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Hoopeston under boil order after water main breaks Friday

Hoopeston is under a boil order until further notice following a water main break Friday.

Water was shut off after a four-inch main developed a large hole, said Alderman Drew Allen, chairman of the city's water/sewer committee.

The main, located south of the municipal building on Second Ave., is one of the oldest ones in the city, installed in the early 1900s, Allen said.

Years of use caused the hole, which was two to three inches wide by nearly a foot long, he said. "It was a big-time leak."

The leak was discovered at about 6 p.m. Friday, when water was found coming to the surface. When workers opened the street, they found the area flooded.

Fire trucks pumped water from around the main to allow workers to make repairs, but could not keep up

with the flow. Officials then decided to shut the system down, Allen said.

The water/sewer department did not have a proper fitting to connect a piece of PVC to the existing main, causing an additional problem. Once the fitting was brought from Champaign, "it came together pretty quickly," Allen said.

As residents slept, crews worked throughout the night fixing the leak. Once repairs were made, the system was slowly turned on again.

Water/sewer employees and members of the Hoopeston Fire Department opened fire hydrants to remove air from the system, Allen said. "They started close to the

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Briefly

Music Booster winners

Winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster drawing are: Dec. 8, Alex Hodge, Hoopeston; Dec. 9, Michelle Crabtree, Hoopeston; Dec. 10, the Roarks, Hoopeston; Dec. 11, Janice Herman, Hoopeston; Dec. 12, Maureen Spisok (donated back).

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's van schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Bloomington Nestle tour (leave at 8 a. m.); Wednesday Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Activities at the community center this week include

Monday, ladies' bridge, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., Community Potluck, noon; men's euchre, 12:30 p.m.; blood pressure checks, 1 p.m.; and Friday, unemployed discount program, 1-3 p.m.

Toys for Tots donations needed

Anyone wishing to donate to Toys for Tots may bring new or good used toys to: Jerry's IGA, Routes 1 and 9; McDonald's, Routes 1 and 9; Travel Discoveries, 218 E. Main; or Jaycees Christmas Tree Sales at LCR Building, 112 W. Main.

If you have questions, please call Delores Crabtree, (217) 283-7896.

Meetings

☐The Hoopeston Community Involvement Committee will meet at noon Monday in Crunch's

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water plant and worked their way out, like a wagon wheel," he said.

The system was opened slowly to avoid causing problems. "You can't just open the tower," Allen said. "It'll blow every main in the city out."

Many residents did not learn of the problem until Saturday morning, when activities such as showering and coffee making were made more difficult. "You'd be surprised how many people thought their water lines were frozen," Allen said, adding no one was prepared for the entire system to be closed. "It's just never happened

before," he said.

Water department clerks were brought in Saturday to field calls from residents. "They were just covered up (with calls)," Allen said.

Water was restored at about 1 p.m. Saturday, allowing residents to perform daily activities. "I told (sewer superintendent) Greg Gress to be prepared for 2,000 flushes all at once," Allen said.

Although water is again flowing, it must still be boiled until samples are deemed safe for consumption.

Water for cooking, drinking and things such as

brushing teeth, should be boiled before use. Water for bathing and laundry does not have to be boiled, he said.

Workers are expected to spend Monday reflushing hydrants; samples will probably be collected Tuesday or Wednesday, Allen said.

Those samples must incubate for 24 hours before the results can be given, so the boil order is expected to remain in effect through next weekend, Allen said.

Although the break was an inconvenience, Allen said the situation could have been much worse. No fires occurred while the water was off, although a fire alarm

at Silgan caused brief concern.

However, Allen said, the alarm signaled low or no pressure in the plant's sprinkler system, not an actual fire.

The incident was a learning experience for the water department. "We really learned quite a bit about the system," Allen said.

Allen had high praise for workers, who were finally able to go home Saturday afternoon. "My hat's off to them," he said. "These guys we've got are pretty professional."

Working in adverse conditions of cold water and cold air temperatures, coupled with long hours, was a strain for the crew. "They were beyond tired - they were exhausted," Allen said. "I can't say enough about our guys."

Allen also praised street/alley workers and firemen for their contribution. "It was really a team effort of



Police News



Jason P. Fairchild, 19, of 571 Harold, Wellington, turned himself in to police at 3:35 p.m. Thursday. Fairchild, wanted on a warrant, was released on \$95 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:59 p.m. Thursday.

Police said Joe Crabtree of 306 E. Maple, Rossville, in a 1985 Peterbilt semi, hit Schumacher Electric, 1025 E. Thompson. A door at the plant was also damaged.

Vickie J. McNeely, 36, of Woodland, turned herself in to police at 9:30 a.m. Friday. McNeely, wanted on a traffic warrant, was released on \$235 cash bond.

MaryAnn Diltz, 841 E. Seminary, reported Friday that someone took a VCR and three channel boxes from her

home. A unicorn statue was also broken.

Amy Lantis reported Friday that someone kicked in a door leading to the upstairs of Subway, 115 E. Main.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 10:15 p.m. Friday.

Police said an unidentified vehicle hit a parked 1996 Ford Aerostar van owned by Bruce and Linda Carlson, 509 W. Penn, while the van was parked at 314 W. Penn.

Police reported Friday that a 1972 Chevrolet Nova, driven by Jon F. Ball, 418 E. Young, skidded on ice and struck a barricade at the corner of West Penn and Third St.

Steve Hall of Community Bank reported Saturday that someone cut four tires on a 1992 Chevrolet and two tires on a 1988 Ford van while they were parked at 222 Bank St.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at

11:48 a.m. Saturday at the Community Bank drive-up facility, Routes 1 and 9.

Police said Leon McFadden, 801 S. Fourth St., was in the drive-up line at the bank when he backed his 1997 Ford pickup into a 1986 Buick owned by Larry D. Brougher, 410 Attica, Rossville.

Sheila M. Pratt, 524 W. Maple, reported Saturday that someone took a gold diamond engagement ring from her home sometime during the last week.

Mark A. Hewitt, 27, of 111 E. Lincoln, was arrested at 12:04 a.m. Sunday, charged with two counts of burglary to auto, two counts of criminal damage to property (over \$300) and theft.

Police said Hewitt was arrested after a citizen report of someone lying between parked vehicles near the entrance of Hoopeston Foods.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Court Dispositions



Nov. 20: Jayme Keith, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$75, restitution.

Amy Larkin, Hoopeston, deceptive practice; summons issued.

Tina Lile, Hoopeston, to pay; continued.

Jason Longfellow, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; bench trial Jan. 22, 1998.

Ron Mann, Hoopeston, criminal damage; bench trial Jan. 22, 1998.

Patrick Marcotte, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$45.

Robert McCrory, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$45, restitution.

Jonathan Miles, Hoopeston, to pay, continued to Jan.

Obituaries

GOIN - Gary J. Goin, 57, of Hoopeston, died at 7:27 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 1997, at Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church. Private family burial will be held at a later date at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church, 502 E. Main, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOAG - Graveside services for the stillborn son of Andrew and Lisa Bane Hoag of Fairmount were held

Saturday at Greenview Cemetery, Fairmount. The baby was born Dec. 1 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center. Carrington Funeral Home, Fairmount, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 34. Tonight, cloudy. Low 28. Tomorrow, snow showers likely. High 33, low 30.

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