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Hoopeston City Council looking at plans to ease flooding

Hoopeston's water/sewer committee is looking at options to solve the flooding problem on the city's northeast side.

Discussion on flooding was prompted by Mary Ann Sinclair of the 600 block of East McCracken. Sinclair said she has lived in her home for 40 years and has experienced flooding for the last 15 years. "This time was really bad," she said of last weekend's flood. "It was almost up to my front door.

Alderman Kevin Davis, water/sewer committee chairman, said the committee has been looking at

possible solutions for the past three months, adding he had hoped the city would not receive a heavy rain until some things were fixed.

Some suggestions for alleviating the problem include running 48" tile under the rail bed. That is estimated to cost \$100,000. Another plan, estimated at \$60,000, is to fix a problem at Fifth St. and Lincoln where a 20" tile intersects and 84" tile, causing a backwash in heavy rains.

Two drainage ditches on a field directly north of the city are also a problem. The ditches empty into a ditch along what becomes Market

St. "The water just comes in and runs down Market," Davis said.

Options to fix this problem may prove costly and include creating a retention pond to store water and let it out at a slower rate. One extensive proposal has a "guesstimate" of \$800,000, Davis said "Obviously it's going to cost a lot to fix the whole northeast side," he said.

Davis said he plans to call a committee meeting this week or next to discuss the problem further.

In other action, the council:

- approved a \$150,000 purchase agreement for a tanker and rescue pumper. The fire department successfully bid on the equipment from the Bourbonnais Fire Department.
- is accepting bids to put in sidewalk on East Orange from the hospital to Chittick Eye Care. Specifications are available at city hall. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. July 2.
- learned an open house will be held for retired police Officer Roger Beaty from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, June 25.
 - passed a \$4,843.084 appropriations

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• passed a \$4,843.



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T-Ball make-up games

T-ball games rained out June 2 will be played Saturday, June 19. Games that had been scheduled for 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. June 2 will be played at 9, 10 and 11 a.m., respectively, on June 19.

Summer reading club

Hoopeston Public Library is hosting a new group, "Summer Just for Fun Reading Group." The first meeting was June 3 and the group decided to read "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday,

June 17 in the library board room. The group hopes to have the first half of the book read.

Pre-registration is not required to join the group. To request a book or for more information, call the library, 283-6711.

Free fishing clinics

Free fishing clinics will again be offered at McFerren Park, starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Tony Wantland will be the instructor for the free Urban Fishing Program. The clinics are geared for those 16 or younger but anyone may attend.

For information, call Oat's Bait Shop, 283-

Airing of *Hoopeston at Mid-Century* wraps until autumn

Airing of the video series, *Hoopeston at Mid-Century* has been completed and will resume in the fall. Future programs will include "Mom and Pop Grocery Stores," "Interview: Mary Jones at Home," "The Hoopeston Hospital Project and Area Medical Care," "The National Sweet Corn Festival," "Family Life," "Service Clubs," and an untitled segment still in the planning. A final follow-up video will include additional photos that came in after the first video of the series aired.

It is not too late for additional photos to be

added to these future videos. Needed especially are pictures of mom and pop grocery stores. Contact Dan Reed at Hoopeston Area High School, Lou Graham at the Hoopeston Public Library or Tom Mills of Rossville for more information.

The video series will be available for borrowing later this summer at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Due to popular demand, the library will offer a full set of videos at a special price that will be determined at a later date when the series is completed.

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Police News

Two people were charged after an incident at 6:39 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of West Washington.

Police said Kevin A. Fink, 45, of 329 W. Washington was charged with intimidation. He was also charged with criminal damage to state supported property after he allegedly flooded a cell at the police station.

New Books at the Library



Non-fiction:

Girlfighting: betrayal and rejection among girls by Lvn Mikel Brown

Why Men Don't Have a Clue and Women Always Need More Shoes by Allan Pease

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He was released on a recognizance bond after he cleaned the cell.

Also arrested was Darla C. Crawford, 49, of 213 W. Maple. She was charged with obstructing a peace officer and aggravated battery to a peace officer after police allege she interfered with Fink being arrested.

She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

An attendant at Casey's General Store,

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 82, low 64. Tomorrow's high 79, low 60.

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

Grocery store sets first annual parking lot sale for Saturday

Residents who have something to sell - whether it be rummage sale items, crafts or what-have-you - are invited to take part in the first Parking Lot Garage Sale Saturday at Price-Less Foods.

The event is free for anyone wanting to sell just about anything, said store owner Frank Smith. However, anyone interested in selling must register to ensure they will have a spot. To sign up, call Price-Less at 283-9224.

The sale is set to run from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. but sellers may stay until 5 if need be, Smith said.

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