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Fast freeze

Water freezes almost instantly Monday as it is pumped from a portable pressure tank at Third St. and Seminary. Three tanks used to provide pressure while the water tower interior was repaired and recoated, are being emptied for the winter after the tower was refilled. The tanks will be used again in the spring when exterior work is done on the tower.

Young man dies in accident

A 22-year-old Hoopeston man died following a one-vehicle accident at 8 p.m. Friday.

Christopher Wayne Page was at 18160 East Attica Road when his vehicle left the road. He was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at 9:42 p.m. Friday at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

The accident is under investigation by Vermilion County Sheriff's Police and Champaign County Coroner's office.


He is survived by his parents, Curtis and Merrilee Page, of Hoopeston; sisters Amy Baker, Abby Bond and Ashley Page; and grandparents Truman and Zelda Page, of Hoopeston.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Memorials are suggested to his family, for the National Sweetcorn Festival car show.

Obituaries

MORTON - Laverne Ruth (Dippel) Morton, 90, of Cissna Park, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church, Cissna Park American Legion or Cissna Park Fire Department. Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, is in charge of arrangements.

STRAWSER - Norma Strawser, 80, of Rossville, died at 11:13 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, at Country Health Care & Rehab, Gifford. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather 

Blowing snow today, tonight. High 19, low -2. Tomorrow, blowing snow. High 0, low -10.

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1. Water improvements



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2014

3. Last winter



4. Molly Culbert sells shop



2. Murder

Police are still investigating the March 9, 2014 murder of 40-year-old Bruce Eldridge in a room at the Downtown Motel.

According to police reports after the shooting, police believed Eldridge was not a target of the shooter, who was in another room at the motel at 200 E. Main.

Police interviewed a person of interest immediately after the shooting and later considered a Lafayette, Ind., man as a suspect but as 2014 came to a close, no arrest has been made in the crime.

Hoopston Police Chief Mark Drollinger said the case remains a top priority of the department with leads investigated as they come in.

5. Light Up the Park

