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Mayor: construction makes things 'pretty active in town'

Things are "pretty active around town," said Mayor Bill Crusinberry at Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Crusinberry cited ongoing construction of the new nursing home, which he hopes will benefit other Hoopeston businesses such as retail stores, restaurants and gas stations.

Additionally, preparation work has begun on an assisted living facility being built on Route 9 at Market. Currently "dirt work" is being done while the developer awaits a city building permit, Crusinberry said.

In other activity, the roof of the old McDonald's has been removed. The roof and other distinctly McDonald's features must be removed from the structure, according to an agreement between the corporation and developer, Crusinberry said.

The developer hopes to find a new use for the building, which was vacated when the new McDonald's opened last month. The agreement with McDonald's

bans the site from becoming another restaurant, Crusinberry said.

In unrelated business, the board heard from Alderman Bill McElhaney about water projects in the city, including a new water main that will go from the Main Street water department to the new nursing home on Route 1.

McElhaney, water committee chairman, said work will first be done at the nursing home site so as to keep that project on track. A four-way valve with shut-offs will be installed at Thompson. Weather permitting, the project will then move up Main Street.

A pre-bid meeting on the water project will be held at 10 a.m. November 22, he said.

McElhaney also reported that work repairing Pump 5 is nearly complete. "It was kind of like we sent it to the dentist," he said, explaining a screen had to be removed and hard water deposits cleaned from it. The \$40,000 project took about two weeks to complete and will have

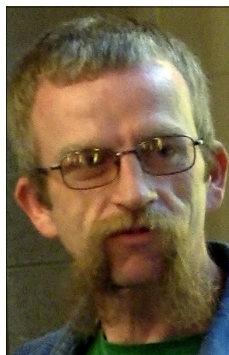
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Hoopeston man killed in Benton County, Ind., accident

A Hoopeston man died Saturday in an accident in rural Benton County, Ind.

According to published reports, Benjamin Adam Hardwick, 40, of Hoopeston, was driving a Stockland Grain Company grain truck eastbound on State Route 18 when Ryan Paul Wynn, 23, in a Ceres Solutions fuel tanker, was southbound on State Road 71 when he allegedly failed to yield. The grain truck broadsided the tanker and both vehicles caught fire, according to the reports.

Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Wynn were both pronounced dead at the scene.



ADAM HARDWICK

The accident occurred at 11:30 a.m. and closed both roads for several hours.

Mr. Hardwick is survived by his wife, Donna, of Hoopeston; three stop daughters, one sister, and four brothers.

Funeral service for Mr. Hardwick will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Police News

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No **tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:37 a.m. Tuesday at Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn. Police said Daniel R. Carter, of Milford, in a 2000 Ford truck owned by New Wave Communications, and a 2011 Hyundai, owned by Enterprise Rental and driven by William C. Fields, of Columbus, Ohio, collided.

Lisa Marie Nolan, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 3:14 p.m. Tuesday in the 500 block of West Penn. She was charged with violation of an

order of protection on a complaint from a 51-year-old Hoopeston man, after she was allegedly on property protected by the order of protection. She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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Obituaries

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MILLER - Louise Miller, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 1:55 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Hoopeston.

SCHMIDT - Maxine (Knerr) Schmidt, 85, of Watseka, formerly of Woodworth, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, and will be one hour before service Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or the church.

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New Books at the Library

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Fiction

Wonderland Creek by Lynn Austin (Inspirational)
 Spoiled by Ann Barker (Large Print)
 Back of Beyond by C.J. Box (Mystery)
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 Murder Unleashed by Rita Mae Brown (Mystery)
 Lethal by Sandra Brown (Large Print)
 A Small Hotel by Robert Olen Butler

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to be repeated every few years because of the hard water.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the sole bid from Schuler's Flower Shop for winter grave sprays at a cost of \$31 per spray. There are about 185 graves in the city's perpetual care program.
- Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that toilets in the women's restroom at the civic center have been replaced.

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Briefly

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Senior citizens to meet

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Men's basketball

Men's basketball, for high school age and older, will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church of Hoopeston.

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