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Specialists needed to find, fix underground Rt. 9 water leak

On May 1, Steve Baker, Hoopeston water superintendent, discovered more water was being pumped than was being used, a sign of a leak somewhere. Water department employees tried to locate the leak without much success. On May 19, with the help of special equipment from Illinois Rural Water Association, the leak was found under Rt. 9 between CVS and First Farmers Bank.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Baker updated aldermen on the leak, which is putting about 600,000 gallons of water per day - about the same amount as all of Hoopeston uses in a day - into the ground.

Since the leak is under the highway, a company was hired to bore under the road. A new main will be installed in the boring and connected to the existing main on both sides of Rt. 9. Baker said boring was difficult because the area was once a landfill. "They were hitting all kinds of stuff," he said.

While Baker hoped the project would be finished by the end of the week, a potential problem was avoided when work stopped and the plan revamped to avoid a fiber optic cable located near the work area of the main break. However, that will cause a delay as workers move the path of the new main to accommodate the cable.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said there are some things to be thankful for, among them the fact that engineers were able to get an emergency Environmental Protection Agency permit for the work and that the Illinois Department of

Porsche Club to visit Sunday

Members of the Chicago branch of The Porsche Club of America are expected to visit the site of the former The Imported Motor Car Company in Hoopeston. The car company, started by Ed Trego, was located at the former Neal Tire building, 214 E. Penn, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. Trego and some of his friends owned imported cars so Trego decided to open one of the first foreign auto dealerships in the U.S.

On Sunday, approximately 60 owners of German-made Porsches will get a police escort into town at about noon to visit the site and meet fellow Porsche owner Larry Petry.

Aldermen approved the bid in a 6-0 vote, with aldermen Alex Houmes and Ryan Anderson absent, but during the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Stan Steiner asked why the work was being done at all.

Steiner said his crew walked the area and didn't see a trash line in the retention basin, indicating it hadn't had much water in it. "I don't think it's necessary to do the project," he said.

When Crusinberry said trees in the basin will get bigger if not cut, Steiner suggested using public service workers. Crusinberry said that public service workers could be used, and are given the choice of a fine or public service work, but most don't choose the work and can't be forced to do so.

Steiner also wanted to know what the city's plan was to keep growth from coming back, prompting a discussion on spraying the area but no action was taken.

Transportation also signed off on it. "We're pretty fortunate to get this work done this soon," he said.

In unrelated business, the council accepted a \$15,600 bid from ARD Farms to clean the storm retention pond south of Casey's on Rt. 9.

A second bid was received from Jackson Quality Construction for \$44,550 with an additional \$27,000 for re-seeding. A proposal was also submitted from an unnamed source which did not meet project specifications, Crusinberry said.



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4-7 p.m.
Fish Dinner \$7



Includes fish, baked beans, potato salad, drink, dessert.
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Proceeds benefit the Department

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Let's Celebrate
Max Page's
80th Birthday
and
Max & Esther's
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2-4 p.m. Sunday
McFerren Park
Shelter between the
Civic Center and Pool
No gifts please, but cards appreciated.

Briefly

Bake sale fundraiser

Three local girls will hold a bake sale Saturday to raise money for furry friends.

Amelia and Linnea Chase and Emily Ray will hold the bake sale from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at Treasured Roots Flower Shop, 702 W. Main, Hoopeston. All proceeds will be donated to the Hoopeston animal shelter.

City reminders

- Compliance officer Mike Bane reminds residents that televisions and tires may not be picked up by Republic Services on garbage day. Residents who put TVs and tires curbside are violating city ordinance and may be ticketed and fined.
- Hoopeston Fire Department will test hydrants during the evening hours of June 12 and 26. This may cause rust in water for some residents.
- City workers will flush hydrants on Fridays throughout the summer, weather permitting.

Rossville water report available

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is cur-

rently available at the Village of Rossville Office. This report is intended to provide important information about the drinking water system.

HA survey underway

Hoopeston Area School District is conducting an online survey to help develop priorities and is asking residents, along with students, family and staff, to participate, said incoming Supt. Suzi Hesser. The survey will be open until June 15 and may be reached via a link at www.hoopeston.k12.il.us.

Survey results will be shared with the community through a report to the school board, she said.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Amazing Architecture** with the Museum of the Grand Prairie, 2-3 p.m. Thursday. Part of the Summer Reading Club, this program is for youngsters in grades K-5.

Let's Build, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For preschool children, part of the Summer Reading Club.

From the Blotter

If you're missing a bicycle of any kind, come to the police station to see if it's there. The department has gotten several bikes over the last two weeks.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of West Chestnut.

Police said an unoccupied 1992 Buick, owned by Ashley Shields, of Hoopeston, was in the alley to the north of 822 S. Sixth Ave. when it rolled north, striking a fence owned by Sunshine Lanthrop, of 633 W. Chestnut.

Obituaries

FIELD - Eleanor Field, 91, of Wellington, died at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today. High 78. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 57. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 82, low 61.

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RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 511 & 513 W. Orange. Fri & Sat., 8-? Pampered Chef items, carpet & vinyl pieces, clothes, lots of misc.
HOOPESTON: Inside Estate sale. 702 E. Elm. Fri. 7:30-?, Sat., 7:30-?, everything half price.
HOOPESTON: 702 W. Washington. Sat. 7-? Lots of clothes, toys, household.
HOOPESTON: 836 E. Elm. Fri. & Sat., 8-1. Vintage/seasonal glassware and dishes, picture frames, décor items, tons of miscellaneous items. Everything must go!