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Collapsed building to be cleaned up after bid approved

Debris from a collapsed building is a step closer to being cleared in the wake of action taken at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Remains of the building at 219 S. Market, owned by the late Brian Suiter, will be removed after the council approved a \$13,890 demolition bid from Silver Bros.

Aldermen voted 7-0 to accept the bid, with Ald. Joe Garrett abstaining. After the meeting, Garrett explained his abstention, saying he and Brian Silver are on the fire department together and are friends.

Officials received two bids for the project. The second bid, from an excavating company near St. Louis, was for \$68,000. Neither bid includes landfill fees, Mayor Bill Crusinberry said.

The building, known to longtime Hoopeston residents as the former Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating building,

The building has been a thorn in the side of officials for many years. Mr. Suiter took ownership of the building in 2007. Part of the second floor collapsed into the alley. After failing to secure the building, Mr. Suiter was taken to court. He then took the rest of the second floor off brick by brick.

On August 1, 2020, the north wall collapsed, again sending bricks into the alley. Mr. Suiter, who was working in the in the building at the time, died August 15 from injuries he sustained in the collapse. Since then, Mayor Bill Crusinberry has tried to contact his heirs but said he has not received responses to various forms of communication.

A demolition date has not been set. Although asbestos work has already been done, the city must get a state permit, Crusinberry said.

In other discussion, two more properties have been added to the Central Illinois Land Bank demolition list.

The council unanimously approved adding 908 W. Washington and 406 E. Thompson, bringing the list to six structures, Crusinberry said. Both were set to be on the tax trustee sale later this year but were pulled by the land bank, which paid the required fee, he added.

In unrelated discussion, requests from nonresidents wanting to open gaming parlors and the number of new aldermen prompted Crusinberry to explain his stance on the issue.

Across the state, Crusinberry said, people take empty buildings, buy a refrigerator, put a little liquor in it and call it a bar, then get video gaming licenses.

While Hoopeston has two license holders with out-of-town owners - Hoopeston Convenience and Tedd's Home Beverage Shop - both are longtime businesses. Both have also adjusted their businesses to meet the "pour license" requirement to have video gaming, he added.

Hearing no negative comments on his policy, Crusinberry, who also serves as liquor commissioner, said he "took it upon myself not to load up our town" with more gaming parlors, adding he will continue it. "I think we're really saturated with gaming in town," he said.

Ald. Jeff Wise suggested an ordinance be created to address gaming regulations and Crusinberry agreed.

The council also heard from Ald. Bob Porth, finance committee chairman, that garbage rates will be going up 40 cents per month as the city enters the third year of a five-year contract with Republic Services.

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a residential burglary complaint reported at 11:16 a.m. Tuesday. Officers met with a representative from Heritage Health Foundation who reported an air conditioning unit and furnace were removed from the 1000 block of West Orange without permission or prior agreement by the owners.

Eric E. Eckhoff, 42, of Wellington, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:28 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of West Main. He was charged with no registration, driving while license revoked and operation of an insured vehicle. He was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Court.

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Obituaries

BUNN - Raymond W. Bunn Jr., 71, of Sacramento, Calif, died January 18, 2021. He was cremated. Grave-side service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post 3384. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

FINK - Connie Jean Fink, 58, formerly a resident of Rankin, IL, passed away at 4:22 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2021, at her home. She was born January 11, 1963, in Paxton, IL, the daughter of Donald L. and Valaria Margaret (Sincula) Skinner. She married Kevin Fink in Hoopeston, IL and he survives.

She is also survived by one daughter, Paige Hensley of Danville, IL; two sons, Lance Hensley and Chase Hensley both of Danville; two sisters, Linda Loy of Lafayette, IN and Cindy (Gayle) Pate of Greenville, IL; two brothers, Donald J. (Vanessa) Skinner of Mulberry Grove, IL and Terry Skinner of Hoopeston; three grandchildren, Kah'marion-tae Cooper, Audra Hensley, and Arian Hensley; five nieces and nephews, Penny Smith, Kimberly Lorentzen, Trinia Riggs, Travis Pate, and Lindsey (Mike) Roeder; five great-nieces and nephews; and two great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; late husband, John E. Hensley; grandparents, Nellie Collins and Walter and Francis Skinner; and step-grandparents, Spencer and Dorothy Collins.

Connie was a mother of three, all of which could do no wrong in her eyes. She was their strength and the person who they could go to without judgement during any trial and tribulation they faced in life. She adored her grandchildren and spent a lot of time with them, spoiling them rotten. Connie's house had an open-door policy and all of her children's friends were able to come and go as they pleased. She was often referred to as, "Mama Connie."

Before Connie's health started to decline and she was still able-bodied, she enjoyed family get-togethers and was especially known for her famous taco salad and Chex mix, which were always a hit during the holidays. She spent lots of time watching her favorite shows, Paranormal Witness and Young and the Restless, reading Woman's World Magazine and doing crossword puz-



CONNIE FINK

zles. Connie had a very special and close relationship with her mother, Valaria, and oftentimes you could find them together, shopping or watching television. There was not a day they went without talking.

Connie leaves behind many family members and friends who are completely devastated, and heart broken by her sudden passing. She will be missed tremendously, and her absence will be felt for years to come.

Cremation rites will be accorded, and a graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday August 9, 2021, at Rankin Union Cemetery in Rankin.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Connie's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

HILE - James Allen "Jim" Hile, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Carle foundation Hospital, Urbana. Private graveside service will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison, Iowa. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

STARKEY - Michael Joe Starkey, 67, of Champaign, formerly of rural East Lynn, died at 12:14 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

WEBER - Thomas Carl "Vulture" Weber, 76, of Normal, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, Normal. He will be cremated and a graveside service held at 11 a.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Midwest Food Bank. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

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