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Planned sanitary sewer work likely to increase some flooding

A plan to line Hoopeston's sanitary sewers and seal sewer joints will not help alleviate flooding in Hoopeston's northeast side and may, in fact, make it worse in some places.

Ald. Alex Houmes said he was contacted by a resident who lives south of Cheese (North Side) Park about flooding and what is being done about it. Houmes requested answers to pass on to the resident. "Even if they don't like the answer, I want to give them an answer," he said.

Engineer Sam Cole of C2 Engineering did not have good news, saying "the concept will actually increase the frequency of flooding at that location."

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said "we're just in a low spot and there are just no good answers" to the flooding problem. Crusinberry said to remedy flooding, the problem needs to be addressed further east where the water comes into the city.

Cole said that while the area is not in a flood plain, which would require rivers or other bodies of water, it is in a low area. Additionally, there are barriers to water leaving the area, such as Market St., which was raised when it was resurfaced and helps hold back water. Removing all of the barriers associated with the flooding would be very expensive, he added.

Asked by Houmes if there is anything the residents can do, Cole said the only option is to raise the elevation of their house.

Returning to the sanitary sewer project, Crusinberry said it won't help drain storm water because the sanitary system will be sealed and storm water will be on top of the ground.

Houmes asked if he should report that the problem will never be fixed. "I wouldn't say 'never,'" Crusinberry said, "but I'd say it's not feasible in the near future."

The next phase of work is expected to take on the city's storm sewers, he added.

Addressing another city problem - that of dilapidated buildings - Leon Polson, owner of Polson Insurance, 218 E. Main St., asked when the city plans to do something



Leon Polson, owner of Polson Insurance in downtown Hoopeston, addresses Hoopeston aldermen Tuesday night about repeated attempts to get action on a dilapidated building next door to his office.

about the vacant, dilapidated building at 220 E. Main. "I don't know how to get to #1 on the list," said Polson, who said he has asked for remedy on the adjacent building for five to seven years. "What are you going to do

See FLOODING on other side

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Letters to the Editor

Big loss for Hoopeston schools

I was recently made aware of the resignation of Anne Burton as HAMS Principal. This is a huge loss for our school. I had the privilege of serving 10 years under the leadership of Mrs. Burton, whose leadership qualities are owned by few people, especially people in her position. I was blessed to have served as a teacher under the guidance of several good principals but Mrs. Burton was the very best.

Mrs. Burton thought of and treated all under her direction as family using the many wonderful leadership qualities we all should try to emulate.

First is vision which is the ability to keep your focus on

Obituaries

ALLEN - Harry Allen, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Palm Terrace, Mattoon. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

HINZMAN - Harold E Hinzman, Sr., 79, of Polk City, FL, passed away Monday, March 5, 2018. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Haven's Assembly of God, 705 Woodland Ave, Lakeland, FL. Cards of condolences can be mailed to Ruth Ann Hinzman at 733 2nd Street, Polk City, FL 33868.

Briefly

Jake's Boys to perform

Jake's Boys, a southern gospel group committed to sharing the love and gospel of Jesus Christ through words, music, and fellowship will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at the Cluster Lenten Service at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. Everyone is welcome!

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the big picture.

Second is courage: She is never afraid to face her giants. She might be scared of what the outcome could be but still had the courage to take the difficult steps and lead her people through the really tough waters. She allows her staff to take the lead, knowing they won't perform the task the way she would but she has the courage to accept responsibility for the actions of those on her team because she is fully aware as their leader and the buck starts and stops with her. Knowing that my leader had my back gave me confidence to try new things because if I failed I knew there was someone to help me up and would fend off the negatives that could hinder my performance as a teacher and coach.

The third is passion. All those who know her have witnessed Mrs. Burton's passion for education. To be great at anything one must have a passion that goes beyond understanding. Mrs. Burton's greatest passion is not education, but young people. That type of education passion is priceless. There are people today that are trying to force the process of education in front of the passion for the young people that are being educated, a position that hurts our field.

Fourth is emotional intelligence or the ability to handle your emotional state. Mrs. Burton knows that a leader must remain calm when surrounding circumstances have collapsed. The old saying "never let them see you sweat,"

Flooding continued from other side

and when are you going to do it?"

Crusinberry affirmed that Polson has asked about the building for several years. "If we're going to do downtown buildings, yours needs to be right there on the list," Crusinberry said.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand, fire committee chairman, that tickets are still available for Hoopeston Fire Department's Cash Bash on May 5. Tickets are available from firemen.
- Heard from Houmes, parks committee chairman, that Hoopeston Rotary Club will do a landscaping project in the northeast corner of McFerren park that will include a larger berm and new plants, paid for and put in by Rotary members.

The display is part of Houmes' campaign to remove smaller displays in city parks, replacing them with native plants. Towards that end, parks Superintendent Paul Tutwiler and employee Roger Uden have attended a land-

scaping course at Danville Area Community College, Houmes said.

- Will meet with Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation at 7 p.m. March 13 to discuss how the foundation can help with blighted properties in Hoopeston.

fits under this category. She not only keeps her emotional state in check but brings a calmness to the situation. After the day is complete and everyone has left then she would allow her emotions to come out.

Still another trait is judgment. Good judgment is common sense: the self-discipline to do the right thing rather than doing what makes you feel good at the moment or doing what you think others want your to do.

Probably her greatest leadership quality is resilience - being able to recover from the deepest of problems. I watched as she was bent nearly in two but would gather herself together put on her leadership smile and try again. Mrs. Burton may not have won every battle but she never let her circumstances break her.

Mrs. Burton's resilience is due to her life priorities of God, family and then work. Work has a strong tendency to control the first two but work is a platform to show how our God and family values create the reason for work. She has persevered through serious life battles which allows her to view work battles in the right perspective. I always, (and it is the truth) tell people of the amazing person I had the privilege of closing my teaching career under. She brought out the best not only in me but her staff with encouragement and honest criticism.

In life, it is very important to surround yourself with positive thinking people. Mrs. Burton was that for me, the staff, the students and the school. Her departure will

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From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:44 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of South Market. Police said Angela Timmons, 18, of Hoopeston, was in line at the post office drop box. Police said she attempted to back her 2009 Ford Escape out of the line, hitting a 2008 Chrysler van, driven by Amy Young, 33, also of Hoopeston, who was behind her.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 34. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 20. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 38, low 25.

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