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Hazard considering water rate hike

Commission holds first reading of ordinance instituting increases system-wide

By DESTINY CALDWELL
STAFF WRITER

Hazard Mayor Donald “Happy” Mobelini and the Hazard City Commission voted during the com-

mission’s regular meeting Monday to begin the process of potentially raising water rates for all who use the city’s system.

The City of Hazard’s water system, according to city manager

Derrick Hall, reaches 28 miles in one direction and 26 miles toward the opposite side of Perry County, not including lines that deviate from the main water line or taking into account the elevation of many of the places that the water system reaches.

City Commissioner Luke Glasier said that the ordinance dictating the price of water rates has not been updated since 1956 and all commission members expressed a need to

update the policy.

“Our rates are still the lowest around,” said Mobelini, who compared the new rates to those of surrounding counties who he said have higher rates than current Hazard water rates and the proposed changes.

The change to the ordinance would set forth that customers inside of corporate limits would purchase a minimum of 2,000 gallons

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Community mourns death of ‘Levi’ Grubbs

A funeral procession was led Wednesday, March 20, by first responders for Grant “Levi” Grubbs, who served with several local agencies as a dispatcher. Grubbs died Sunday, March 17, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Hazard Herald photo by Katie Kelley



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This week, members of the community banded together for support while mourning the loss of a local man and dispatcher.

Grant “Levi” Grubbs, age 43, of Hazard, died Sunday, March 17, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Throughout his life, Grubbs served several agencies as a dispatcher, including the Hazard City Police Department, Kentucky State Police and was currently employed by Perry County 911 where he dispatched for The Perry

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SPARK Ministries holds ribbon-cutting

By KATIE KELLEY
STAFF WRITER

On March 15, a local team of people dedicated to ending the drug epidemic held an official opening, welcoming community members to see their space.

In October, representatives of Special People Advocating Recovery Kentucky (SPARK) Ministries began coming to Perry County and giving educational seminars about Casey’s Law. In December, the ministry officially established an office in Hazard. Officials with SPARK

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Officials and leaders with SPARK Ministries, an organization which aims to provide support services for individuals and families in dealing with various situations, including addiction and its aftermath, participate in a ribbon-cutting for the organization’s Hazard location.

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Feds charge two with meth conspiracy in Perry



Cynthia Burkhart



Larry Coots

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A Leslie County woman and Bourbon County man have been arrested and charged with trafficking methamphetamine in Perry County.

A federal grand jury in London handed down the charges late last month against Cynthia E. Burkhart, 37, of Yeaddis, and Larry Wayne Coots, 53, of Paris, on charges of conspiracy to distribute methamphet-

amine, possession of 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to the indictment, beginning in about May 2017 and continuing through December 2017, the duo conspired together and with others to “knowingly and intentionally distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.”

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