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New proposal would cut golf cart exam, hike cart permit fee

A measure proposed at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting would be a mixed bag for golf cart owners.

Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, is proposing saving golf cart owners the cost of an annual inspection while raising the fee for the privilege of driving a golf cart in town.

Hamilton is recommending the city do away with the third-party inspection and provide a checklist to golf cart owners who would then be responsible for making sure their carts meet city requirements.

The checklist will be available at city hall.

He also plans to ask the council to increase the golf cart fee from \$30 per year to \$50. Since carts are allowed to

be driven in the city throughout the year, "that's still less than \$5 a month," he said.

In other action, the council approved the annual tax levy of \$734,000, up from \$707,000 last year.

The levy - the amount of property tax collected for city use - is up 3.81 percent over last year because the city's equalized assessed valuation (EAV) rose from \$25,890 to \$26,835,000, said Ald. Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman.

Nearly half of the increase will go for increased police pension costs, which are going up by \$11,000, Goodwine said.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Approved, in a 5-1 vote, a subdivision variance for Prairie Meadows II.

Although Ald. Bill McElhaney said engineers signed off on the variance, Goodwine voted against it saying he didn't think a variance granted 6.5 years ago for a different project (Prairie Meadows I) in a different location should be used for the new project.

Aldermen Carl Ankenbrand and Ryan Anderson were absent.

- Approved Gail Lane to assume the duties of municipal clerk Greg Lane when he is absent.

- Heard from Ald. Chad Yaden that bids for repairing the damaged pillar at Floral Hill Cemetery have been turned over to the city's insurance company.

From the Blotter

Two people were arrested after police were called at 5:20 a.m. Friday for a domestic incident in the 600 block of East Main.

Angel Bane, 36, and Cody Morgeson, 26, were each charged with domestic battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **50-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Saturday that when he went to retrieve his box trailer from the 900 block of West Elm, someone had taken it.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:31 p.m. Saturday at North Market and East Young. Police said Joaquin Granados, of Hoopeston, in a 2006 Toyota, was trying to turn onto Young and, due to icy road conditions, slid off the road and over the curb.



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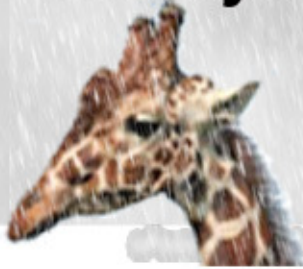
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Briefly

Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley, 719 W. Elm. This month's meeting will be on December 15.

The group is open to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040.

Santa for Seniors

Grant Township Assessor's Office is once again sponsoring Santa for Seniors and is asking for donations from residents. Items needed include canned foods, teas, hot chocolate mixes, snacks, full size bottles of personal hygiene products, puzzles, games, ornaments, night lights and note pads. Other items will be accepted.

Donations will be collected until December 19 and may

be dropped off at totes at First United Methodist Church, New Beginnings Church, First Presbyterian Church, First Church of God, Grant Township office and the home of Stephen and Holly Eyrich.

Gifts for Yanks

Hoopeston American Legion is collecting funds for the Gifts for Yanks program, which provides Christmas gifts for our local veterans in nursing homes. Donations may be mailed to Hoopeston American Legion, P.O. Box 423, Hoopeston IL 60942 or dropped off after 3 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays at the post, 502 E. Penn.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Cinema Classics @ the Library**, Wednesday, Dec. 14. A free showing at 1 p.m. of the holiday classic movie, "White Christmas," for adults. Free popcorn and soft

drinks will be provided.

"**Cooking the Books**" cookie exchange at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. Stop by the book display at the main desk to select a recipe from the collection. Books aren't available to be checked out but library staff will copy the recipe for you.

Bring four dozen cookies to the exchange - 3 dozen for exchanging, one dozen for sharing and sampling.

Best Sellers Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19. New members are still welcome to join this monthly book discussion group for adults. This month's title is "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance.

Family Holiday Movie at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. Parents and children are invited to a free showing of the family film, "A Muppet Christmas Carol." Free popcorn will be provided. Bring your own rinks. Children eight and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For information on any library activity, call the library, (217) 283-6711.

Free bowling party

Fast Lanes and Anderson Funeral Home will hold a free pizza party for Rossville-Alvin and Hoopeston Area seventh and eighth grade students. The party will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Bowling will be provide by Fast Lanes and pizza and soda will be provide by Anderson Funeral Home.

Parents are encouraged to come with their students. Information will be provided.

Obituaries

DAVIS - Celestia Mae (Brooks) Davis, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 2:44 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to her family.

GARNER - Randall Kent "Randy" Garner, 64, of

Hoopeston, died at 5:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of his life Monday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Military rites will be by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. He will be cremated and burial held at a later date in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice or National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Maple-Pizza Hut (cheese), salad, baby carrots, peaches milk; Honeywell, John Greer-beefy fiestada, salad, refried bans, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, celery sticks, mandarin orange, milk

THURSDAY: Maple-beefy fiestada, salad, refried beans, chips & salsa, pineapple, milk; Honeywell, John Greer-Pizza Hut (cheese), salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun fries, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pork & gravy or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax or BBQ rib, re-fried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Fettuccini Alfredo or cheeseburger, Max Stick, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

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