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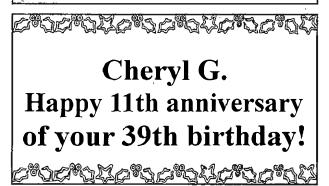
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# Rossville trustees approve engineering costs for sewer project

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

# Liquor license talks on tap at Tuesday city council meeting

The Hoopeston city council is expected to discuss tonight whether a class B liquor license will be created for second Casey's General Store.

Casey's requested a beer and wine license for a new store, to be constructed next spring on Route 1, said Mayor Bob Ault,

Company representatives, after asking to be put on tonight's agenda, requested a change to next month. Since the agenda was already printed, "as far as I'm concerned, council can discuss it," Ault said.

Whether the issue will come up again in January is undecided. "We'll see what happens (tonight), Ault said.

The city currently has two approved class B licenses, which are taken by Casey's on Rt. 9 and the Hoopeston Convenience Food Store.

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.

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

Dappointed 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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#### 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.

### Awareness continued from other side

Principal Mark Conolly acted as the Grim Reaper and read obituaries of the deceased students throughout the day. In a somber tone, Conolly announced the names of students who died and the year he or she would have graduated.

Students who were declared dead did not speak to others after their demise and were kept to themselves during lunch hour. "I wanted the kids in the hall to feel their absence." Tolch said. At the end of the day. all 14 lined up along the front door, standing with bowed heads.

The activity made an impact on other students. "We've had a lot of good response," Tolch said. "(Mr. Conolly) said several students stopped him and said (the obituary announcements) sent shivers down their spine."

A final announcement was made at the end of the day, which said "if you were disturbed or troubled by the obituary announcements that interrupted class today, imagine how disturbed or troubled you would be if any of these friends of your had really lost their lives.

"Imagine also how disturbed or troubled the families of these individuals would be. Enjoy life, Don't mess with drugs and alcohol."

Students who "died" were seniors Bob Schieler. Adam Sinn, Jennifer Ladd, John Farrell, Jennifer Rynertson, Alice Kult and Lisa Gay; juniors John Lockhart and Melissa Carlson; sophomores Katie Cropper and Sarah Powley; and freshmen Kristen Lyons, Angie Lohnes and Abby Unger.

#### **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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