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Let there be lights!

Pete Neal, City of Hoopeston worker, plugs in a wreath Monday in the 300 block of East Main. The work is being done in time for Santa's arrival Saturday.

Grant sets tentative 2007 levies

Small increases in the town and road and bridge levies may actually net less money in Grant Township coffers.

At the monthly board of trustees meeting Wednesday, Supervisor Bill Boose unveiled the estimated 2007 levies for both town and road and bridge. he town levy increased by 1.01 percent over last year, while road and bridge increase is 3.14 percent.

While the amount of the levies are up, Boose said the township would probably get less money than last year because the township's equalized assessed valuation has dropped.

Also, many township funds are at the maximum taxing percentage allowed by statute. "It's a matter of playing with it, making it work," he said.

On the town side, the total hoped for through the levy is \$209,700 and in road and bridge, 228,500.

The board will vote on the levy at its next meeting at 4 p.m. December 11.

In other business, Boose told trustees there is a move afoot by some in the state to have a Constitutional Convention in the state.

One of the primary reasons for the convention is to change the constitution to allow recalls of elected officials, Boose said. However, such action might negatively affect township government, which some politicians have wanted to abolish.

The issue of whether the state will hold a Constitutional Convention will be on the November 2008 ballot.

In unrelated discussion, Boose said a drug discount card is now available through the National Organization of County Governments. The cards are free and are available to any county resident who does not have prescription drug coverage. Locally, applica-

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Tuesday: Chicken & Noodles
Wednesday: Italian Beef-Lunch
Ham & Au Gratin Potatoes-Dinner
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Cod & Ribeye
Open at 11 a.m. with
Open Bowling until 5:30
Saturday: Kitchen opens at 1 p.m.
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Letters to the Editor

Hoopeston losing another doctor
Hoopeston Hospital is facing a crisis. We are about to lose one of the finest physicians this facility has ever known. The Physicians Group which operates the emergency room has terminated Dr. Kuha's employment. The entire staff of HCMH are outraged!
A petition with 120 employee signatures in support of Dr. Kuha has been presented to the Physicians

Group, the hospital administration and the hospital board. We have already lost Dr. Crawford and Dr. Oh. Can we really afford to lose another doctor, especially one with Dr. Kuha's abilities?
There are countless people in this community who owe their lives to Dr. Kuha, and we should fight to keep him here. Hoopeston Hospital and the entire community need him.

Eric Drain
Hoopeston

Court Dispositions

November 1
Kareem J. Marshall, Danville, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial set for Dec. 20.
Darren M. Wood, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial set for Dec. 20.
Andrew J. Cornelius, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial set for Dec. 20.
Gino R. Castellano, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to purchase/acceptance of alcohol by minor, fined \$180; status hearing Feb. 7, 2008.
Arnold Martinez, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance; sentencing Nov. 15.

Christopher Huddleston, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery, fined \$180.
Charlotte M. Akins, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing; case to be registered with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Police News

Jose L. Rivers, 22, of 208 E. Washington was arrested after a traffic stop at 6:44 p.m. Sunday. He was charged with driving while license suspended, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving without headlights. He was released on \$100 bond.

Grant continued from other side
tions for the cards are available at the township office, 525 S. Market, and Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

The board also discussed but took no action on the possibility of repaving the township parking lot next spring.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 67. Tonight, showers likely. Low 48. Tomorrow, showers likely, chance of rain or snow late. High 50, low 36.
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