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## Pot sales slated for vote at November 19 council meeting

Hoopeston City Council is expected to vote November 19 on whether to allow recreational cannabis sales in the city.

Whether the city will allow recreational cannabis sales was the topic of a special meeting on October 29 so approximately 40 residents who attended could voice their opinions.

It was also discussed topic at Tuesday evening's council meeting, where Ald. Alex Houmes told fellow council members he is ready to make a motion at the November 19 meeting against allowing the growth and distribution of cannabis and also one to approve the highest tax rate on cannabis products in case they are allowed in the future.

Attorney James Brougher is to provide ordinances to that effect to be voted upon.

Tuesday's first mention of cannabis came when Ald. Carl Ankenbrand had no comment at the October 29 meeting, said he researched recreational cannabis in the wake of that meeting and was surprised at the fees associated with legal sales, starting at a \$5,000 non-refundable conditional dispensing license. The actual dispensary li-

## Hoopeston Area Middle School to host annual Vets Day program

Hoopeston Area School District will again host this year's Veterans Day program.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, held in the middle school gym.

Sergeant Warren Miller, an area Marine recruiter, will be the keynote speaker for the program, which will also feature the American Legion Color Guard, high school band and chorus, a student essay and the Hoopeston Community Children's Choir.

The program is free and all area residents are invited to attend.

Following the program, free chili will be served at Hoopeston American Legion Post #384 home at 502 E. Penn. Serving will end at 2 p.m.

cense has a \$30,000 fee and a \$60,000 annual renewal fee, and there are other costs, as well.

Ankenbrand said he was "a little surprised there weren't more people here," comparing attendance to the number of residents who packed the council chambers when Wic-cans came to Hoopeston.

Also, he said, people call marijuana a gateway drug but said they don't complain about alcohol and gambling. "I don't see a dispensary coming to Hoopeston for a long time," he added.

The topic came up again during comments from Mayor Bill Crusinberry, who said trailer bills to fix concerns in the original legislation legalizing pot were expected to be discussed during the current legislative veto session. With the session about half over, no trailer bills have come up, he said.

As it stands, there are many gray areas in the law, he said. At a recent Illinois Municipal League conference, Crusinberry said he learned that no insurance company has written policies covering impaired driving accidents and "they can't find any company interested in writing it, he said.

Ankenbrand asked how police would know if cannabis came from a dispensary or the black market, to which Sgt. Jeremy Welch answered, "I do not have the answer to that."

Crusinberry said breathalyzers test for alcohol content but said there is no roadside tool to test for THC - the chemical component that causes the marijuana "high." Welch said a blood test is the only way to determine if someone has used the drug.

According to Illinois Policy, once the law goes into effect January 1, 2020, people will be able to smoke marijuana in their homes and on-site at some cannabis-related businesses. It will be illegal to smoke in public places such as streets and parks, in motor vehicles, on school grounds (except for medical users), near someone under 21 or near on-duty school bus drivers, first responders and  
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## Briefly

### 90th birthday party

A 90th birthday open house for Elaine Leemon will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. No gifts, please, just your presence and cards.

### Hospital lab staff holds coloring contest

The lab staff at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center is hosting a coloring contest in the month of November.

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All money raised will help Dawn with living expenses, medical bills and travel costs.

● Dinner: Pulled pork (plain or BBQ), mac & cheese, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, drink, dessert - \$8/plate, \$5/8 years and under.

● Sweets for Sale

● Basket Raffles

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desk to pick up a coloring sheet. If you return it to the hospital before November 30, you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card to a local business. Winners will be drawn at random, and the coloring sheets will be displayed in the front windows of the hospital all month!

If you have any questions please contact the lab department at (217) 283-8432.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Builders' Club**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages to build cool stuff.

**Vermilion County Crafters**, 5-7 p.m. Thursday. For all crafters to bring projects to work in individually.

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday. For kids 0-5 and their caretakers. Features stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.

### HA coat drive underway

Hoopeston Area school district is holding its annual coat drive to help keep students warm this winter. Only children through young adult coats will be accepted. New and clean, gently used coats may be dropped off at the middle school during regular school hours. No rips, stains, broken zippers or missing buttons, please.

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corrections officers.

Welch said that will give the city the opportunity to create and enforce ordinances similar to those banning open alcohol containers in public.

In other business, the council:

● Approved a \$1,969.50 bid from Yaden's Christmas Trees for 39 perpetual care grave blankets. Ald. Chad Yaden, cemetery committee chairman, said this is the second year that only one bid was received.

The bid was approved in a 5-0 vote with aldermen Ankenbrand Wise, Houmes and Florek, along with Crusinberry, voting in favor. Yaden abstained and members Bill McElhaney, Bill Goodwine and Robin Lawson were absent.

● Approved, 5-0, a Façade Program grant for the H&R Block building, 314 E. Main. The building's east wall will be repaired and the grant will be used to pay for a stucco covering.

Façade grants are for improvements - but not repairs - to Hoopeston businesses. The program reimburses up to half of eligible expenses, with a \$5,000 maximum per grant, with money coming from the city tax increment financing program.

### 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 parents or guardians may sign children up. Proof the child lives in the home and proof of address required. Hoopeston residents only. No late signups.

### Champions for hall sought

Hoopeston Area High School is again looking for new additions to its Hall of Champion which features information on alumni that have done or are doing great things in college, career, and/or life. Any interested students who have graduated in the last 15 years are asked to submit short write ups of what they are doing or have done and a picture, (preferably of them doing it) to Kevin Root at [rootkm@hoopeston.k12.il.us](mailto:rootkm@hoopeston.k12.il.us)

### From the Blotter

Matthew Hofer, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12 p.m. Tuesday at South Sixth Ave. and West Elm. He was charged with driving while license revoked and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Other grant recipients have included Hoopeston IGA, The Pump, Simply Treasures and New Beginnings, Houmes said.

● Heard from Wise that alley cleanup is still underway, as is tree removal. Some residents are paying to have dangerous trees removed, he said, adding the city has agreed to remove the stumps for these residents. Stumps will not be ground until city crews are not busy taking down dead and dangerous trees, he added.

● Unanimously approved Crusinberry's recommendations of Nicole Trueblood to the planning and zoning board and Terry Beauvois to the police commission.

● Heard from Florek that Colin Carswell has joined the water/sewer department as a full time employee. He has previously served as a seasonal employee in the cemetery department, she said. He replaces Gunner Watson, who moved from Hoopeston.

### Weather

Chance of rain/snow, then sunny today. High 37. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 18. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 34, low 23.

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