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## Hoopeston Historical Society sponsors events at meetings

Hoopeston Historical Society has planned many exceptional programs for the 2010 season. The meetings, held at the Hoopeston Public Library in the downstairs meeting room, are scheduled the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m..

Special events are planned for May 17, the annual banquet which will be held at the Pit Stop in the meeting. A dinner and the program Larry Weatherford: Mariah Vance, Abraham Lincoln's maid, are planned. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the event is \$12. Contact Carol Hicks: 283-7815; Jean Minick: 217-249-1944; or Elizabeth Chorney: 283-5056.

Also planned on Saturday, June 12, a presentation and book signing from 10 a.m. to noon at Hoopeston Public Library by author Maureen Holt. Her book "Robert Allerton: The Private Man and the Public Gifts," will be available for sale and signed at the event.

Memberships are \$5 a year per person or \$100 for a lifetime membership.

The schedule for this year's programs is:

April 19	Dan Reed: Lorraine Theatre documentary
May 17	Annual Banquet: The Pit Stop Restaurant Larry Weatherford: Mariah Vance, Abraham Lincoln's Maid
June 12	Maureen Holtz: Robert Allerton book signing 10 a.m. to noon
June 21	Hershall Lee: Forgotten War: Korea
July 19	Eugene Bencomo: Civil War
August 16	TBA
September 20	Lynn Foster: Genealogy Information/County Clerk's Office
October 18	John Whitman: Watseka Wonder
November 15	Larry Coon: Illiana Antique Automobile Club
December	No regular meeting scheduled.

**Briefly**

**Don't fire up the golf cart**

Recent warm weather has resulted in some Hoopeston residents traveling around the city in golf carts. Police Chief Mark Drollinger reminds residents that golf carts may not legally be used on city streets until April 1. Police have been issuing warning tickets.

**Grave decorations**

Grave decorations in Ross-South Ross Cemetery District were to be removed by March 10. Cemetery personnel began removing remaining decorations on Monday, March 15.

**City slab to reopen**

Hoopeston's city slab will reopen Monday, March 22. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays and 7:15-11:30 a.m. Saturday. Having the slab open is a privilege and if it is abused, it will be closed permanently.

Items not allowed to be dumped at the slab include plastic of any kind, lumber, landscape materials, concrete and brick.

There will be no exceptions. Anyone caught dumping illegal materials will be fined.

**Scholarship available**

Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Hoopeston is offering a \$500 one-time college scholarship to a young woman attending Hoopeston Area High School. Applicants must have at least at 3.0 grade point average.

Applications are available at Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., or from Kara Haley at Hoopeston Area Middle School.

Deadline is April 30.

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What is contractors payment called?

In reading statements from the last council meeting in this column, I became somewhat confused. It was said that the payment from contractors was not called a tax. Of course, when I become confused, I always look it up. What should this charge really be called?

FEE - A fee is the price one pays as remuneration for services. In this case the contractors would be giving services, not receiving services.

LICENSE - The verb license or grant license means to give permission. The noun licensee refers to that permission as well as to the document memorializing that permission. License may be granted by a party to another party as an element of an agreement between those parties. Could this be the right one?

TAX - To tax is to impose a financial charge or other levy upon a tax payer by a state or the functional equivalent of a state such that failure to pay is punishable by

law.

A tax is not a voluntary payment or donation, but an enforced contribution exacted pursuant to legislative authority and is any contribution imposed by government whether under the name of toll, tallage, gabel, impost, duty, custom, excise, subsidy, aid, supply, or other

name.

Sure looks to me like this would be the proper name for the charge the contractors would be forced by law to pay.

What do you folks think?

Tom Evans  
Hoopeston



Photo contributed

Dragon power

In preparation for ISATs Honeywell School emphasized reading non-fiction books, beginning the middle of January until now. Eighty-two percent of students participated with the 17 students pictured reading at least 10 books. Students had to pass their Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz with at least 70 percent accuracy. Scales were put on the Reading Dragon recognizing each book read and AR passed. Our dragon kept growing with over 700 books read!

Police News

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 44:07 p.m. Saturday at Jerry's IGA parking lot. Police said Trey Dugle, of Hoopeston, was westbound in the parking lot in a 2001 Ford when he hit a parked 2005

8th graders end spiker season

Hoopeston Area Middle School's eighth grade volleyball team concluded its season with a loss to Gibson City-Melvin Sibley in a regional match Wednesday at Nash.

The team's record ends at 2-16 with the 25-11, 25-18 loss.

Local student makes Dean's list

**CARLINVILLE, IL** – Blackburn College recently announced students named to its fall 2009 dean's list. Earning a grade point average of 4.0 is Yevhen Chepurnyy son of John and Olga York of Hoopeston, IL.

Founded in 1837, Blackburn College is a four-year, Presbyterian-related, coeducational liberal arts college.

For more information on Blackburn College, call 1-800-233-3550, fax (217) 854-3713, e-mail [admit@mail.blackburn.edu](mailto:admit@mail.blackburn.edu), or write: Blackburn College, Office of Admissions, 700 College Avenue, Carlinville, IL 62626. Blackburn's web site can be accessed at: <http://www.blackburn.edu>.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 57. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 37. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 59=8, low 35.

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

Lincoln owned by Russell Allen of Wellington.

**Christopher D. Pettice**, 17, of Collison, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 8:56 p.m. He was released on a notice to appear.

**No tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:45 a.m. Sunday in the 500 block of North Dixie Highway. Police said Ronnie Elliot, in a 2004 Pontiac, was southbound when a deer ran in front of him, was hit by the car, then ran away.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 11:34 a.m. Sunday in the 700 block of South Third St. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1997 Chevrolet owned by Diana Resendez of Hoopeston.

**Tyler G. Burke**, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 6:42 p.m. Sunday at Sixth Ave. and Lincoln. He was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on a notice to appear.

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