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**Council approves policy on involvement in personal tributes**

A resolution to establish a policy for signs and private tributes and recognition was unanimously approved by a short-staffed Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night.

Alderman Bill Goodwine raised the issue at the December 18, 2018 meeting, saying taxpayer money should not be used for such things. He suggested a policy and asked the council to consider it.

At Tuesday's meeting, Goodwine, along with Bill McElhaney, Brandon Hamilton and Lourdine Florek and Mayor Bill Crusinberry approved the policy, which states, "It will be the policy of the City of Hoopeston that the city will spend no taxpayer dollars and in general be uninvolved in sponsoring non-city government tributes, recognitions and the like."

Aldermen Chad Yaden, Carl Ankenbrand, Ryan Anderson and Alex Houmes were absent.

The issue arose after resident Truman Page requested signs honoring his son's accomplishments as an umpire.

In researching the request, officials learned such signs may be posted on a state right-of-way for one year only. After the year, the signs may be relocated off the right-of-way.

The cost of the sign is slightly more than \$400, which will be paid by Page.

McElhaney suggested the information gathered in the research be made available to others who are interested in

the state's sign program. Florek suggested the information be placed on the city's webpage.

In other business, Crusinberry he is leading a fund drive to raise money for Hoopeston fireworks this year.

He outlined the history of fireworks in Hoopeston, first overseen by Hoopeston American Legion, followed by the Chamber of Commerce, then car dealerships, then Carle Foundation and Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation.

Carle is still on board with its \$25,000 donation towards the \$40,000 total, but HRVF has decided to use its funds for other purposes, Crusinberry said.

Crusinberry said he is doing the fundraising as a resident and not as mayor, and is doing so "to maintain the quality of the display." After some comments about last year's fireworks being paired with a tractor pull at the end of July, Crusinberry said this year's show will be held on July 3.

In other discussion:

- Crusinberry said the street sweeper needs several repairs, estimated at about \$12,000. Because the work is specialized, bids will be waived and repairs made as soon as possible. The sweeper was purchased new in 2008.

- Heard from Hamilton that city animal ordinances will be dovetailed with county ordinances and state statutes in the near future.

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## Briefly

### Breast cancer support group

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p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop Restaurant at Fast Lanes. The next meeting will be Janu-

ary 17. Spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9828.

## From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:10 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of South Sixth Ave.

Police said Bailey Crose, 20, of Hoopeston, in a 2004 Pontiac, was southbound at the stop sign at West Orange

when he was struck by a 2003 Chevrolet driven by Daniel Anthony, Colunga, 17, also of Hoopeston. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

**Haley Edwards**, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday to check on the welfare of juveniles in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Edwards was charged with endangering the life/health of a child and released on a notice to appear.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Big Bang Thursday** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. Weird and wacky science for kids in grades 3-5.

**Tiny Tots**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. Story, activity and socialization for toddlers and preschoolers and their parent or caregiver.

**Sensory Saturday**, 10-11 a.m. A monthly program for kids with autism disorders, sensory challenges and other developmental disabilities. Ages 3 and up and families

welcome. Activities include stories, songs, crafts, large movement activities and free play. This is a free program to all area families. No library card needed.

## Obituaries

**HOUMES** - George Edward Houmes, 96, formerly of Hoopeston, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Masonic service will be at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Green Church of Christ, 278 N 2800 East Rd., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Hoopeston Masonic Star Lodge #709, 208 W. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

**O'MALLEY** - Robert "Mike" O'Malley, 77, of Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of West Lafayette and Ambia, Ind., died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 at Hope Hospice. Memorial visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, 822 N Ninth St., Lafayette, Ind. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Dunnington, Ind. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com)

## Weather

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY in effect until 9 a.m. Thursday. Today, snow, chance of rain/snow. High 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, snow likely late. High 31, low 25.

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### Peek-a-boo

Hoopeston Public Library hides behind neighborhood trees covered in hoarfrost early Monday morning. The library's façade was obscured by the frost, formed by fog Sunday night. Hoarfrost forms when moisture in the air skips the water droplet stage and appears directly as ice crystals. The term comes from Old English and means frost that looks like an old man's beard.