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## Route 1 and 4000 North Rd. scene of another fatal accident

A 33-year-old Hoopeston man died of injuries he received in a one-vehicle accident Monday afternoon. Illinois State Police, District 10 reported that Charlie Dickerson III died of fatal injuries received in the accident.

A passenger, 24-year-old Desire Welch, also of Hoopeston, sustained serious injuries and was transported to a regional hospital of life-threatening injuries. Her condition was unknown at press time.

According to police reports Mr. Dickerson was northbound on Rt. 1 and 4000 North when he lost

control of the gold 2002 GMC Envoy he was driving. He struck a ditch, causing the vehicle to roll multiple times, ejecting both occupants.

The accident remains under investigation by Illinois State Police and the Vermilion County Coroner's office.

This is the second fatal accident in less than a month at that location. On February 15, Linda Crippin and Jerry Crippen, both 62, of Hoopeston, were killed when their vehicle was hit head-on after another vehicle crossed the center line.

## Council abolishes perpetual care, approves advisory group

Hoopeston City Council approved eliminating the city's perpetual care program at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Ald. Stephen Eyrich, cemetery committee chairman, asked the council to approve eliminating the perpetual care program. By ordinance, the program was designed to be self-funding through interest on initial bequest. However, declining interest rates for several years have not generated enough to cover the cost.

Hoopeston has spent about \$10,000 per year from the general fund to pay for spring and winter grave decorations and \$300 a week watering live urns, he said.

Eyrich made a motion to eliminate the perpetual care ordinance and the council agreed, voting 7-0, with Ald. Joe Garrett absent.

With that ordinance put to rest, the council, in a 6-1 vote, resurrected the Citizens Advisory Committee, established by ordinance but left unfilled for several administrations.

The existing ordinance had called for 35 members to be named to the committee by the mayor and approved by the council.

The council had previously discussed lowering the required members to 19, but at the meeting, Ald. Lourdine Florek suggested scrapping the ordinance. She said several groups have been created over the years to improve

Hoopeston and start off well-intentioned but become inactive. People are less interested in the civic process, she said, adding she did not want to suggest residents from her ward to the committee, calling it "a futile effort."

Ald. Robin Lawson agreed in part, saying if people were interested, they would be more active in the community. "I'm not seeing a lot of people doing that," she said.

Florek made a motion to remove the ordinance establishing the committee, but it died for lack of a second.

Ald. Kellie Ferrell then made a motion to approve the 19-member committee. It passed, 6-1, with Florek voting no.

The group's purpose is to make recommendations to the planning commission on goals of city planning and policies regarding the growth, operation and expansion of the city; detail problems in Hoopeston and possible solutions, reporting both to the planning commission; to recommend needed improvements in Hoopeston; and inform citizens of the committee of the problems and needs of the community.

In unrelated business, the council:

• Heard from Mandi Hardcastle, representing Hoopeston Area Softball Association, about the need for new fencing  
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# The Complex

## 2022 Skate Jam

**Where:** McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston IL **Date:** Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Time:** Noon-10:00pm **Who:** The Entire Family **Cost:** \$5.00 cover @ door



### What's Happening:

- 4 Bands (Noon-10pm)
- DJ Blaze (Noon-10pm)
- Bag Tournament (Sign-Ups @ 12pm and bags fly at 1:00pm)
- **Tru Skateboards** Team from Effingham IL will be presenting some demonstrations for the kids/adults 5pm-10pm
- Skate contests with giveaways and prizes 5pm-10pm
- Bounce Houses by Wear Em' Out
- Face Painting by Baby Blessings 3D-4D
- Vendors of all sorts will be setup for public shopping
- Variety of Food Choices to fill you up while you enjoy your evening!



All proceeds from this event will go to the The Hoopeston Skate Park Project ~ Contact April Jones 217-504-1335

\*This is an alcohol free event\*

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ing at the girls' softball field. Hardcastle said she has not gotten a response from Alvin Fencing but that S&K in Champaign, gave a quote of \$11,399 or \$18,887 with prevailing wage.

The issue was referred to the parks committee to review.

- Approved transferring \$62,507 from the revolving loan

## Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 37, low 27. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 48, low 40.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston hair salon looking for a cosmetologist, nail tech and esthetician. 765-413-3062

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a fulltime position. Candidate must have a valid driver's license and high school diploma or equivalent. Computer skills are necessary. Potential supervisory roll with proper training and licensing. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information please call 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

Part-time office help needed. Approximately 25 hours a week and could possibly become full-time. Actual hours worked could be flexible. Bookkeeping and/or payroll experience helpful. Send a resume to Russell Leigh & Associates, 228 E Main St, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: <https://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0>

program into the general fund. The transfer, recommended by finance chairman Ald. Bob Porth, closes out the revolving loan account. Future payments on revolving loans will go into the general fund, he said.

• Heard from Lawson that Hoopeston Fire Department will hold its annual Hospitality Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

• Was reminded by Ald. Kyle Richards that a skate jam will be held Saturday at McFerren Park to benefit a skate park in Hoopeston. The event will be held from noon-10 p.m. and will have bands, activities and food.

• Heard from Wise that Dawn Layden was promoted from city administrative assistant to city operations manager.

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

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### NOTICES

Contents of shed #143, John Durkin., at Budget Mini Storage Rt. 9 and 6th Ave. Hoopeston, IL will be disposed of on March 8, 2022, per section 95-4 of Illinois Self Storage Facility Act.

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