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Sewer excess is uphill problem at treatment plant

A possible design flaw is being blamed for a problem at the Hoopeston sewer treatment plant.

The problem, noted in a letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, concerns the 90-foot excess flow clarifier at the plant, said John Haughee, chairman of the city water/sewer committee.

Haughee discussed the problem at Tuesday's city council meeting.

Haughee said the committee met May 10 with Eileen Cronin of the EPA to discuss the problem, which surfaced during an April EPA inspection.

Sewer superintendent Greg Gress said a problem occurs when the plant is over capacity. The excess goes to the clarifier, which has no grit removal system to remove solids from the waste. Also, Gress said, waste collects in a sledge hopper

because a six-inch sludge line runs uphill four feet before discharging waste. "It's pretty hard to move grit uphill," he said.

Gress called the problem a "design flaw," and said the city is "going to have to spend some money to get this problem fixed somehow."

The plant, built in 1987, was designed by Daily & Associates engineering firm, Haughee said.

The water/sewer committee will discuss improving the situation and make a recommendation to the council.

In other action, the council:

- ♦ passed a policy allowing officers to ticket those who chase fire trucks, hampering firefighters' efforts.

- ♦ approved spending over \$3,800 for nine new police radios.

Rossville village trustees OK water tower refurbishing

Rossville residents will experience no problems when the water tower is painted if they use moderation.

Trustees Monday night approved Leary Construction Co., of Greenfield, Ind., to paint the tower's exterior at a cost of \$9,985.

The tower will be drained for approximately five days while painting is being completed. Mayor Merv Smith said the tower will not be drained over a weekend or holiday.

Trustees also approved painting the interior if an inspection shows it is needed. That will cost an additional \$4,915.

In other business, trustees approved raising sewer rates from \$1.05 to \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons.

Rates will be reviewed again in six months.

Finally, a town clean up day will be June 15-18. Following clean up, warnings and citations will be written for ordinance violations for junk cars, tall grass and trash.

R-A sets registration dates

The Rossville-Alvin school board set Aug. 8-10 as registration dates for next year. Registration times will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Aug. 8 and 10, with an hour break at noon. Times on Aug. 9 will be noon to 8 p.m. with an hour break at 4 p.m.

The board also amended the 1993-94 calendar.

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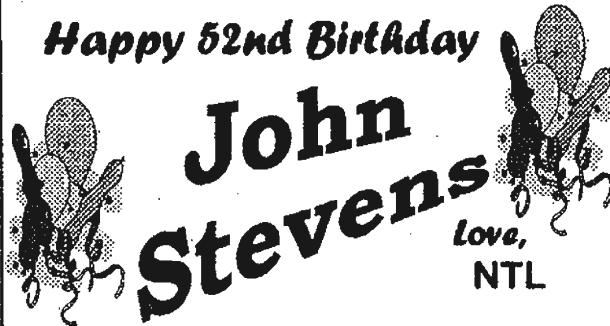
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Seniors to be recognized during Fine Arts program

The Hoopeston Area Junior High/Senior High School Fine Arts program will be 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the junior high gym.

The junior high chorus, band, jazz band and show choir, "Cornjerker Connection," will perform.

Also performing will be the high school freshman and varsity choruses, band, two jazz bands and the show choir, "New Direction."

The class of 1994 music students will also be honored.

Seniors in the band and/or chours are: John Barten, Lisa Bibb, Joel Bird, Sara Bond, Valerie Bushue, Stephen Clark, Megan Cornelius, Shannon Cornelius, J.B. Crouch, Ken Dillman and Al-

isha Doeden.

Also, Sean Doyle, Dan Dukes, Patricia Ferrell, Yolanda Flores, Leah Goodrum, Stephanie Groom, Tanea Gustine, Jeremy Haas, Amy Hatfield, Emily Jahn, Leslie Kester, Aaron Kirts, Matt Kuntz and Bruce Leemon.

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Finally, Angie Steiner, Cory Stipp, Kelly Stone, Andy Sturm, Jaime Swanson, Annina Viljanen, Scott Vogel, Josh Williamson, Brandy Nunn, Marisol Torres and Justin Fowler.

Court dispositions

Joseph Cannon, Hoopeston, total 83 hours public service work, converted back to fine, continued to June 2 for payment.

Allen Shumate, Rankin, 155 hours public service work, 133 hours completed. continued to June 2 for completion.

William Drollinger, Hoopeston, driving under the influence, concentration level over .10, leaving the scene of an accident, improper lane usage,

Police News

Geneva R. Plymate, 73, of Rankin, was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign following a traffic accident Monday.

According to police reports, Plymate was stopped at Second Avenue and Route 9, then pulled into the intersection into the path of a vehicle driven by Carl Houmes, route 2, Hoopeston. There were no injuries.

Arthur T. Galloway, of 801 E. Washington, reported to police Tuesday that someone took the hood ornament from his 1984 Mercedes Benz. Police are investigating.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

May 16, 1994

Admitted: Zilfiji Ballazhi, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Naomi Knapp, Cissna Park.

Weather

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