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Wastewater treatment plan installation ahead of schedule

The installation phase of a plan to rid Hoopeston of its odor is expected to be done ahead of schedule.

Aspiration aerators will be installed by Nov. 19, weather permitting, said engineer Larry Johnson of Daily & Associates at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

The aerators are part of the odor-reduction project estimated to cost \$560,000. Hoopeston was cited for odor by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. City officials and the IEPA worked out a Dec. 1 deadline for the problem to be rectified.

When installation is completed, the program "may be entering the most challenging stage" of fine-tuning how the aerators are used and when, although Johnson said winter "is not the most optimum time" to work out problems with the system.

Besides changing the aeration system, the plan calls for reverse flow to handle wastewater from the Hoopeston Foods plant. Currently, waste is sent to a small lagoon then moved to a larger one, Johnson said. The new plan calls for wastewater to be pretreated in a large lagoon before being transferred to a smaller one.

Additionally, the program will allow the city to save operating expenses by managing aerator use to correspond with Hoopeston Foods' busiest times, he said.

The aeration project is expected to solve the odor problem which has plagued the city for years. Asked if the plan will succeed, Johnson said "my short answer is there will be no odor. The medium answer is that there won't be an offensive odor. The best-run waste treatment plant smells like musty earth. It's unreasonable to expect there won't be any odor."

Hoopeston received a \$500,000 state grant for the project with other funds coming from the city's revolving loan fund.

While installation is running ahead of schedule, cost of

the program is "right on budget," Johnson said. The winning bid came in \$6,000 under estimate. "We're very happy with the fiscal management of the program," he said.

In other business, the council heard a presentation from Omega Utility Services about the need to upgrade city water meters.

Omega representatives Dan Slape and Bob Schloss presented a survey in which 50 randomly-selected water meters were tested. Two did not function at all and others functioned at various levels for low, intermediate and high flow. Slape said according to national statistics, older meters often do not accurately report low flows, caused by such things as leaks.

Replacing approximately 2,300 water meters with electronic outputs and an automatic reading system is estimated to cost \$376,538, which Slape said would be recouped in 4.6 years due to increased water revenue and "reallocation of labor" which would cut down on time spent reading meters and allow the employee to do other tasks, Slape said.

Water superintendent Steve Baker said it takes 14 working days to read all the meters in Hoopeston.

In other action, the council:

- learned Voyles Construction of Wellington was the low bidder to demolish the city water building, with a bid of \$13,800. Other bids came from Silver Brothers for \$14,850 and Danner Construction of Rossville, \$64,250, said water committee chairman Alderman Kevin Davis.
- learned Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day. Alderman Don York encouraged residents to take part in the free curbside recycling program offered by Vermilion Waste. Of the city's approximately 2,400 homes, only about 250 signed up to recycle. To sign up, call the land-fill at 283-6242.

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Standing	s 10/27/01
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1.	Strike Zone	11	4
2.	Strikers	8	7
3.	The Gutter Gang	7	8
4.	Sting Rays	7	8
5.	Rush & Co.	7	8
6.	Alley Cats	5	10

High Scratch Game: Strike Zone 571, Strikers 425, Sting Rays 423; Scratch Series: Strike Zone 1,314, Sting Rays 1,229,



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Strikers 1,180; Handicap Game: Strike Zone 1,016, Rush & Co. 1,001, The Gutter Gang 970; Handicap Series: Strike Zone 2,811, Rush & Co. 2,083, The Gutter Gang 2,787. Bovs **Scratch Game**: Josh Birch 137, Ethan Pierce 112, Tyler Brown 110; Scratch Series: Josh Birch 325, Tyler Brown 291, Ethan Pierce 269; Handicap Game: Josh Birch 227, Westley Rush 221, Kyle Ramos 221; Handicap Series: Zachary Puralweski 612, Kyle Ramos 603, Josh Birch/Cody Wilson 595. Girls Scratch Game: Alina Burk 148, Maggie Shankland 112, Samantha Phillips 109; Scratch Series: Alina Birk 334, Maggie Shankland 277, Jessica Dobkins 246; Handicap Game: Alina Burk 235, Samantha Phillips 217, Maggie Shankland 215; Handicap Series: Alina Burk 595, Maggie Shankland 586, Taylor Elliot 572.

Tuesday Night Classic League

Standings	10/30/01

Crop Production Service	30	20
2. Hoopeston Weather Line	29	21
3. Ross Electric	28	22
4. Production Tooling	251/2	241/2
5. Ferdinand Construction	221/2	271/2
6. Pla-Mor Lanes	15	35

High Team Game: Crop Production Service 894; High Team Series: Crop Production Service 3,243; High Ind. Game: Tony Gress 258; High Individual Series: Dave Warf

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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Games over 200: Bob Butterworth 212, 215; Dave Gaddis 216; Doug Wagoner 212, 245, 213; Randy Hiltz 214, 233, 221, 210; Bob Ponder 211; Dave Warf 235, 212, 242; Tony Gress 258, 238; Dennis Gress 215,204; Willard Bruens 224; Jay Ferdinand 248, 201, 217; Mike Laird 235; Bob Bruens 201, 220; Tim Coon 234, 231; Nick Gonzalez 200; Mike Lawson 211, 203; Todd Keith 232, 214, 206, 221; Mike Dean 223, 224, 225; Kenny McVicker 212.

Series over 800: Dave Warf 881, Randy Hiltz 878, Todd Keith 873, Tony Gress 865, Doug Wagoner 823, Jay Ferdinand 852, Mike Dean 834.

Hall of Shame: Tim Coon 113.

Friday Night Mixed League

Standings 10/26/01

1 Tax Service Plus	44	12
2. Hoopeston Weather Line	38	18
3. P.U.'s	37	19
Lazer & Lights	36	20
5. Pla-Mor Lanes	36	20
6. T&L Lawn Care	33	23
7. Hiltz	31	25
8. Rock-Em-Sock-Em	291/2	261/2
9. Stone Cold	28	28
10. Crazy Train	26	30
11. Polson Rednecks	25	31
12. Magnificent Seven	221/2	331/2
13. Frazier's Follies	21	35
14. Family & Friend	19	37
15. PBR's	16	40
16. Bye	6	50
High Team Game: Pla-Mor Lanes	871: Hiltz 74	11. Tax

Plus 719; **High Team Series**: Pla-Mor Lanes 2,378, Frazier's Follies 2,053, Tax Service Plus 2,028; High Individual Men's Game: Dennis Gress 258, Todd Keith 246, Chris Coon 237; **High Individual Men's Series**: Todd Keith 674, Kenny Morris 667, Rick Birch 626; High Individual Women's Game: JoAnne Gress 215, Glenda Reed 214, Lori Keith 213; High Individual Women's Series: Glenda Reed 620, JoAnne Gress 557. Lori Keith 537.

Weather



Partly sunny, windy, mild today. High 70. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 47. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers early. High 50, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League

Standings 11/01/01 1 Pla-Mor Lanes 16 12 12 12 12 12 12 5. H&R Block 10 14

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High Team Game: Pla-Mor Lanes 837, Gress I 807, Crunch's 800; High Team Series: Pla-Mor Lanes 2,398, Gress I 2,322, Knuth's 2,314: **High Individual Game**: Leona York 210, Helen Taflinger 202, JoAnne Gress 196; High Individual Series: JoAnne Gress 533, Thresia Pierce 527, Leona York 505, Helen Taflinger 505.

Police News

2. Knuth's

3. Crunch's

4. Gress I

6. Rex's



A silver bicycle was found Monday in the 700 block of East Elm. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 38-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone took a girl's purple 22 inch 10-speed Murray bicycle from a yard in Parkview Court.

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