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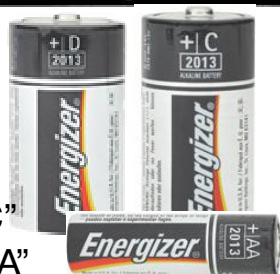
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## Council makes changes to vehicle, building materials laws

Vehicles covered with tarps will now violate a changed Hoopeston ordinance.

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday night adopted a change in the ordinance covering derelict vehicles. While such vehicles had been able to be covered by a tarp, the change now requires nuisance vehicles to be covered by "a hard roof."

Derelict vehicles are defined in the ordinance as "that which is not currently licensed for operation or is not in operating condition."

The ordinance also states that derelict vehicles found to harbor rodents "shall be subject to removal from the property."

A second ordinance change bans discarded lumber, building materials and rubble which may endanger public safety or which may be perceived to diminish property values within 500 feet of the material or which creates an eyesore.

John Holt, Hoopeston Zoning Administrator, sought the changes after receiving complaints about the number of vehicles covered by tarps and piles of building materials around residences.

Wording of the ordinance - and the need for the change - were questioned by some aldermen. Alderman Carl Ankenbrand wondered whether vehicle repair businesses were exempt from that law. City attorney Richard Dahlenburg said under the new wording "it doesn't sound like they're exempt."

Alderman Bill Goodwine questioned the need for the changes in either ordinance, saying existing nuisance laws covered both situations. "The more you try to be specific," he said, "the more exemptions there are."

Goodwine added that neither ordinance was among his top pet peeves. "When did it become so bad it had to be covered by a hard roof," he asked. "When

it comes to pet peeves, I'd rather have people shovel snow from their sidewalks than have cars covered with a hard roof. There's probably a lot of things I'd rather see.

Holt, who attended Tuesday's meeting, said if the council failed to pass the ordinances, "all you're doing is covering up a problem, not eliminating it."

In the end, the council approved the changes 6-2, with Goodwine and Alderman Brandon Hamilton voting against the change.

In unrelated business, the council unanimously approved allowing the Hoopeston Multi Agency to install a flag pole on city property.

Executive Director Betty Shaffer, whose father recently died, said she would like to use memorial contributions to erect a 20' or 25' flag pole in front of the Multi Agency at 206 S. First Ave. "The flag was very important to him," she said.

While Shaffer said she is unsure exactly where the pole would go, she would like to see it close to the "Community Center" sign on the building. Her plans call for the flag to be flown day and night, with a light shining on the flag after dark.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Heard from Ankenbrand, reminding everyone of the parks committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 to discuss planned renovations to the civic center kitchen. The meeting will be held at the civic center and anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

- Heard from Vista volunteer Jean Minick about planned Martin Luther King Day activities, including a food drive for Grant Township Food Cupboard. Items may be dropped off at the Multi Agency, Hoopeston Public Library, City Hall, Grant Township Building or any school.

**See COUNCIL on other side**

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# Tickets on sale now for annual community awards banquet

Hoopeston will gather to honor people and businesses during the annual Community Awards Banquet. The event will be held January 28 at the Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn, beginning with social hour at 6 p.m.

Awards will be presented by the Chamber of Commerce, Hoopeston Education Association, Chronicle, Hoopeston Police Department, Hoopeston Fire Department and United Community Fund of Grant Town-

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ship. Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the Chamber office, Chronicle and Hoopeston Area High School.

Police News

**Justin W. Lewis**, 18, of Hoopeston was arrested at 9:38 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Washington. The arrest was made a the request of Vermilion County Probation Department after Lewis allegedly violated the terms of his probation. Lewis was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville by the probation department.

New Books at the Library

**Fiction**  
The Golden Dream of Carlo Chuchio by Lloyd Alexander  
Beauty and the Beaks: a Turkey's Cautionary Tale by Mary Jane Auch  
Because - - by Mikhail Baryshnikov  
Count with Dora! by Phoebe Beinstein  
Thank you, God! by Kathleen Long Bostrom  
Arthur's Neighborhood by Marc Brown  
Goodnight Moon 123: a Counting Book by Margaret Wise Brown  
Emma's Turtle by Eve Bunting  
Nancy Drew by Daniela Burr (based on the screenplay)  
I Don't Like to Read! By Nancy L. Carlson  
No More Pumpkins by Peter Catalanotto

**Council** continued from other side

- Heard from Alderman Bill Crusinberry that recent rains caused "very minimal" flooding in Hoopeston. Crusinberry said he met with the infrastructure sub-committee of the Visioning Committee to discuss flooding and possible solutions.
- Heard from Hamilton that some Hoopeston fire-fighters worked shifts at the Watseka fire station during recent flooding there.

# Briefly

**Tiny Tots**  
Tiny Tots will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The story program also meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and is open to

**A 50-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 8 p.m. Tuesday that someone broke the back window out of the family car while it was parked in the 500 block of East Penn.  
**A 49-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 7:43 a.m. Wednesday that someone flattened six tires on three vehicles at her home in the 700 block of East McCracken.

Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now by Lauren Child  
Five Little Monkeys Go Shopping by Eileen Christelow  
Ghost Ship: a Cape Cod Story by Mary Higgins Clark  
The Mischief Monster by Bruce Coville  
Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin  
Elisabeth, the Princess Bride by Barry Deneberg  
Mercy Watson: a Princess in Disguise by Kate DiCamillo  
Murder at the Mall by Franklin W. Dixon (mystery)  
Our Daily Bread: Prayers, Graces and Slices of Scripture by Gwen Ellis  
The Case of the Most Ancient Bone by John R. Erickson  
The Land of the Silver Apples by Nancy Farmer  
The Wicked Big Toddler by Kevin Hawkes  
Little One, God Loves You by Amy Warren Hilliker

Weather

Snow likely today. High 33. Tonight, breezy. Low 20. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 27, low 9.  
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

**Early voting**  
Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster will offer extended hours for in-person absentee and early voting prior to the Feb. 5 general primary election. The County Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays Jan. 12, 19 and 26 and Feb. 2. Those who wish to vote absentee by mail must request an application from the clerk's office as soon as possible.

**Donations sought**  
Vermilion County Peer Court is auctioning off baskets to raise funds for the Peer Court Program. Peer Court provides a great service to Hoopeston. To support the efforts of Peer Court officials would like to put together a Hoopeston basket showcasing local businesses. Business owners who would like to contribute an item for the basket are asked to get the items to Shannon Ruh by Feb. 1. Possible items include gift certificates, knickknacks, candles, etc. It can be an item that represents a specific business directly or it can be a general item with a label of the business attached. For more information, contact Ruh at 283-7873.

Classifieds

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