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Hoopeston council approves swimming pool repair bid

The Hoopeston city council looked ahead to summer Tuesday night, accepting a bid for swimming pool repairs.

The \$67,462 bid from Pool Care/Aqua Care of Wheeling, was the only bid received, said Alderman Mike Eckersley, city parks committee chairman.

The bid covers tiling the entire surface, replacing vales, the waste pump and wet tank and other repairs, Eckersley said.

Work will begin as soon as the weather permits. "It has to be in operation and the state inspector has to look at it before we open," Eckersley said.

Alderman Harold Cox abstained from voting be-

cause "I've never been called to any of their meetings," he said after the council session.

In unrelated action, the council approved the vacancy created by former alderman Mark Drollinger's resignation.

Drollinger resigned, effective Dec. 31, 1998, to become chief of the Hoopeston Police Department.

Mayor Bob Ault said after the meeting that he hopes to name Drollinger's replacement at the Jan. 19 council meeting. That person will serve until May 1 and may run in the April 13 election, Ault said.

Post office resumes deliveries

Holidays and snow caused the first mail delivery of 1999 to be delayed until Tuesday.

Delivery resumed Jan. 5, the first since Dec. 31, said postmaster Paul Ziemnisky. Jan. 1 was a holiday, followed by two days of no delivery because of the snow.

No mail was moved into Hoopeston, either. Ziemnisky said the first delivery of mail to the local post office came at 11:30 Monday morning. Workers who normally deliver the routes were called in to help sort the extra amount that arrived.

Deliveries were made later than usual Tuesday, in part because of the snow, but also because of the volume of mail, up because of Sunday's one-cent postal rate hike and partly because of tax forms and "people anxiously awaiting their sweepstakes," Ziemnisky said.

Delivery was only made to homes where postal workers could safely reach mailboxes, he said.

"We're trying our best, is all I can say," Ziemnisky said. "Mother Nature did her thing."

Announcements regarding cancelled delivery due to weather are made on WHPO, Ziemnisky said.

Station closed for tank repairs

Winter cold and snow usually mean big business for Main Marathon, but owner Tom Gustine is not pumping gas for customers.

An Environmental Protection Agency law mandated all older gasoline tanks be replaced or relined by Dec. 22, Gustine said. But timing and holiday delays will force the station to be closed at least until mid-January.

Before the station reopens, Gustine must have the tanks relined. Special workers will cut open the top of Gustine's 6,000 and 8,000 gallon tanks and apply epoxy to the inside. The work, estimated to cost approximately \$20,000, was to be done Dec. 21 but was not because of scheduling conflicts, Gustine said.

Besides scheduling the actual work, Gustine must also have a state fire marshal on-site while the work is being done.

The station remains open to sell cigarettes, soft drinks and bait shop items.

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2. Gillins Oil	31	14
3. Rethelford Carpeting	28.5	16.5
4. R&R Body Shop	28	17
5. 10 Pin Alley	25	17

6. Community Bank	25	20
7. Main Street Travel	24	21
8. Weber's Drug Store	22	20
9. Pin Pals	22	23
10. Penney's Beauty Shoppe	20	22
11. Razor's Edge	18	27
12. Shala's Hair Studio	18	27
13. Pamida Discount	14.5	30.5

14. Team #14 Bye	4	41
High Ind. Game: Glenda Reed 255; High Ind. Series: Patti Lowe 608; High Team Game: R&R Body Shop 1,129; High Team Series: Pin Pals 3,028.		
Games over 200: Glenda Reed 255, Patti Lowe 214, Candis Clayborn 212.		
Series over 500: Paula Hertel 518, Patti Lowe 608, Glenda Reed, 600, Candis Clayborn 589.		

National Safety Council lists tips for preventing, curing winter frostbite, hypothermia

Prolonged exposure to low temperatures, wind and/or moisture can result in cold-related injury from frostbite and hypothermia. With temperatures below zero throughout the Midwest and expected to drop further this weekend, the National Safety Council offers these suggestions on how to keep warm and avoid frostbite and hypothermia.

Dress properly: Wear several layers of thick, loose-fitting clothing to insulate your body by trapping warm, dry air inside. Loosely woven cotton and wool clothes best trap air and resist dampness.

The head and neck lose heat faster than any other part of the body. Cheeks, ears and nose are the most prone to frostbite. Wear a hat, scarf and turtleneck sweater to protect these areas.

Frostbite: What to look for: The extent of frostbite is difficult to judge until hours after thawing. There are two classifications of frostbite:

Superficial frostbite is characterized by gray or yellowish patches on the affected areas. The skin remains pliable, but becomes red and flaky after thawing.

Deep frostbite is characterized by waxy and pale skin. The affected parts feel cold and solid and may turn blue or purple upon thawing. Large blisters may also appear after re-warming.

What to do: Get the victim out of the cold and to a warm place immediately. Remove any constrictive clothing items that could impair circulation. If you notice signs of frostbite, seek medical attention immediately.

If a body part is partially thawed, place frostbitten part in warm water (102 to 106 degrees Fahrenheit). If you do not have a thermometer, test the water first to see if it is warm. Rewarming usually takes 20 to 40 minutes or until tissues soften.

What not to do: Do not use water hotter than 106 degrees Fahrenheit or colder than 100 degrees Fahrenheit since it will not thaw frostbite quickly enough. Do not rub or massage the frostbite area, especially with ice or snow.

Hypothermia occurs when the body loses more heat than it produces. Symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, impaired speech and clumsy movements. Se-

vere hypothermia may cause rigid muscles, dark and puffy skin, irregular heartbeat and respiration, and unconsciousness.

Treat hypothermia by protecting the victim from further heat loss and seeking immediate medical attention. Carefully remove the victim's clothing if it is wet, but avoid rubbing the victim's skin.

Finally, the best way to avoid frostbite and hypothermia is to stay out of the cold. Read a book, clean house or watch TV. Be patient and wait out the dangerous cold.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4 p.m. Monday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange.

Police said Sandra K. Thompson, 713 E. Honeywell, backed her 1995 Jeep Grand Cherokee from a parking space into a parked 1996 Dodge Stratus owned by Bruce Johnson, 2001N 2630E Rd., Sheldon.

Alfred Pate, 615 E. Chestnut, reported Monday that someone took a calculator, document and small red pouch containing money from his car at 814 S. Market.

A pager was found Tuesday in the Pamida parking lot. The owner may identify and claim it at the police sta-

Weather



Cloudy, light snow, 1-2 inches. High near 30, then falling to 20. Tonight, clearing. Low -10. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 10, low -5.

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