

**B I N G O**

every Thursday 7 p.m.

**Hoopeston  
American Legion**

502 E. Penn



No clowning around ~  
**Jennifer Schenk is**  
**35 today!**  
**Happy birthday Jen!**  
Love, Mom

**The PIT STOP at  
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**Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich  
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## Hoopeston officials opt out of property debris removal

A majority Hoopeston City Council members agreed that liability and limited city finances should limit services provided by the city.

At Tuesday's meeting, Alderwoman Sue Comstock brought up the issue of a demolished structure on South First Avenue. The property owner requested assistance in disposing of the rubble and, at the October 2 meeting, the council discussed possibly using city manpower and equipment to assist.

Comstock blamed the council for not staying on top of violations of housing ordinances. "If we followed the

ordinances the way we're supposed to, we wouldn't have these problems," she said, adding one building in the city is "leaning on a telephone pole." No other council member agreed.

Instead, Alderman Randy Carter said he and street/alley Superintendent Wade Gocking agreed that using city equipment on private property creates liability issues. "I think we're better off not opening up that can of worms," Carter said.

Alderman Bill Goodwine said the city should focus on  
**See COUNCIL on other side**



## Sprucing up

Sid Booth and Russell Davenport of Jackson Quality Construction put the finishing touches on a new sign at Hoopeston's Dairy Queen on Monday. Work on changing the sign began last week. The DQ is closed until next spring.

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 Oct. 21 & 28      6-10 p.m.

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# Social Security Administration announces 1.7 percent increase in payments next year

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 62 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2013, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 56 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2013. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31.

Other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will in-

## Police News

A **79-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday that someone stole and damaged concrete lawn ornaments in the 700 block of Wilson.

A **black shoulder strap** purse was found at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of East Honeywell. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

crease to \$113,700 from \$110,100. Of the estimated 163 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2013, nearly 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2013, when announced, will be available at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov).

## Council continued from other side

things it is supposed to provide: police and fire protection, along with water, sewer and streets. Anything else “takes away from those services,” he said.

Alderman Bill McElhaney pointed out that the property owner did not approach the council before he started demolition but now “wants us to clean up the mess.”

Comstock retorted that building issues drag out, with owners getting continuance after continuance in court, prompting Goodwine to say he “thinks it’s very, very fortunate that the wheels of government turn very, very slowly.”

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved purchases a 2012 ambulance from Life Star of Ohio for not more than \$130,000. The vehicle is estimated at \$127,548 but Alderman Brandon Hamilton, fire/ambulance committee chairman, added the additional money “in case there’s a bell or whistle that wasn’t in the quote.

The new ambulance is expected in 120-140 days.

- Approved final payment to Cross Construction for the Main Street project. The payment of \$75,226.92 was approved, then a change order of a \$16,759 decrease was also approved

- Heard as Mayor Bill Crusinberry read a letter of resignation from Ward 1 alderman Ed Lotz. Citing a need to spend more time on his business, Lotz thanked voters for their support over the past eight years but said he will step down effective November 1.

## Weather

Chance of showers today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 57, low 41. Tomorrow, High 52, low 41.

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

For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

Crusinberry asked anyone interested in the seat to submit a resume at city hall. He will appoint someone who will fill the seat through April 2013. The appointee may fill out paperwork to run in the April election for Lotz’ two year unexpired term.

• Heard from Eliseo Zamorra, owner of Hoopeston Health and Fitness on Market Street, who asked for assistance with sidewalks and curbing at his business. Heavy rains cause water to run into his building and also stand on the sidewalk, he said.

Carter said a “band-aid” measure may be available this year with a possible fix next year.



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