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City residents asked to avoid Main project area if possible

Hoopeston residents are being asked to avoid the area of water main installation on West Main.

Alderman Bill McElhaney, at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, asked motorists who can avoid Main Street to please do so until the installation is finished.

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Workers are installing 400 to 500 feet per day of water main and, as of Tuesday, were to the area of Wolfe Funeral Home and Natural Healthcare Solutions chiropractic. **See MAIN on other side**



Photo courtesy of Carl Ankenbrand

Winners' welcome

Zack Drollinger, left, and Robbie Irvin, right, get congratulations fourth in the 152 lb. category, while Irvin took sixth in the 160 lb. class. Both men survived Friday rounds to make it to Saturday's finals, where Drollinger lost to Anthony Franc of Manteno in a 2-1 decision. Irvin dropped to Tyler Floyd of Roxana, in a 6-5 decision.

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State Sen. Shane Cultra, Rep. Jason Barickman opposed to Quinn plan to close Dwight; other facilities also set to be cut

In a preview of Wednesday’s budget address, Gov. Pat Quinn’s office announced the planned closings of the Dwight Correctional Center, along with other mental health and prison facilities.

Both state Sen. Shane Cultra and state Rep. Jason Barickman were quick to oppose the closing.

“I said earlier this month that Governor Quinn has declared war on common sense,” Cultra said. “He is exactly like Rod Blagojevich with his constant threat

of prison closures. They have tried to close Pontiac twice and now they want Dwight, shame on them. Do they not think they are absolutely crippling the economy of Livingston County,” Cultra said.

“Governor Quinn needs to rest assured of one thing, we are in this fight for the long-haul and that’s exactly what this is – a fight over families’ lives, local economies and our state’s public safety.”

Barickman said, “This is the typical pattern we have come to expect from this Governor. He doesn’t back up his ideas with facts or long-term plans, instead offering an unrealistic plan of closing prisons at a time when those facilities are already overcrowded.

“Unfortunately, this is more of the same. After years of mismanagement of our state’s finances, he is turning to short-sighted facility closures without actually addressing the core problems facing the state budget. I’m disappointed in the Governor’s plan.”

Along with Dwight, Quinn proposes closing the

super-maximum security prison in Tamms; juvenile justice centers in Joliet and Murphysboro and six adult transition facilities throughout the state, as well

as mental health hospitals in Tinley Park and Rockford and developmental centers in Jacksonville and Centralia.

Main continued from other side

tic office, he said.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that a new section of Floral Hill has been plotted but the plat has not been registered yet. Roads in the new section may be added this summer. Also, an underground fuel storage tank at the cemetery was removed at the request of the State Fire Marshall’s office, she said.
- Heard from Mayor Bill Crusinberry that the council must adopt a new flood ordinance by May 16 or fact the city being dropped from the federal flood insurance program. A standardized ordinance is expected to be approved in March.
- In another matter, Crusinberry said he has received several comments from liquor license-holders in the city in response to a letter about updating liquor ordinances. Some comments include requests which, Crusinberry said, he hopes to put before the council at the March 20 council meeting. “I’m going to bring up each request for

a vote,” he said. “You can pass one, none or whatever.”

- Crusinberry also told the council that elected and appointed officials must take an online class about the Illinois Open Meetings Act by the end of the year.

Police News

Sasha R. Lanham, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested 7:29 p.m. Tuesday after several people reported seeing her in the 300 block of East main, allegedly entering vehicles.

She was charged with burglary and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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Briefly


Main Street to be closed

Due to new water main construction in Hoopeston, Main Street will be closed, except to local traffic, beginning Monday, Feb. 20. Garbage will be picked up in the alley for residents on the south side of Main and along the old railroad bed for residents on the north side.

Senior get-together

The monthly Rossville senior citizen get-together will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rossville Fire Station.

Weather



Chance of showers today. High 55. Tonight, cloudy. Low 32. Tomorrow, chance of rain, snow. High 39, low 26.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROPOSALS REQUESTED BY THE VILLAGE OF ROSSVILLE

The Village of Rossville will be accepting proposals for stabilizing a downtown building located at 107 E. Attica St, Rossville, IL 60963

1. Main floor - new floor joists and flooring
2. Exterior - tuck point and replace bricks as necessary
3. Root - Replace or repair as needed
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Proposals to be submitted to Rossville Municipal Office by 5 pm March 15, 2012

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