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Officials have no solutions to northside flooding problem

Flooding on Hoopeston's north side has been and will continue to be a problem during heavy rains, according to the chairman of Hoopeston's water/sewer committee.

"We can control three inches of rain, but when that fourth inch comes, we have real problems in the area," said Alderman Drew Allen at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Discussion on northside flooding was prompted by Alderman Harold Cox, who said water flooded the area in late March and again May 3. "It's a pretty bad situation there in Ward 4," he said.

Allen said the problem stems from water draining into the city from surrounding farmland. "It's been that way since I've been in the community," he said, adding the retention pond helps, but large rains cause the entire system to back up. "I've read of some places getting 16" in a 24-hour period," he said. "Heaven help us if we have

one of those here. We won't be able to find our homes."

Even if a feasible plan were available, Allen said the cost might be prohibitive. "Even if we could throw dollar bills at it, I don't know how much it would take."

Allen also said someone has tried to sabotage the system, putting rocks in it, as well as using a bucket to block an intake.

In related discussion, Allen said last week's water main break at Penn and Route 1 occurred after mains were flushed, saying the strain of flushing may have caused the rupture.

In other business, Alderman Mark Drollinger said bids will be accepted for sidewalk repairs in the 100 block of East Main, as well as street repairs on Fourth St. and Seminary. Interested contractors should call city hall. said.

Civil liability poses problems for officers, citizens: chief

Doing good can sometimes lead to bad things, according to Hoopeston's police chief.

Chief Carl Valentine talked about civil liability at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting. "Civil liability

is something we all have to think about, not just as police officers but as citizens," he said. "Everybody's looking for a deep pocket."

Liability, the act of leaving oneself open to a civil suit, is something that must be weighed by officers, landlords, and even witnesses to crimes, he said.

Valentine gave scenarios and asked those attending to select endings which would leave those involved open to the least amount of civil liability. Scenarios included a landlady who heard her tenant had moved in the middle of the night and an officer who responded to a disturbing the peace complaint and found suspects using marijuana.

Part of the increase in civil suits is due to lawyers' willingness to file suits, Valentine said. While more suits

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★ Police News ★

Jeremy R. Clingenpeel, 19, of #41 Parkview Court, turned himself in to police at 7:59 p.m. Monday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:41 a.m. Tuesday at Main and Market.

April R. Houser, 720 E. Seminary, in a 1987 Buick,

— Briefly —

Boil order lifted
 The Hoopeston water department has lifted the boil order issued for the west side of Route 1 south of West Penn.

Storm spotter course closed
 The storm spotter class scheduled for Friday has been closed to the public due to the amount of response from area emergency personnel.

Nurses' breakfast
 The monthly nurses breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday at Henning's Root Beer Stand.

Tiny Tots
 Tiny Tots story program will meet at 10:30 a.m. Fri-

Weather 

Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers today, tonight and tomorrow. Highs 75, lows 58.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at **(217) 283-6221**.

See **LIABILITY** on other side

Liability continued from other side

are being filed, insurance companies are becoming less likely to pay without investigating, he added.

Liability is greater for police. "When a police officer makes a mistake, it has greater repercussions than if you go out here and make a mistake," Valentine said. "If he makes a bad mistake, it could cost him his life."

Being in a hurry to solve a crime causes many officers to make mistakes, leading to suits for false arrest. "Whenever you put those cuffs on somebody and deprive them of their liberty, you better have the evi-

was stopped behind a 1995 Nissan driven by Megan A. Bond, 625 E. Lincoln. Police said Houser let off the brake and hit Bond.

Mary Cunningham, 1005 W. Main, reported Tuesday that during the last week of April, someone entered 709 S. Market through the front door and took five rolls of insulation.

Obituaries

LAWSON - Maudy Pearl Lawson, 90, of Hoopeston, died at 10:10 p.m. Monday, May 4, 1998, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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