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Lourdine Florek, Owner

City council unanimously approves water, sewer rate hikes

Hoopeston water customers will see a 25 percent increase in water and sewer rates starting November 1.

At Tuesday's meeting, Hoopeston City Council unanimously approved the increase, which will raise water rates from \$4.33 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.42 per 1,000 gallons, and sewer rates from \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons to roughly \$4.19 per 1,000 gallons. An average user of 5,000 gallons per month would see their bill increase by \$9.65 monthly.

A discount for higher water usage was also eliminated.

At a public hearing before the council meeting, only one person spoke, asking for clarification of the percentages.

two percent increases in subsequent years.

The new rates were calculated by a software program, Waterworth, which analyzes data and suggests rates for water/sewer providers.

The hike is needed to get the water/sewer department on better financial footing, said Ald. Stephen Eyrich, committee chairman. The department currently expects a loss of \$289,000 this fiscal year, due to rising costs, he said, adding the infrastructure maintenance fee, created to allow upgrades to the city's water system instead had to be used to pay ongoing expenses because of the shortfall.

The department's only income is from water and sewer sewer needs and cannot be used in other departments.





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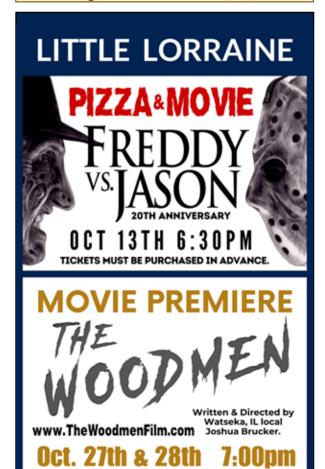
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Cissna Park woman dies of injuries sustained in accident

CISSNA PARK—A Cissna Park woman died of injuries she sustained in an accident Monday.

Betty J. Reetz, 64, was pronounced dead at an area hospital, according to an Illinois State Police statement. A one-year-old child traveling with Reetz was transported to an area hospital as a precaution.

Thomas Becker, 37, of Brusly, La, the driver of a semi truck trailer, was taken to an area hospital for minor injuries.

Police said Becker was eastbound on E 300 N Rd., near Rt. 49, and had a stop sign. He entered the intersection and was struck by Mrs. Reetz, in a Chevrolet Tahoe, who was southbound and did not have a stop sign.

Visitation for Mrs. Reetz will be 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church or St. Paul Lutheran School. Condolences may be shared at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

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Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 5 p.m. Friday, village office. Agenda items include discussion on solar panel ordinance; discussion/approve ordinance to see/dispose of surplus property, hiring/compensation/benefits for school resource officer for Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin High School and Rossville-Alvin Grade School. Link to agenda at www.villageofrossville.org.

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot.

Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring some-one to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

Vote for the HA Chorus

Hoopeston Area High School Chorus is trying to win the opportunity to perform "I Want to Know What Love Is" with Foreigner during a farewell performance October 22 at State Farm Center.

To vote for the chorus, go to Help the HAHS chorus win by following the link, www.news-gazette.com/whms/foreigner-high-school-choir-contest/html.

People will be asked to sign into Facebook to vote, and may vote once a day until October 7.

Grave decorations to be removed

Ross/South Ross Cemetery District will remove decorations starting October 11.

This includes the cemeteries at Rossville, Mann's Chap-

Weather

Sunny, then slight chance of showers today. High 62. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 41. Tomorrow, sunny. High 56, low 39. Sunday, partly sunny. High 58 low 39.

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el, Bethel, Miller, and Prairie Chapel.

HART fundraiser

A sip and shop for Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team will be held from 12-6 p.m. Sunday at the La Casa del Sol banquet room. More than 12 vendors will be on hand.

Addiction recovery group

Men's addiction recovery group meeting. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston VFW is looking for a weekend bartender. Sat., 5 p.m. 1:30 a.m. and Sun., 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Cook and kitchen help also needed Weds.-Fris., 3-8 p.m. Apply in person at 428 W. Orange.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main or www.cityof hoopeston.com. For questions call (217)

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Aquality Solutions is looking for men or women to deliver its products to area businesses and residential customers. This position offers benefits and incentive bonuses. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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