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City council approves halt as county 911 backup point

The Hoopeston City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday night terminating an agreement to provide backup 911 service in Vermilion County.

The action came after the council discussed the possibility at the November 3 meeting, as the Vermilion County Emergency Telephone System Board (VCETSB) pursues an agreement with METCAD in Champaign County to act as its backup.

At that meeting, Alderman Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, said due to increased cell phone use, Vermilion County handles about 85 percent of Hoopeston area's 911 calls. Also, there is a trend in the state to reduce the number of 911 answering points.

Under terms of the intergovernmental agreement that established Hoopeston as the county's 911 backup, each side must give the other 120 days notice of a change. However, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said since VCETSB is working with METCAD, they may be willing to shorten the timeline.

Crusinberry said he will talk with county 911 officials and report back to the council on the date when the agreement will be voided.

Hoopeston will still dispatch local calls and will soon have new equipment to do it after the council approved

the purchase of new hardware and software last month.

In other business, the council heard from engineer Mike Streff, of Farnsworth Group, about the city's two water projects.

The Route 1 water main project is done, he told the council. The project included new 8" water lines from Main St. south to about Crown Ford. Three new hydrants were also installed.

Streff cautioned that residents could see increased rust in the system as workers found a rust pocket in a 150-foot stretch of old pipe.


The second project - the water storage tanks - is nearly complete. Some pipe insulation was overlooked and needs to be completed before the project is considered finished, Streff said.

In other business, the council heard from Alderman Alex Houmes about a CSX Railroad maintenance crew that called the Chamber of Commerce about getting water after crew members tried to reach the water office when it was closed. The request was redirected and the company was able to get the needed water.

Tom Bookwalter, Hoopeston communications supervisor, said the company took water in the middle of the night last year, causing a main break on Front St.

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Let's be thankful every day

By BERTHA PARSONS

With one of my favorite holidays almost here I really start thinking about what I am thankful for this day. I know you're too busy making a grocery list, planning a menu with one new dish this year, making sure your table will seat 12 people. What about the table cloth and napkins? Do they match? My grandsons always want to see what I've said on their name plates.

Have you ever made a list, yes, a written list of what you are thankful for this very day? Let's get started. Daughter, it's been a bad day, things not going your way and you're not sure about this "Thankful list!"

Well, this morning I got up with little pain, enjoyed my coffee and bible study. Got dressed to meet a friend for breakfast, went to my part time job, then home to return a call from a friend who was just thinking of me.

Are you getting an idea for your thankful list? Think of friends who care, a job we enjoy, a phone call from your son or daughter to fill you in on their life. A place to call home, getting out of bed one more day, pumpkin pie and cheesecake for Thanksgiving dinner.

My son, Matt, is all about eating healthy, exercising some and feeling your best. A great exercise is to start your day with thanks, make a list of the people who love you, start counting all the "good" in your life, like waking up, coffee with breakfast, friends, a job, a phone call, a visit with your grandbaby. We could go on and on.

Whether you are living a great life, or things are not going so good, you have a choice for each and every day, to make that day good. We spend lots of time and money to make our days better. I sincerely believe that making a "Thankful list" or just thinking about the good in your life will make your day so much better.

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Obituaries

DeWITT - Paul A. DeWitt, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 2:05 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated and no services held at this time. Memorials are suggested to Prairie Green Church of Christ, 278 N 2800 East Rd., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling the arrangements.

GOCKING - Viola Pearl Gocking, 94, of Rossville, died at 7:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rossville Cemetery. Rortvedt Funeral Services and Crematory, Tilton, is in charge of arrangements.

KNOLL - Otto Knoll Jr., 87, of Hoopeston, died at 1:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015, at Heritage Health,

Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka IL 60970.

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for a Personal Aide at John Greer Elementary School starting January 4, 2016. Application deadline is November 25, 2015. Applications are available online only at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

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