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## EPA approves additive to improve local rusty water conditions

Rusty water in Hoopeston should clear up in the near future, according to city officials.

A polyphosphate has been added to water through the city's new water treatment system, said Alderman Drew Allen at Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting.

Allen is chairman of the city's water/sewer committee.

Although the system has been in place to use the chemical, it could not be added until the city received permission from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Allen said. "They sat on it for quite a while," he added.

The polyphosphate will be added in higher amounts than normal, then dropped to maintenance rates, Allen said. "It should go a long way towards controlling our red water," he said.

Residents should notice improvements in 45 to 90

days, Allen said.

In related business, Allen said approximately half of sewer repairs on East Young St. have been completed.

Approximately two blocks of sewer line will be repaired, with new connections made to homes along the route.

In unrelated business, resident Al Walker criticized the beer tent at the National Sweetcorn Festival.

Police were "working their fannies off" controlling people who had imbibed "Kickapoo joy juice," he said.

"I feel this town would be a lot better off if they eliminated that stupid beer tent," he said, asking the council not to approve a liquor license for next year's festival.

"I think it's worse than a nuisance," he said. "It's a shame and a crime."

## Weather may have contributed to lower fest attendance No fourth for fest chair Porth

Weather for the 53rd annual National Sweetcorn Festival was good.

Maybe too good.

Attendance for the five-day festival was lower than last year, said event chairman Bob Porth, citing good weather as a possible reason why. "The weather was nice, but maybe it was too nice," he said. "People had other things to do."

Porth estimated attendance as being in "the low to mid 30s," based on gate sales.

The decrease is not being attributed to changes made this year in the admission policy.

In previous years, visitors paid a one dollar admission fee on every day but Sunday, which was free.

Some people have done it once. A few have done it twice.

But Bob Porth is the only person to have chaired the National Sweetcorn Festival three times.

"Down inside, I enjoy the fun, the challenge of it," said Porth, who also chaired the 1987 and 1991 festivals.

There will not be a fourth festival, however, "I'm too old," Porth said, adding a Jaycee must be 40 or younger to chair the event. "I can chair projects that are part of it, but I can't be festival chairman.

"Besides, in five years, I'd forgotten how tired I was the day after."

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## **Police News**

## Police New

## Auxiliary officer injured in scuffle

A Hoopeston police auxiliary officer was injured Monday after he was called to remove two people from the beer tent at McFerren Park.

Auxiliary Officer Austin Rhodes was bitten on the hand while he was trying to stop a fight outside the beer tent.

Three people were arrested after the fight. Vernon F. Fink II, 45, of route 1, Potomac, and Vernon Fink III, 23, of Floral City, Fla., were charged with aggravated battery, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

The third man, Brian L. Smith, 21, of 721 S. Market, was charged with battery and disorderly conduct. He was released on a \$1,000 recognizance bond.

In other police news:

**Sue Miller,** 703 W. Penn, reported Monday that someone took a blue 26-inch girl's Western Flyer bicycle from her home.

A set of keys were found Monday in the 700 block

## In the Hospital



## Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Aug. 29, 1996

Admitted: none. **Discharged:** none.

Aug. 30, 1996

Admitted: Ralph Senn, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Harley Hicks, Howard Butler,

Hoopeston.

Aug. 31, 1996

Admitted: none. Discharged: none.

Sept. 1, 1996

Admitted: none. Discharged: none.

Sept. 2, 1996

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Donald Gay, Wellington.

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of East Main. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

**Charles F. Hoaks,** 119 Pearl St., Milford, reported Monday that while he was at McFerren Park, two men jumped him, knocked him to the ground and took an undisclosed amount of money.

**Deanna D. Milner,** 26, of 225 W. Chadda, Lot 29, Renssalaer, Ind., was arrested at 6:21 p.m. Monday on a traffic warrant. She was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Spring Paul,** #20 Baer's Trailer Court, reported Monday that someone broke into the trailer and destroyed property there.

**Jerry Northam and Steve Highfill** of Silgan Containers, reported Tuesday that someone kicked in Highfill's toolbox and took several tools.

**Ruth Beaty**, 615 W. Elm, reported Tuesday that someone took a girl's 15-speed Huffy bicycle and a red 10-speed Huffy bicycle from her yard.

**Tracy A. Jessup,** 31, of Indianapolis, Ind., was ticketed for failure to yield at a marked intersection following an accident at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday.

Police said Jessup, in a 1996 Honda, was northbound on Fourth St., saw the yield sign, but did not see Brenda K. Stockton, 517 W. Elm, in a 1994 Oldsmobile, who was westbound on Penn St.

Jessup hit Stockton, causing the Stockton vehicle to spin and strike the curb.

#### See FEST on other side

## Fest continued from other side

This year, festival-goers were admitted free on Thursday and Friday, but paid one dollar on Sunday.

Although the change created a stir before the

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, isolated thunderstorms. High near 85, low near 65.

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