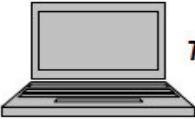


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Analytical balance scale finds new home at Illinois State

A prized possession of a deceased Hoopeston man has a new home.

An analytical balance scale, owned by John Glenn McElhaney, was donated Saturday to the chemistry department at Illinois State University.

Mr. McElhaney attended ISU, receiving his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1974. He served as a teaching assistant at the university and in 1976, earned a master's degree in chemistry. He went on to work as a chemist at CCL in Danville for more than 25 years.

When he died on February 13, 2004, the scale went to Mr. McElhaney's longtime friend, Stephen Eyrich. Saturday, Eyrich and his wife, Holly, traveled to ISU to donate the scale, which had been adorned with a memorial plaque, compliments of Hoopeston Awards and Signs.

That the scale would be donated fit with Mr. McElhaney's lifetime of giving back. He was active in Hoopeston Jaycees and was awarded a JCI Senatorship. A lover of ragtime piano, he won second place in World Championship Piano Playing Contest in Peoria. Local

nursing home residents benefitted from that talent during his monthly performances.

He also helped younger people, tutoring them in chemistry and biology and teaching piano at B&J Music, Danville.

John E. Baur, professor of analytical chemistry and department chair, accepted the donation. The scale will be displayed in a case in the atrium of the ISU Science Laboratory Building.

Mr. McElhaney's mother, Juanita, still resides in Hoopeston.



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Police News

Bicycles stolen from the 200 block of West Maple and 400 block of West Elm were recovered Thursday and returned to their owners.

A **52-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Thursday that someone took three electronic gaming units from his home in the 500 block of South Fifth Street. The units are valued at more than \$500.

A **29-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 3:49 a.m. Saturday that someone damaged all four tires on his 1986 Chevrolet truck. The damaged occurred in the 500 block of West Maple and is valued at more

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Keep Vermilion County Beautiful looking for volunteer walkers to help clean up litter

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful’s Adopt-A-Spot program is looking for people who like to walk and who hate seeing litter on streets and roadways.

“We think it’s a match made in heaven,” said KVCB coordinator Lynn Wolgamot. “For people who are already in the routine of walking for exercise and relaxation, picking up litter along the way seems to be a natural fit.”

Individuals, church groups, schools, businesses, neighborhood associations and other civic organizations

are encouraged to choose an area or street to clean. “At one time, KVCB had more than 60 groups and 15 individuals reported back three times a year with litter totals,” said Nancy Harmon, new Adopt A Spot coordinator, “but that number has dropped off and we would like to see it increased again.”

Free litter tongs and vests are provided to walkers who register with KVCB and who will commit to picking up litter on a regular basis. KVCB asks that participants

answer a survey sent to them three times annually about the amount of litter they collect. Those answering the survey will be entered into KVCB’s Litter Lottery, with a chance to win a cash prize.

Anyone unable to volunteer but who would like to submit a specific location in the county for a litter cleanup is encouraged to contact Adopt-A-Spot.

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful is made up entirely of volunteers from across the county. The local organization was certified in 2002 and has organized various clean up and beautification throughout Vermilion County. KVCB goals include litter prevention, education and beautification.

To volunteer, email Harmon at adoptaspot-danv@aol.com, call Wolgamot at (217) 260-3483 or visit www.keepvermilioncountybeautiful.org or the KVCB Facebook page.



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Obituaries

BECKLEY - James A. Beckley, 84, of Alvin, died at 2 a.m. (ET) Saturday, March 24, 2012, at St. Vincent Hospital, Williamsport, Ind. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home.

HODOLITZ - John R. Hodolitz, 69, of Milford, died Wednesday, March 21, at home. Cremation rites will be accorded. There will be no services. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

New Books at the Library

Fiction

An Amish Christmas by Cynthia Keller

Full Dark, No Stars by Stephen King (Story Collection)

On Christmas Eve: a Cape Light Novel by Thomas Kinkade

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:53 a.m. Thursday to Parkview Court for the smell of natural gas. No injuries were reported.

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than \$300.

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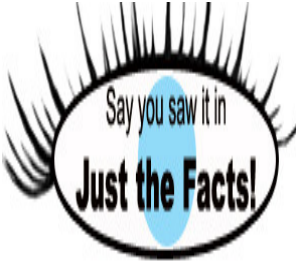
Weather



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NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston Parks Dept. is taking bids for the spraying of Ball Field, Parks and other depts. Specs may be picked up at Hoopeston City Hall. Bids will be opened on April 3 at 10:00 a.m.

The City of Hoopeston Parks Dept. is taking bids for a 60” Bell Deck Zero Turn Hydro mower with a 25-30 Hp Motor. This should be a commercial model, and a trade in of a 2010 Toro 2 master 60 inch deck with 27 Hp Kohler motor. 705 working hrs.

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