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Hoopeston approved for next step in water storage work

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has granted a permit for Hoopeston to move forward with plans to refurbish its water storage tanks.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, engineer Mike Streff, of Foth Infrastructure and Environmental, asked the council to approve several documents that will lead to getting bids on the work, including emptying each tank, recoating the interior and painting the exterior and replacing needed components for both the

aerial and ground storage tanks.

Those documents included a loan application to the IEPA to show the city "is serious about this project," Streff said. Another document authorizes Foth to seek bids on the city's behalf, which Streff recommended even though bid approval has not been granted by IEPA because companies who perform such work are lining up their summer schedules.

See WATER on other side

Ankenbrand, Strawser vie for Ward 2 alderman position

Hoopeston's Ward 2 voters will have a decision to make in Tuesday's election as incumbent alderman Carl Ankenbrand is being challenged by Charles (Chuck) Strawser.

Ankenbrand, 48, first sworn in as alderman in 2002, is chairman of the city's parks committee. He sees deteriorating infrastructure - including the swimming pool and civic center - and finding funding for repairs, as the biggest issue facing the city. If re-elected, Ankenbrand said he will continue to work with other council members on funding improvements.

Ankenbrand said he brings knowledge and experience to the position if re-elected.

Despite tight funding, Ankenbrand said city parks are kept in shape and credits parks superintendent Eugene Warner with doing "an outstanding job of keeping them looking beautiful."

A graduate of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, he has a bachelor of science degree in studio art with a K-12 certificate to teach art. He is an

18-year-teacher in the Hoopeston Area schools, currently teaching elementary art. Additionally, he coaches high school wrestling and girls summer softball and "love(s) the outdoors and all the outdoor opportunities that Vermilion County offers."

Ankenbrand is married to the former Kelly Richards and has a daughter, Taylor, and two stepchildren, Samantha and Nathan.

Strawser, 46, was graduated from Hoopeston Area High School and attended DACC, where he studied landscape construction. He is employed by Carlson Landscape Service.

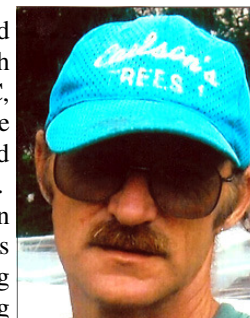
This is Strawser's first run for elected office and says knowledge of the working class is a strength he will bring to the office. "I have worked and lived in the area for more than 35 years," he said.

One issue facing Hoopeston is the lack of employment in town. "I would like to see more businesses to bring

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Briefly

Meet the candidates

Rossville residents are invited to meet the candidates running in the April 9 election from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Ambulance Building next to Casey's on West Attica.

HMA dance

Hoopeston Multi Agency's monthly dance will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Beverly Wolf and Company will provide

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Final softball signup

The last sign-up for the girls softball will be Sunday, April 7, from 11-2 at Hoopeston City Hall.

Stingray signups

Hoopeston Stingrays Swim Team is registering swimmers for the Summer 2013 season. Signups and swim-suit fittings will be held on Wednesday, April 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the Hoopeston Masonic Lodge. A final signup will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10-12 at the Hoopeston Masonic Lodge. Youth who will be age 6 by September 1, 2013 through age 18 who can swim free-style (front crawl) 50 yards may join the team. Registration fee is \$40 for one child, \$60 for two, and \$75 for three or more.

For more information, contact Jeff at 217-772-9005, or email hoopestonstingrays@yahoo.com.

Spring basketball camp

Hoopeston Area spring basketball camp for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be held at the middle school gym every Monday and Thursday nights 6-7:30, starting

Water continued from other side

Streff said currently, IEPA loans have an interest rate of 1.9 percent and a 20-year repayment time. The project has been estimated at in excess of \$2.3 million.

In other business, the council unanimously approved paying J&R Tire Recycling \$24,602 under terms of an agreement between the company and the city.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said the payment is part of an agreement that called for the city to use Tax Increment Financing funds to provide incentives for J&R to hire new employees and pay them at least \$25,000 annually. The company opened with 12 employees not under the agreement, but hired an additional 10 employees that meet the guidelines.

The contract called for the incentive to be paid for workers with 12 months of employment. Goodwine said none of the 10 met that guideline but asked the council to make the payment based on the spirit - not the letter - of the agreement.

April 15 and ending May 16. Cost is \$35 for the camp, which is designed to improve individual skills. There will be no games or scrimmages at this camp. Registration forms can be picked up in the high school or John Greer office. Walk-ins welcomed. For more information contact cornjerkerbasketball@yahoo.com.

Proposed budget on display

The Village of Rossville has posted the proposed budget for the 2013-14 year for inspection. Citizens may view the budget at the village office, 120 E. Attica St.

Public hearing on wind farm ordinance

Vermilion County Board is hosting a public forum to hear comments about the wind farm ordinance and its setback lines or other provisions, at 6:30 p.m. April 15 at Potomac Elementary School. The public is invited to submit comments on the ordinance in person at the meeting or submitted in writing before the meeting by mailing them to County Board Office, Courthouse Annex, 3rd Floor, 6 N Vermilion St., Danville IL 61832.

At the meeting, comments will generally be limited to five minutes. A report on the hearing will be submitted to the full county board after the hearing.

The contract calls for the city to reimburse J&R a maximum of \$75,000. Beside the wage reimbursement, J&R received \$20,000 for roof work at its plant, the former FMC facility.

In related discussion, Goodwine said the business has added a paint line to make colored rubber mulch from the tires it shreds. The new line will employ an additional six people, he said.

In other action, the council:

- Approved the ownership transfer of New Wave Communications to Rural Broadband Investments. New Wave representative Monique Lusk said Rural Broadband Investments purchased New Wave and plans to expand it from 90,000 to 100,000 customers to around 300,000 subscribers, she said.

- Heard from Alderman Randy Carter, street/alley committee chairman, that the city will have a barebones sidewalk replacement program. Homeowners, who must pay 50 percent of costs, are encouraged to sign up quickly.

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☒ **Dale Lithgow**
☒ **Richard Thompson**

Multi Township Assessor
☒ **Susie Sheppard**

Thank you for your support!


Letters to the Editor


**Resident lists good reasons to re-elect
 Mayor Bill Crusinberry on April 9**

It was not that long ago that letters appeared in the paper asking that the last person out of Hoopeston turn off the light. Well, the light is still on. All one has to do is look around to see the progress that has been made in the last four years. Considering the economy, the progress is almost amazing. Areas of

progress include the development of the McDonalds complex, the new nursing home which includes a new water line and street paving, Autumn Fields, the affordable housing development, ADM expansion, the updating of our Hospital (with more to come), the DACC satellite site and the tire recycling business which has created at least 28 jobs to date.


Mayor Bill Crusinberry has had direct involvement in almost all of these developments. His honest and common sense approach has helped move many of these projects to completion. He has created an environment where the City Council and the Mayor now work together. Some tough decisions have had to be made, but the City remains in the black.

Is there a lot more to be done for our community? Absolutely! Mayor Crusinberry already has several projects in his sight and I believe he is the person to lead us. Hoopeston now has momentum. Let's keep it going by re-electing Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

Bill Nicholls
 Hoopeston


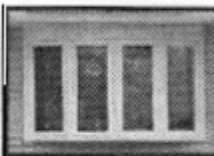
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THURSDAY: Cheese quesadilla, salad, baby carrots, pineapple, chips & salsa, milk
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools
MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, salad bar, broccoli/cheese, applesauce, juice, milk
TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, juice, milk
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or BBQ rib/bun, salad bar, Max Stick, pears, juice, milk
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more jobs to the community," he said. Other issues include noise from bass cannons played after acceptable hours in the evening and the empty building in the up-town area.
Strawser has six children (three step-children), who have all attended Hoopeston Area schools. Two are currently attending local schools.
He is a lifetime member of AMVETS.

Obituaries

DICKISON - Nancy Lee Dickson, 75, of Rossville died at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at home. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe-Blurton Funeral Home, Rossville.

Weather

Sunny today. High 55. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38. Tomorrow, breezy, chance of rain late. High 66, low 49. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 63, low 48.
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