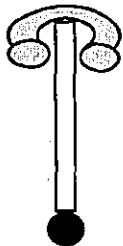


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Council approves rezoning for Casey's

Construction on a Casey's General Store in Hoopeston is expected to begin in the spring, following approval by the city council to rezone 10 acres of Hoopeston Industrial Corporation land.

The council voted 5-0 to rezone the land from heavy industrial to commercial. Casey's will use approximately one acre of the 10-acre site on Hoopeston's south side.

Council members Wes Dazey, Mike Eckersley, John Haughee, Drew Allen and Susan Comstock voted for rezoning. Alderman Odell Crabtree abstained because he is a member of the industrial corporation. Alderman Bill Goodwine was absent.

Art Fleming, a Danville commercial Realtor, estimated the total project at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Fleming had no projections on

how much the new business will add to the city's coffers through taxes.

The store will open despite the fact that Casey's will be unable to sell beer. The city has no available liquor licenses, but Fleming said that is not a condition for construction.

In other action, the council approved Lloyd Blackwell as fourth ward alderman. He replaces Danny Eckert, who resigned in August.

Obituaries

PEERS, Paul, 93, of Hoopeston, died at 7:38 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 1994 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Arrangements are pending at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

Rossville to collar owners of loose dogs in village

Dog owners who allow their pets to run loose in Rossville will soon face stiff fines.

At its meeting Monday night, the Rossville village board approved a policy setting fines for dogs running at large.

If a dog is caught running at large, the owner will be fined a \$25 impounding fee. A second violation in a 12-month period, without a court appearance, will result in the fee plus an additional \$25. Third and fourth offenses will cost owners the impounding fee plus \$50 and \$75, respectively.

Additionally, owners who appear in court on a first offense will be fined \$25 to \$100 plus court

costs. Second-time violators will be fined \$50 to \$200; third time offense, \$75-\$300; and fourth time, \$100-\$500.

Owners will have four days to claim their dogs once they are picked up.

In related action, trustees approved using the Hoopeston-Cissna Park Veterinary Service for its animal control policies and will cancel its contract with Vermilion County Animal Control.

The change is expected to save the village money. Under the current contract with the

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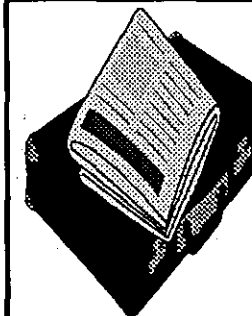
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Firemen save family pet from rural house blaze

A small dog is alive today because of quick work by some Rossville firefighters.

The dog, owned by the Dennis Rhodes family, was found unconscious Monday during a fire at the family's home at Boardman's Corner, according to Nate Rife, Rossville fire chief.

The dog was found in the house and was resuscitated after it was given oxygen by personnel on the scene, Rife said.

The family was not home at the time of the fire.

Rossville firemen, assisted by the Hoopeston department, were on the scene for approximately two hours Monday, Rife said.

The fire, which was reported at approximately 3:30 p.m., started in the fireplace, then spread to the kitchen area on the east side of the house. Some outside structural damage occurred, Rife said. The interior sustained fire, smoke and water

damage.

Despite dangerous wind chill levels, no firemen suffered frostbite, Rife said. Cold temperatures did not affect the department's water supply, either, he said.

Firemen were kept warm during their work with coffee and hot chocolate supplied by members of the Rossville ambulance service and other residents.

Rife had no dollar estimate for damage and said the state Fire Marshall's Office will probably not be called in to investigate.

The Rossville chief expressed gratitude for Hoopeston's assistance. "We tremendously appreciate it," Rife said. "We work well together."

The house is owned by Dorothy Schwartz. Schwartz is vacationing in Arizona, according to her daughter, a Potomac resident.

Police news

No tickets or injuries were reported in a one-vehicle accident at 7 a.m. Tuesday. A semi truck driven by Norman J. Pearce, 508 N. Third St., Hoopeston, slid into an overhead door at Schumacher Electric on East Thompson. Pearce told police he was backing into the loading dock at the time.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Jan. 17, 1994

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Discharged: Roseanna Hultquist, Hoopeston.

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