VFW Menu Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston Wednesday: Wings 5-8 p.m. Thursdays: Tacos by Norma 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Fridays: NFCC Fish Fry 11-7



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Recent test shows significantly less iron in city's water

Recent tests of Hoopeston's water show a continued decrease in the amount of iron in the system.

Mike Streff, engineer with Farnsworth Group, said at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting that the level of iron - which had been in the area of 1.5 parts per million (p.p.m.) before work on the water storage tanks and filers - is now at 0.05 p.p.m., "which is really good."

Talking about the quality of water from the Mahomet Aquifer, which feeds Hoopeston's system, Streff said improvements to the water system will allow residents to better experience the quality of that water. "Everybody's water, except for what's in the distribution system, should be crystal clear," he said.

In related discussion, Streff said piping has been completed and connections are being made to the new ground storage tank aerator, which will allow the old ground storage tank to be taken off line, emptied and repaired, including having a new aerator

After the meeting, Streff said the old ground storage tank is filled with sludge, including iron particles removed from water but remaining in the tank. Upgrading the tank with a new aerator is expected to

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eliminate the sludge, further improving water quality.

A third item set for action was tabled pending more information. Alderman Bill McElhaney said painting of water treatment plant pipes and floor - estimated at more than \$74,000 - is being researched.

In other action, the council approved a maintenance agreement with Supreme Radio Communications for the city's fire emergency management and police communications system at a cost of \$164 per month.

See WATER on other side

Here's what's happening at **EAST LANES**

Saturday, January 24: Relay for Life fundraiser at 6:30 p.m., followed at 9 p.m. by Flatville Road with Taylor Wolfe Baker

February 7: 7-8-9 Pin fundraiser for Hoopeston All Sports Booster Club Starts at 7 p.m. - Open to everyone!

February 14: Valentines Day Special along with Past Country, 8:30-12:30 and 7-8-9 Pin Tournament at 7 p.m.

February 21: Rock & Bowl fundraiser for Sports Booster Club with prizes for kids! February 28: Chrissy Rigsby, Darrel **Cummins and Jimmy Willis** are back with great new & old Country Music!





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Vermilion County Farm Bureau's 'Luau for Learning' trivia night set for February 28

Vermilion County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering you an opportunity to chase away your winter blues and raise money for a good cause at the same time. The group is holding its third annual "Luau for Learning" Trivia Night, with a theme of "Jamaica My Weekend."

The event will be held on Saturday, February 28 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 310 Bryan Ave, in Danville. Doors will open at 7 pm, with the trivia starting at 7:30 pm.

"We hope folks will join us for a great time," said foundation chairman Mark Willard. "We've had two successful trivia nights the last two years, and want everyone to be a part of this year's Jamaica night."

Teams of up to eight people will answer general trivia questions on a variety of topics. Registration fee is \$100 per table. Proceeds go to the Farm Bureau's Ag in the

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8 p.m. Tuesday to the 400 block of West Lincoln for a report of the odor of gas in a home. No injuries were reported. Classroom program, which reaches more than 65% of the students in Vermilion County with information about agriculture and food production."

The top two teams will receive cash awards. Recognition will also be given to the team with the best theme spirit.

Water continued from other side

Antennas for the communications system had been on the water tower but were removed when the tower was being repaired. Antennas were moved to a tower on Route 1.

The agreement also includes an annual preventative maintenance inspection, said Alderman Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman.

Hamilton also announced that a new dispatcher, Vincent Laffoon, has been hired. Laffoon, 26, filled an opening left when dispatcher Tom Bookwalter was named 911 coordinator after Russell Rudd resigned that position to become Vermilion County EMA chief deputy.





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sponsor can contact the Vermilion County Farm Bureau offices at 217-442-8713.

Registration forms can be downloaded at

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www.vcfb.info. There is a limit of 22 teams, so early reg-

Lafoon, of Hoopeston, has dispatching experience with the Newton County, Ind., Sheriff's Department.

In unrelated business, the council:

istration is encouraged.

Approved hiring Tyler Crawley, 22, of Danville, as an auxiliary police officer.

Heard from Alderman Joe Fell, fire committee chairman, that new heaters are "ready to go" at the fire department. The heaters are expected to be installed in about two weeks.

Obituaries

SCHROEDER - Wayne E. Schroeder, 84, of Watseka, formerly of Milford, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015, at home. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Lutheran Church, Watseka. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Weather

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