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Rossville trustees approve engineering costs for sewer project

ROSSVILLE—A new aeration system and sand filter at the village sewer treatment plant will cost more than \$16,000 just in engineering fees.

Village officials approved paying Mattoon engineers Upchurch & Associates \$16,587 to draft plans and apply for permits for the changes.

Officials are considering "a brand new idea" for the aeration portion, said Tom Mills, village water/sewer committee chairman. The planned update is used by two municipalities near Indianapolis, he said. However, specifics and costs were not available at Monday's meeting.

Trustee Charles Cornell was the lone no vote.

In unrelated action, trustees voted down a request

for a bed-and-breakfast establishment.

Nancy Dickson had requested a special use permit for her residence at 103 Maple. At a special meeting Dec. 14, the village zoning board voted 4-1 to recommend not allowing the business.

In a 3-2 vote, trustees followed the recommendation. Trustees Mills and Jon Witvoet voted "present" on the request.

Dickson did not attend the board meeting.

Trustees also:

□passed a \$16,000 tax levy. The levy has remained the same for three years, said Mayor Merv Smith.

□approved giving Gene Vandervort Railroad Ave., abutting Vandervort's McKibben St. property. The avenue is unpaved and "looks like a lawn," said Smith.

□appointed Greta Smith to the zoning board. She replaces Bob Harris, who resigned recently.

School mourns 'passing' of students in drug, alcohol awareness activity

Fourteen Hoopeston Area High School students "died" Friday in a day-long demonstration of the effects of drugs and alcohol.

The "deaths" were part of National Grim Reaper Day, sponsored by Students Against Alcohol and Drugs, said group sponsor Rita Tolch.

One student "died" every 32 minutes, the national average for drug and alcohol-related deaths in the U.S., Tolch said. Deceased students donned black choir robes and wore "deceased" signs around their necks.

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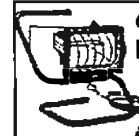
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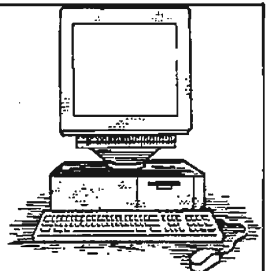
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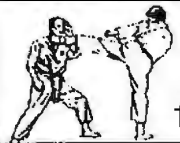
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Briefly

Yard decorating contest

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Suggestions sought

1996 Sweetcorn Festival chairman Bob Porth

would like suggestions on what activities should be included during next year's festival. Suggestions should be sent to Porth care of the Hoopeston Jaycees, P.O. Box 28, Hoopeston, IL. 60942.

Honeywell program

Carolers, dancers and Santa's helpers will all be featured at the Honeywell Christmas program at 1:45 p.m. today in the school gym. The public is invited.

Obituaries

CHURCHMAN - Thomas W. Churchman, 56, of Hoopeston, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Dec. 14, 1995

Admitted: Amber Wilkey, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Dec. 15, 1995

Admitted: Cecil Burton and Deloris Robertson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Dec. 16, 1995

Admitted: Eugene Neathery, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Dec. 17, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather

WINTER STORM WARNING. Three to six inches of snow possible, with north to northeast winds at 20 to 30 m.p.h. High in the low 30s. Tonight, snow diminishing. Low near 20. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 26, low near 18.

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