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Two semi trailers, owned by Driveline International, Inc., of Augusta, Maine, were reported stolen at 9:15 a.m. Thursday from Schumacher Electric, 1025 E. Thompson. The trailers were located by 7 p.m. by the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department. Cody R. Mikeworth, 19, of Ambia, Ind., turned himself in to police at 9:37 a.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was released on \$414 bond.

A Hoopeston man reported Thursday that a semi trailer was stolen from the 100 block of West Thompson. The trailer was recovered by Kankakee County Sheriff's Department.

A set of keys was found Thursday in the CVS parking lot. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Clarissa D. Cahill, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an altercation at 12:55 a.m. Saturday at Second Chance Rookies, 102 N. Market.

She was charged with battery on a complaint from a 30-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Cahill struck her in the eye.

Cahill was released on a notice to appear.



Brock C. Pennington, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:38 p.m. Saturday at Second Chance Rookies, 102 N. Market.

He was charged with purchase of alcohol for a minor under city ordinance and was released on an notice to appear.

# **Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:55 p.m. Friday to the 700 block of North Market for a van on fire next to a house. The fire was put out without incident. Firemen were on the scene for 25 minutes.

*—Briefly* 

### **Community Awards ceremony**

The Hoopeston Community Awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 at the Lorraine Cinema. Admission is free this year.

The evening will begin with a public meeting on the proposed Hoopeston Regional Health Center renovation project.

The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

## Meetings

• Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office

• Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hoopeston City Hall

•Hoopeston Area School Board, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library



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The residents of Hoopeston Nursing Home thank everyone for their donations to our Christmas Bow Tree. You have made it possible for us to purchase a new flat screen TV for our activity room. We appreciate everything the community does for us not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

## Letters to the Editor

### **Contractor Registration**

I have read the articles about the City Council's proposed tax on city contractors. You may ask, why are you getting involved on this issue, you are not a contractor? I am a citizen of this city, and a consumer. Any service or business that I might use is going to pass that tax down to me.

I have to ask myself two questions: Why do we need to tax these the people providing this service that we sometimes need? What is the tax money going to be used for?

Have we gotten so used to everything being taxed by our federal government that now our municipalities feel that they are not doing their job unless they try to tax as much as they can, too?

I don't think anyone sees anything wrong with requiring city services to provide evidence that they have proper insurance each year, and that the consumer doesn't have to worry about a lawsuit. I also don't see anything wrong with requiring out of town service to pay a small charge for registering to work in our city, just like solicitors have to do before they can go door-to-door trying to sell something. We have a housing inspector in this city. Why can't certifying these contractors be one of his functions? He could also canvas the city, like he does anyway, to make sure there are no out of town contractors that are not registered.

Why are you wanting to tax these services so much? In the last article you even indicated that the money wasn't as important as the registration. It was said that initially the registration fee was only \$25 and now it is \$100. Why the increase? Does that mean that you may increase the fee more later?

It also brings up the question: what is going to be next. Are you going to tax babysitting, seamstress work, or some other work by individuals in their homes, that make a small amount of money, but provide an invaluable service?

We are in hard economic times, and will be for some time. We have lost many job's in manufacturing in this city over the past 20 years, and there is much unem-



ployment in this city. People are trying to earn a living and support their families. Let's not make it any harder for them. Isn't it about time that the city give citizens, taxpayers, and businesses a break and get off their backs?

We need to quit thinking taxes first, and think how can we help everyone the best, without hurting any-

body.

Lunch Menus

It would be great if someone from our council would try to address these questions, and post an article in this forum, so the whole city could be made aware of just what you are trying to do and why?

> Tom Evans Hoopeston

### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school

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TUESDAY: Chicken patty, corn, pears, pudding WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Pizza rolls, salad, pineapple, Gold-fish

FRIDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area middle/high schools MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, peaches

## Obituaries

**GEISLER** - Jody Michael Geisler II, 24, of Bourbonnais, died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakaee. Funeral service will be at noon Tuesday at Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family.

**HANCOCK** - Wilford William Hancock, 82, of Toluca, formerly of Milford, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at Astacare Nursing Home, Toluca. Cremation rites will be accorded. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.

# Weather

Areas of fog today. High 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of freezing rain late. High 46, low 33.

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

WEDNESDAY: Taco max snax or cheese que-

sadilla, salad, pears THURSDAY: Salisbury steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, hot roll FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit All meals include milk. For all your beverage needs Ted's Home Beverage 101 W. Main Hoopeston (217) 283-7213



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