strategies Guaranteed to Save Road Warriors Time and Money by Jay Conrad Levinson

The Penny Pincher's Passport to Luxury Travel by Joel L. Widzer

Ciao Asmara: a Classic Account of Contemporary Africa by Justin Hill

Jimmy Stewart, Bomber Pilot by Starr Smith

Understanding Iraq, the Whole Sweep of Iraqi His-

New Books at the Library

tory, from Ghengis Khan's Mogols to the Ottoman Turks to the British Mandate to the American Occupation by William R. Polk

The Gift of Valor: a War Story by Michael M. Phillips

My Detachment by Tracy Kidder

The Wish House by Celia Rees (young adult)

Growing Up With Ghosts by Sharon (Slone) Rex

The Prophet by Francine Rivers (inspirational)

Gabriel's Angel by Nora Roberts (large print)

The Copper Scroll by Joel C. Rosenberg (inspirational)

Turning the Tables: a Novel by Rita Rudner

On Agate Hill: a Novel by Lee Smith

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