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Cemetery pond to stay, ordinances enforced when posted

Goldfish will keep swimming at Floral Hill Cemetery.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Mayor Bill DeWitt said the city will be able to maintain the pond for less money than originally thought. By changing the bacteria used, Hoopeston will pay about \$300 each year, instead of an estimated \$2,800, he said.

However, he added, rules for the cemetery will be enforced—albeit leniently. Cemetery rules, discussed at a recent city council meeting, have not changed except for adding a regulation about banning dog walking and running of dogs, he said.

Cemetery rules will be posted and then will be enforced, said Sexton Steve Rhodes. Rules include:

1. Stay off grass. Park on roads at all times.
2. No planting of trees, shrubs, bushes, etc.
3. No bordering of graves with metal frames, crushed stone, fences or other material not permitted.
4. Flowers to be planted in urn, hanging basket. No covering full gravesite with flowers.
5. Artificial decorations and flowers permitted in metal or plastic vases. Saddles allowed to be placed on stones. No glass allowed. No flowers allowed to be

stuck in the ground.

6. Cannot guarantee decorations from damage or disappearance.

7. For maintenance purposes, decorations must be removed as follows: winter decorations, first Monday in March. New decorations can be placed after May 1. Spring and summer decorations, third Monday in September. New decorations can be placed after Nov. 1

8. No unlicensed vehicles or ATVs allowed in cemetery.

9. Footstones allowed but must be flush with the ground.

10. Benches allowed only as part of memorial.

11. No dog walking or running of dogs allowed in cemetery.

12. Vaults or grave liners required for all burials.

Officials came under heat for the rules but, DeWitt said, most of the rules have been in effect for a long time and were not composed by the council. "A few days ago, it appeared close to the Crucifixion, that they had done a great sin," he said.

Angie Foster read a letter about the issue and her family's care of graves and wondered if the city would next tell people how to care for their homes. "We're not going to come down hard on any-

Obituaries

SOLLARS—Naomi Sollars, 82, of Wellington died at 3:55 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Wellington United Methodist Church.

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Rossville to fight traffic light removal suggested by IDOT

ROSSVILLE—A suggestion by the Illinois Department of Transportation that traffic lights are not needed at the intersection of Chicago and Attica streets has Mayor Terry Prillaman seeing red.

At Monday night's village board meeting, Prillaman told trustees he recently met with IDOT officials who said a traffic count at the intersection shows the lights are not needed.

Prillaman said he was notified of the planned change by letter and sent back a "heated" letter before meeting with IDOT representatives who, after the meeting, agreed to look at the issue again from a safety perspective.

IDOT wants to remove the lights because, at more than 20 years old, they are nearing the end of their life cycle and will be expensive to replace. "That's the crux of the matter," Prillaman said. "They're not going to remove them without a fight. That would be disastrous."

In unrelated discussion, the board is considering licensing building contractors. Trustee Mark Catron suggested a licensing structure be added because of the potential growth of the village as people build homes in new subdivisions.

Catron suggested using Danville's licensing and bonding ordinances as guidelines but suggested fees be decreased.

If approved, the ordinances would cover "everything that refers to building," Catron said. "I'm not going after people who mow lawns."

A committee was established to look into the issue.

In other action, trustees:

- approved increasing fees for mowing property of those who refuse to mow to \$150 for mowing and an additional \$150 administrative fee. "We've got to do something to discourage people from letting it grow up," Prillaman said.
- approved a \$34,000 Motor Fuel Tax oil and chip program for various streets in the village. Catron, a member of the street and alley committee, voted against the plan after stating he was not asked on a tour of village streets prior to setting projects.
- approved a street corner drive to benefit The Freeway from 8 a.m.-noon on June 11.
- approved taking the current mower to Mowrey Auction in Milford on Wednesday to determine its value. The mower will either be sold at the



Photo contributed

Record breaker

Kasey Carl, leading the pack, recently set a new school record for the 110 low hurdles. The previous record had been held by Mark Alt since 1977 with a time of 15.0 seconds. Carl ran the race in 14.87 seconds.

Police News



A **battery** was found Monday at North Market just north of Penn. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **Hoopeston man** reported Monday that someone took an older red Schwinn bicycle from beside a garage in the 600 block of East Honeywell.

A **45-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that the back window of her vehicle was shattered. The damage occurred in the 300 block of North

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 76. Tonight, thunderstorms likely. Low 57. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 71, low 53.

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