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Hoopeston odor fix smells sweet to state engineering group

The smell of cannery waste left a dark cloud hanging over Hoopeston but fixing the problem smelled like a winner to a Champaign engineering firm.

Representatives of Daily & Associates of Champaign and city officials will travel to Chicago Friday. There, the firm will receive an Engineering Excellence Award from the Consulting Engineers Council of Illinois during the council's winter conference.

Although most awards are given to road and bridge projects, Daily & Associates submitted their work on the lagoons, said environmental engineer Larry Johnson.

Johnson was project manager and designed a new

aeration system for the lagoons that increases the oxygen content in the water reducing the odor as well as the city's need to spend money on chemicals.

The project, which Johnson called "green, warm and fuzzy," combined environmental and human interest elements that had co-existed for years. It was not until the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency cited the city for the smell that the co-existence became "an environmental crisis," he said.

Daily & Associates had won awards for similar projects but Hoopeston was different because it contained an economic component of job retention.

Hoopeston partnered with Hoopeston Foods, Inc., whose wastewater is treated at the lagoons. HFI agreed to spend nearly \$1 million on new warehousing, keeping more than 100 jobs in Illinois that might otherwise have moved out-of-state. The partnership allowed Hoopeston to get a \$500,000 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs grant which was combined with \$96,000 of the city's revolving loan fund to pay for the project.

"It's rare that you can find solutions that match the problem so well," Johnson said. "It was a very fulfilling project."



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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, applesauce.
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, corn, peach slices, cookie.
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti-Os, Maxstix, peas, fruit chews.
THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, tri-tator,, Sweetie Bears, pear slices.
FRIDAY: French toast sticks/syrup, sausage links, orange, juice.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Hamburger or hot dog/bun, fries, applesauce.
TUESDAY: Chicken quesadilla or corn dog, salad, cookie, raisins.
WEDNESDAY: Lasagna or steak nuggets, garlic bread,

peas, fruit cocktail.

THURSDAY: Chicken patty/bun or fish/bun, corn, peach slices.
FRIDAY: Submarino or PBJ, chicken noodle soup, crackers, orange.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, pineapple, cheesy breadstick.
TUESDAY: Fish sandwich, corn, peaches, snickerdoodle.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, green beans, banana, raisins.
THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, roll/butter.
FRIDAY: Burrito, yogurt, au gratin potatoes, apple slices.
All meals include milk.

Police News



Bryan W. Billingsley, 27, of 1001 E. Young, turned himself in to police at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday. Billingsley, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$125 cash bond.

Tina M. Lile, 38, of 105 S. Donovan, Wellington, was arrested Wednesday afternoon, charged with theft for allegedly taking a money order.

Lile was released on \$100 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:30 a.m. Thursday at Rt. 9 and South Market.

Police said Justin D. Bernard of 414 McKibben, Rossville, in a 1995 Chevrolet was southbound in the 800 block of South Market. He stopped at the intersection and because a passing train had traffic backed up, when he continued southbound, he hit a 1992 Dodge van driven by Gregory A. Storm, 706 S. Fourth St.

Bernard was at fault for failing to yield.

Obituaries

HERRON - Kerstin Herron, 30, of Wellington, died at 8:53 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Prairie Green Church of Christ. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials are suggested to her son's education.

Weather



Freezing rain today. High 40. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 38. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 42, low 38. Sunday, chance of rain. High 52, low 39.

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