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Thursday, March 20, 1997

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Rossville fire rating improved, insurance rates to drop

ROSSVILLE—Hard work by the members of the
Rossville Area Fire Protection District will pay off in
cheaper insurance rates for residents.

The village's fire insurance classification was lowered
from eight to five after a recent Insurance Services
Office (ISO) evaluation, said fire department Captain

Dan Mikel.

The ISO rates fire departments on a scale of one to 10,
with one being the best rating. Ratings are based on
response times, receiving and handling of fire alarms,
types and amounts of training, inventory and equipment,

See FIRE on other side

Briefly

Play tryouts scheduled

The Hoopeston Playcrafters will hold auditions for
"Gramercy Ghost" at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 23 in the
Kankakee Federal Savings Bank community room
(across from the Lorraine Theatre). Scripts are available
at the Hoopeston Public Library and Danville Public
Library for viewing. Those interested in being in the
production who are unable to view scripts before the
audition may come early to the audition to look over the
readings. Six men and six women are needed.

Play ball!

Area boys are being sought for the Hoopeston Colt
and Pony Leagues.

Colt League members must be 13-14 years old by
Aug. 1 while Pony League members must be 15-16 by
Aug. 1. Cost to be in each league is \$25 per person with
a \$50 maximum per family.

For more information, call Danny Danner at 283-
6831.

Family group to meet

Family Involvement for Excellence in Education will
meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the HA High School
cafeteria.

Music Booster meeting

There will be a general meeting of the Hoopeston
Music Boosters at 7 p.m. April 3 in the Middle School
chorus room.

Easter Egg hunt

The Hoopeston Jaycees annual Easter Egg hunt will
be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22 at McFerren
Park. The hunt is open to children ages 9 and younger.

Keep off the grass

Residents are asked not to park on the grass at
McFerren Park due to wet conditions.

Myers receives appointment

Newly-appointed state Sen. Judy Myers had been
appointed to the Senate Executive Appointments
Committee, which reviews all gubernatorial
appointments, makes recommendations to the Senate
and holds confirmation hearings.

She is also a member of the Agriculture and
Conservation and Local Government and Elections
committees.

Flood relief update

Donations for flood victims in Falmouth, KY., may
be taken to the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First
Ave., from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. or taken to the
trailer at the IGA (west of the store) from 4-6 p.m.
Friday.

Checks may be sent to: Hoopeston Ministerial
Association, c/o Fr. Jerry Pilon, St. Anthony Catholic
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Court Dispositions



March 6: Joyce Fink, Hoopeston, restitution paid in full.

Stuart Icenogle, Rantoul, deceptive practice, pleaded



Police News

Sylvia Cordova, 22, of 319 N. Sixth Ave., turned herself in to police at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Cordova, wanted on a traffic warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Billy Cannon, 506 W. Maple, reported Tuesday that someone broke a window to his garage, entered the building and took three tool boxes of tools and a drill press.

Fire continued from other side

knowledge of equipment and water supply, Mikel said.

Ratings are then used by insurance companies to establish premiums for residences, businesses and industry.

The new rating will affect all buildings in the village limits as well as structures outside the limits but within 1,000 feet of a Rossville fire hydrant.

Rossville joins a select group communities with a five rating. In Vermilion County, only Danville and Catlin have similar ratings, he said.


Mikel credited hard work by firefighters, as well as improvements in the village, for the new rating. "We just worked pretty hard to get it that way, and the city has made an effort to put in things that will help the

rating."

While the village rating was improved, the rating for the district's rural area remained at nine, although district officials are working to lower that as well.

"We don't want the rural people to think we've forgotten them," Mikel said. Firefighters are currently building another tanker truck to provide an additional immediate water supply and long-range plans include investigating the possibility of establishing "dry well" hydrants in the rural area.

While firefighters are pleased with the new rating, which is "an almost-unheard-of jump," they will continue trying to improve. "We're not that far away from a four," Mikel said. "We won't get to a one, but



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