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Water main breaks concern officials, rates may be hiked

Breaking water mains are a concern for Hoopeston officials.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderman Bill Crusinberry said two mains broke over the weekend, joining a list of broken mains during recent cold weather. Freezing and thawing may have contributed to the mains breaking. "I'm sure it's a combination of several things," he said.

"We're going to have to address the aging water mains in the city someday," he added.

Resident Stan Steiner asked if the city has money reserved to replace mains "or are we just going to wait until everything falls in and then wait for a handout?"

Crusinberry explained that the water and sewer departments stand alone, depending on revenues from each

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Photo contributed

Pizza in the parlor

Members of Hoopeston's Cub Scouts pack share pizza and pop at Anderson Funeral Home Saturday evening. After eating, the group watched the movie "Cars" on the funeral home's big screen TV. Owner Ryan Anderson said he hopes the event will become an annual outing. Anderson said it helped the kids understand that funeral homes don't have to be scary. "In fact lots of kids thought it was cool and some kids told me that it must not be to scary because I live upstairs," he said.

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department to pay salaries and pay for upkeep.

The department had a surplus of about \$700,000 several years ago but increased expenses, including purchasing about \$300,000 in new meters, has dropped the amount in the depreciation account to about \$250,000.

"Nobody wants to see a rate increase but I pay \$12 a month and that's ridiculous," Steiner said. Somebody needs to take the bull by the horns and raise the rates."

Crusinberry said rates have not been increased for four or five years. The first step in raising them is to have a rate study done, comparing rates area communities. Also, he said, the city needs to look for grants that might help pay at least some of the costs of updating water

mains, some of which were installed in the late 1800s.

Crusinberry said his top priority when named to the water committee was rehabilitating the city's water storage tanks. That project, which has a \$300,000 price tag, will be followed by the water main problem and the flooding situation.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Gary Dickinson, owner of the former McFerren Building. Dickinson, of Florida, submitted a rough proposal for the Willdon Building and has been in Hoopeston recently to take measurements of the building. He plans to submit a firm proposal, with more exact costs, next month.

WHPO to hold annual Business Expo Saturday, Sunday

The WHPO Business Expo will take place this weekend at the McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston.

More than 45 vendors are expected at the event, which will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Entertainment will also be provided each day. Saturday's lineup includes the John Greer Concert Band at 10:30 a.m., followed by 11 a.m. by the John Greer Chorus. At noon, Mike Webb will give a karate demonstra-

tion, followed at 1 p.m. by and exhibit by Lindsey Lane Bridal. At 2:30 p.m., students from the Academy of Performing Arts will present a show.

Sunday's entertainment begins at 12:30 with students from Miss Barbara's Preschool, followed at 1 p.m. by Hoopeston Area High School show choirs and jazz bands. Rich Stipp rounds out the day's entertainment at 3 p.m.

Vendors include:

Angel Pest Control, The Carpet Cleaners, Robinson Chiropractic, Cramer Siding, Farming with Flowers, Logos Unlimited, Cade's Heating and Air, Birkey's, Anderson Funeral Home, R.C. Electric, Country Companies Insurance, Miracle Ear, Bowman Estates/Heritage Woods, Cell One, Hoopeston Little League, Arbonne, Unger's Jewelry, Monical's, Lindsey Lane Bridal, Bauer Comfort Center, Iroquois Federal, Milford Christian Church, Hoopeston Regional Health Center, American Family Insurance, Chestnut Street Church of Christ/Cowboy Church, Creative Memories, Doeden's Delights, Logan Avenue Dental Care, Candles by Christian, TLC Candles, Forever Yours Keepsakes, Chesser Financial, Mike Webb School of Karate, Miss Barbara's Schoolhouse, Mary Kay, Home Interiors, Pampered Chef and Hoopeston Jaycees.

Obituaries

RIDENS—Opal M. Ridens, 87, of Hoopeston died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be one hour before services Tuesday at the funeral home.

ROLLINS—Marjorie F. Rollins, 90, of Champaign, formerly of the Milford-Stockland area, died at 3 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at Heritage Nursing Center, Champaign. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sugar Creek Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.



Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 43. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 29. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 52, low 33.

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

The plan calls for motel rooms and apartments on upper floors and commercial use, such as a restaurant, on the first floor.

- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that the city will be accepting bids on spraying for local parks. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. April 2.
- Heard from Alderwoman Gail Lane that bids are being accepted for spring perpetual care. Specs are available at city hall and bids will be opened at 10 a.m. April 3.
- Heard from resident Gerald Minick about sidewalk problems, including those leading to the Hoopeston Multi Agency and by the former Subway store downtown.



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