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Daylight saving time begins

Residents will lose an hour of sleep this weekend as daylight saving time begins. The annual time change will take effect at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8. Residents should set their clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



Contributed Photos

Amanda Thordsen, Monmouth, has spent six months volunteering her time and talents at an orphanage – Project Hope, or Pwoje Espwa – in southern Haiti. The orphanage houses 700 boys who either have no parents or whose parents are unable to support them.

Project 700 sends donations to Haiti

By KELLY GERLACH

Some 700 Haitian boys in an orphanage don't know that the economy has been in a slump for more than six months. They don't care that stock prices continue to drop and huge corporations vie for bailout funds.

These boys fight for their next meal, clothing, shoes. The global struggle is nothing compared

to the fight they face every day to acquire the basic necessities.

Amanda Thordsen of Monmouth and Jasmin Schmidt of Baldwin organized Project 700 to help ease the serious burdens these Haitian children face each day.

Thordsen, a member of First United Methodist Church in Monmouth, has spent six months

in southern Haiti volunteering for an orphanage called Project Hope (Pwoje Espwa).

"I went on a four-week trip down to Haiti with Farmer to Farmer teaching silage production and composting in the fall of 2007. We visited Project Hope's orphanage and I fell in love with the kids and the project as a whole immediately," Thordsen explained.

"I then talked with Father Marc about coming back and volunteering for him. That was the spring of 2008 and I have been either down there or involved since."

Project Hope assists the people of Borge, Haiti to achieve equitable, just and sustainable

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Water bill to slowly rise if rate increases approved

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Maquoketans will be paying a bit more for water and sewer service each year over the next five years if the City Council approves a proposed series of rate increases.

The council's Utilities Committee on Monday, March 2, recommended that the council enact a 1 percent increase in the water and sewer rates each year over the next five years.

Committee Chairman Neil Morehead proposed the overall 7 percent phased-in rate increase, saying that additional revenue is needed to meet rising costs of providing water and sewer service.

He argued that slight annual increases would ease the impact and work less of a hardship on residents with limited incomes than would a steep onetime increase later on.

He said smaller annual increases would avoid the protests that have greeted increased electric rates of 20 to 25 percent enacted by the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility in January.

A 1 percent increase in both water and sewer rates would increase the monthly bill of a typical residential customer who uses 970 cubic feet of water a month by 72 cents.

Their bill for water and sewer services combined would rise from \$48.94 they pay currently to \$49.66 with the first increase.

The water portion would rise from \$18.13 to \$18.39 and the sewer bill would rise from \$30.81 to \$31.27.

Under the five-year plan, the typical bill that begins at \$48.94 and increases to \$49.66 the first year would jump to \$50.42 the second year, to \$51.18 the third year, to \$51.94 the fourth year and to \$52.72 for the fifth year of the increase.

That would amount to a total increase of \$3.78 after five years.

A resident who receives the minimum bill for use of 300 cubic feet or less would see an increase the first year of 48 cents a month, from \$40.54 now to \$41.02 on the water and sewer portion of his or her bill.

A commercial business that uses 79,000 cubic feet of water would see an increase the first year of \$31.45 per month, from \$2,118.69 now to \$2,150.14.

Morehead suggested that the increase be spread over five years to lessen the impact. The

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Project 700 organizers Amanda Thordsen and Jasmin Schmidt hold some of the items they have collected for impoverished orphans in southern Haiti.