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An unidentified man removes items from the building at 204 N. Market recently. At its meeting Tuesday, Hoopeston City Council is expected to discuss demolishing the disintegrating structure.

City council to consider demolishing Market St. eyesore

A once grand brick building may be in line for the wrecking ball.

The multi-story building at 204 N. Market, which formerly housed the Longfellow Insurance Agency, was set to be offered at Thursday's tax trustee auction. Wednesday, at a special "committee of the whole" meeting of the council, agreed that the structure should be pulled from the list of properties to be sold at the auction.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry was joined at the meeting by aldermen Alex Houmes, Carl Ankenbrand, Robin Lawson and Lourdine Florek.

With the building pulled from the sale, the council is scheduled to discuss demolishing it. Crusinberry said he received a "firm quote" from an area contractor to raze the building, bury the bricks on site and take debris to the landfill. He did not release the

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A child's purple BMX bicycle was found Friday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Kelly L. Gomez, 36, of Hume, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:09 p.m. Friday at South Fourth Ave. and West Penn. She was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Obituaries

ROBINSON - Billy Joe Robinson, 40, of Hoopeston, died at 3:34 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019, at Kindred Hospital, Sycamore. He will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

Kyle A. Frazier, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested Saturday, charged with criminal damage to property on a complaint made at 9:30 a.m. Friday for damage at Silgan Containers, 324 W. Main. Frazier was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Briefly

Light display setup dates announced

Setup for the annual McFerren Park light display will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25. Crews will meet at the park maintenance building to organize unloading the storage facility. Volunteers will be needed for lifting the displays onto trailers and moving them to their places in the park.

Setup will continue Saturday, Oct. 26 with assembly and arrangement of all displays.

Anyone who is able to volunteer will be provided breakfast and lunch. For more information, or if you would like to commit your time, please contact Russ Leigh at (217) 283-9336.

Miracle Tree signups

Sign ups for the Miracle Tree and Santa Cares Too will be 9-11 a.m. November 12-14 at Grant Township 525 S Market. Only a parent or guardian may sign a child up. Proof the child lives in the home and proof of address are required. These programs are open to Hoopeston residents only. Late sign ups will not be allowed, so plan ahead! Please help spread the word!

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amount of the quote because officials will have to seek bids for the work, which would "give other people an unfair advantage" if the contractor's figures were released. He did estimate the total project at \$50,000 or less, depending on the level of asbestos remediation needed.

Concerning the burned out structure at 520 E. Honeywell, Crusinberry said it is currently tied up in a bankruptcy.

The former Dyer home burned August 28, 2015 and has been vacant since then.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 67, low 41. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 51, low 38.

A 54-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 5:14 p.m. Sunday that his vehicle had been damaged in the 700 block of South Second Ave. Police are investigating.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:03 pm. Sunday in the 800 block of South Fourth St.

Police said Dennis Thomas, 68, of Hoopeston, in a 2006 Jeep utility vehicle, entered the alley, swerved to miss another vehicle and may have hit a garage owned by Larry Foley, also of Hoopeston.

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