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Dinner - Burger night

Tuesday: Lunch - Meatloaf & mashed potatoes

Wednesday: Lunch - smothered porkchops
Dinner - Taco night

Thursday: Lunch - Cajun sausage pasta
Dinner 50¢ Wings

Friday:

GRAND RE-OPENING!

Lunch - Ribeye Steak sandwiches & macaroni salad.
Dinner - Ribeye Steak & Chicken Breast

OUTBOUND DRIVE 8 p.m.-close
Saturday night: DJ Blaze

Hoopeston council votes to take on North Market eyesore

Hoopeston City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to accept ownership of an unsafe building on North Market St.

Currently known as the Milburn property at 104 N. Market, the building was formerly home of the local chapter of AMVETS. Prior to that, it housed the Cox and Drollinger insurance agencies, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

In commenting on the action, Crusinberry said the door to the building is wide open and that anyone who enters is in danger of falling through the floor and into the basement. "I think it's in the best interest of the city to take possession of this property," he said.

Once the city owns the structure, it will be torn down. The lot is expected to be made into a parking lot for Hoopeston Fire Department.

In unrelated business, Crusinberry expressed optimism about Hoopeston, commenting on new owners of local businesses, some of which had been family-owned for many years. Those include The Flower Shop, formerly Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert, now owned by Elaine and Brandon Tyler; Hoopeston Coin Laundry; and The Pump, recently purchased by Jerod and Kathy

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Saturday 8-2 (we may close early)

First Church of God

Old Fellowship Hall - enter under canopy

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Pack & Plays, toys, infant seat, furniture, household items, books, LOTS of clothing for all ages.

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VFW Menu

Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston

Wednesday: **Wings 5-8 p.m.**

Thursdays: **Tacos by Norma**

11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Fridays: **NFCC Fish Fry 11-7**

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Council continued from other side

Alwardt. "There's still some people who have some optimism that Hoopeston is a good place to be in business, and I agree with that," he said.

Related to that, Crusinberry stated that in the last seven years, about \$40 million has been invested in the city by local businesses, such as Silgan Containers, Teasdale Foods, ADM and the healthcare industry though a new nursing home, new Hoopeston Family Healthcare building and the merger of Carle and Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

"Some people say this town's going backwards," he said. "I don't think we are."

Questions by citizen Stan Steiner prompted a discussion on the one percent sales tax that residents will vote on in April.

Steiner asked if the city was gaining or losing ground financially, specifically citing the water department;

Obituaries

ABSHER - Haskel Lee "Hack" Absher, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. celebration of his life Friday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion.

STERRENBURG - Vance Clarke Sterrenberg, 46, of Milford, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Watseka. Burial will be in Prairie Dell Cemetery, Iroquois. Memorials are suggested to a fund for his daughter.

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whether he had to pay the city garbage fee; and what items would be covered by the tax.

Crusinberry said for the first time since entered city government in 2005, the water department has a positive cash flow, due to staff cuts and rate increases. Even with increases, Hoopeston is in the bottom 10 percent on water rates in the area, he said.

As for opting out paying for garbage collection, Crusinberry said the city divides the cost of collection by the number of residences so everyone pays his "fair share."

On the sales tax, Crusinberry reiterated that it would not be on food or medicine but that it would be imposed on restaurant meals, clothing, gasoline and other general items.

Steiner's initial question on whether the tax would be placed on vehicle purchases went unanswered. That was followed by a second question on whether farm equipment would be taxed. Crusinberry said he was unsure, but Alderwoman Nancy Stipp said she asked and was told that farm machinery is exempt from the tax.

Asked again about vehicles, Crusinberry said those might be exempt, as well but that Hoopeston would still have a lower sales tax than other communities.

In unrelated discussion, the council:

- Heard from Crusinberry that the shared resource per-

Briefly

Kindergarten preregistration

Maple School will hold kindergarten preregistration Thursday, Feb. 19 and Tuesday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 28, from 1-6 p.m. All incoming kindergarten students, who will be five on or before September 1, must go through a screening process, which lasts about 30 minutes.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, shot record and vision and dental records to the screening.

To schedule an appointment for your child's screening, call the school, (217) 283-6665.

Weather

Wind chill advisory until noon Thursday. Cold today. High 5. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low -3. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 19, low 16.

son, Bob Westover, was in Hoopeston Tuesday to meet with leaders and tour the community. "We jumped on the Hoopeston Multi Agency van and showed him the good and the bad," he said.

Westover was recently hired by Vermilion Advantage to work with county communities, excluding Danville, on issues such as grant writing, economic development and others.

In December, the council approved paying \$10,702 towards the shared resource person's salary.

- Heard from Darren Duncan of Rossville, recently named to the Vermilion County Board, replacing Gary Weinard who resigned for health reasons.

Classifieds

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