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Be Kind to One Another

I can still hear my Mother's voice when I was going out to play with my neighbors. "You behave and be kind to one another." Now that I'm all grown up, being kind is something I should know about and understand. But, do I?

How many people do we see in a week? Think about those persons. Have I been kind to them or have I taken them for granted? I've got to think about that.

When I think about being kind, usually it has to do with family and friends, but what about co-workers, neighbors and even strangers! Does kindness belong to them, too? It amazes me that sometimes our neighbors and friends get more kindness than our family. Who are we trying to impress? Have you ever thought about that?

Christmas seems to make everyone happier and kinder. There are still a few grumpy folks to mess up our kindness. But for me Christmas is the time to be kind to one another, it is an opportunity to be our best for others and make us feel better too.

My Mother was not one of them. She was the kindest and happiest person I've ever known. She spoke to everyone, whether she knew them or not. When asked why she spoke to them, her answer was always the same, "I may be the only kind voice that person hears today." How true! If more of us would think like my Mother, what a wonderful world we would have: more smiling faces, more helping each other and more joy and love for all. Boy that sounds good ! Sign me up!

Being kind to everyone may be an old fashioned idea that was once the only way to live. It is more important now then ever, as times are tough and caring about others should become, a new way to live! "Be Kind to One Another" It sounds so simple, just five little words that can change my world and yours. When you and I are Kind to Anyone and Everyone, what a wonderful world we will have. I want my world and yours to look wonderful. It all starts with us, yes, you and me and everyone reading Bertha's Corner.

All things are possible when we all work together. Your kindness will shine out all around you. So lets start shining and let the Kindness out.

It sounds so simple. Be Kind to One Another; well it really is, all you have to do is Smile and say "Hello."

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Council unanimously declines to fund NAPA frontage road

The new NAPA store on Rt. 1 will not have a frontage road paid for with taxpayer dollars.

In a 6-0 vote, Hoopeston City Council voted down a motion by Ald. Kyle Richards to pay for the road. Richards then voted "no" on his motion, along with the rest of the council. Ald. Jesse Gonzalez was absent and a Ward II seat is vacant after Carl Ankenbrand resigned after moving out of the city.

In discussion before the vote, Mayor Jeff Wise said a frontage road was not part of original discussions between the city and store owner Roger Dittrich. Recently, when Dittrich raised the question of a frontage road, he requested the city pay half, but at the October 18 meeting, asked for the entire cost - estimated at about \$38,000 - to be paid by the city.

Ald. Stephen Eyrich said the proposal was not a frontage road to accommodate other development on the property, but rather a road just to the NAPA store.

In other business, Ald. Robin Lawson reported on the December 1 police committee meeting, in which the committee decided to add a third sergeant position on the department, putting a sergeant on each shift.

There is currently one sergeant on second shift and one on third. For many years, the police chief has been in

charge of day shift.

The committee also recommended boosting sergeant pay from \$2,400 per year to \$4,000 per year; having an investigator on day shift and second shift; and purchasing a new squad car.

Lawson also reported on the November 21 façade committee meeting, held after the council voted to have the façade committee review its policies.

The façade committee approved minor changes, including that an applicant must own a "commercial" building within Hoopeston city limits; asking whether the owner has received a façade grant in the past five years and requiring a requestor's signature on a statement acknowledging that the owner will comply with the guidelines, understands the façade program is a voluntary one and that the city has the right to approve or deny any project, proposal or portion of either.

Lawson added that the committee reviewed façade policies from several other communities and that Hoopeston's requirements were in line with other communities.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Bob Porth that the premium for

See COUNCIL on other side

Hoopeston, Rossville clerks set hours for election petitions

Hoopeston and Rossville municipal clerks have announced they will begin accepting candidate petitions next week for the April 4, 2023, consolidated election.

In Rossville, Clerk Chris White will accept petitions from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 12:30-5 p.m. beginning December 12-16 and Monday, December 19.

Positions available include three four-year trustee seats and one two-year seat.

In Hoopeston, Clerk Gail Lane will accept petitions from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Monday, December 12, 14, 16. For candidates unable to file their paperwork during those hours, Lane advised they go to city hall and have someone in the admin-

istrative office contact her to come in.

Seats that are up for election include:

- Mayor: two-year term, to fill the unexpired term of former Mayor Bill Crusinberry
- Ward I Alderman: four-year term, currently held by Stephen Eyrich
- Ward II Alderman, four-year term currently held by Carl Ankenbrand
- Ward III Alderman, two-year term currently held by Jesse Gonzalez; four-year term currently held by Joe Garrett
- Ward IV Alderman, four-year term, currently held by Robin Lawson

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Church hosting community meals
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From the Blotter
 Deandre B. Brown, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday to Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell. He was arrested on complaint from a 19-year-old Hoopeston woman on preliminary charges of domestic battery and interference with reporting domestic battery.
 After being processed at the police station, he was taken to the Public safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Obituaries
CARTER - Hazel F. (Berry) Carter, 87, of Milford, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Ambulance or donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

Council continued from other side
 Hoopeston's umbrella policy for liability and workman's compensation insurance increased by \$30,000, to \$219,278.12, in part due to adding several new vehicles.
 • Unanimously approved the 2023-24 tax levy of \$900,950. In his portion of the meeting, attorney Steve Miller suggested he should review the levy document.
 • Unanimously approved allowing Paul Kelnhofer to purchase the alley between the 100 block of East Lincoln and Maple, for a cost to be determined by statute. Kelnhofer owns the property on both sides of the alley, Wise said.
 • Approved Michael Ferrell as a new member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, replacing a member who resigned. Ferrell is the husband of Ald. Kellie Ferrell, who voted "present" on the matter.
 • Unanimously approved cleaning up debris from the house that burned at 1009 W. Main. The owner quit-claimed the property to the city. Silver Brothers submitted an offer to remove the debris for \$5,400, if the city

and in need of a hot meal.
At the Library
 Thursday's STEAM Lab has been canceled.

HA drops 2 in b-ball action
 Hoopeston Area fell to the Comets of Clifton Central by the score of 46-41 in basketball action on November 30. Anthony Zamora and Preston VanDeVeer each had nine points followed by Owen Root and Kendrick Sigerill with nine each. Wyatt Eisenmann had one point, Trenton Montez three, Mason Rush three.
 Sigerill led the Cornjerkers with his season high of eleven rebounds.
 The JV lost by the score of 44-27. The game got away from them in the fourth, but overall the JV Cornjerkers had a really nice first game out. Zach Huchel led the team in scoring with 11. Brayden Walder and Trenton Montez had four each, Dylan Judy six and Cole Miller with two.
 Tuesday, the Cornjerkers were defeated by St. Joseph-Ogden, 88-41. Zamora and Eisenman each had nine points on the night to lead the Cornjerkers. Sigerill had eight points, Root finished with seven, Montez six and Dylan Judy with 2.
 Eisenmann led the Cornjerkers with six rebounds. Hoopeston Area will travel to Paxton on Friday night.

will pay landfill fees, he said.
 • Heard from Wise that a new business, MK Vape & Tobacco, opened at Rtes. 1 and 9. Saying he stopped in, "it's a really nice-looking, clean store," he said.
 • Wise also told the council that an insurance adjuster has approved settling on the Bzzz Bar fire, which occurred in March 2019.
 Cleaning up the debris has been in limbo as there was not a final dispensation from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office and the insurer would not pay out without one.
 "What that's going to amount to isn't clear," Wise said.

Weather
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 First Christian Church has immediate opening for a secretary, Tuesday-Thursday 8 am-noon. Send a Resume to FCC, PO Box 115, Hoopeston, IL. 60942
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