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Mayor, water superintendent explain cause of water rust

Hoopeston water is safe to drink, even when it doesn't look good.

Hoopeston water has been the subject of complaints to area television and radio stations, as well as the EPA, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Because of a \$3 million improvement plan at the Main Street water plant, which includes cleaning both the ground and aerial tanks and installing a new ground tank, along with cleaning and replacing filters at the plant, Hoopeston water has been rustier than usual.

Rust is caused when iron, which is in water pumped from the ground, mixes with oxygen. Under perfect conditions, water goes to the ground storage tank where it is oxygenated (aerated). The process causes iron particles to puff up and turn red, said Steve Baker, Hoopeston water superintendent, on Wednesday. Those particles then are trapped in sand filters.

However, Hoopeston's system is old and isn't performing well. One filter is currently being refurbished, leaving the other two filters to work harder, he said.

At the June 17 council meeting, engineer Mike Streff of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, explained that the filters were to have 18 to 20 cubic yards of gravel and sand to trap iron, but had less than 12 cubic yards, four of which were below the filters. Streff said he expects "tremendous improvement in water quality" when the project is completed, but that is still several weeks away.

Baker said the existing ground tank and aerator are "not in good shape." The aerator, installed in 1971-72, is not efficient and will be replaced with a state-of-the-art model. The old ground storage tank uses redwood pallets as part of the aeration process. The new tank will be aluminum and PVC to prevent rust. The existing tank will still be used with the new one, allowing Baker to

keep one online while maintenance is done on the other.

Both the current ground tank and the aerial tank will be coated inside, another rust prevention measure.

Until then, residents will have to put up with rust but Baker said that's not a health issue.

During construction, water samples have been taken and analyzed. Results are within good levels for most things, but metals - iron - is somewhat higher.

Baker said the EPA likes to see the iron level at about .3 milligrams per liter but that Hoopeston's is currently 1.0 because of the filter being offline. Officials prefer the lower rate because at higher amounts, rust stains clothes and fixtures, he said.

The EPA is aware of Hoopeston's water treatment project and monitors test results, Baker said, adding they are aware of the level of rust in the water and were before complaints were made.

"I'm trying to keep our water clean," said Baker. "I drink it."

In unrelated action, the council:

- Approved a \$9,800 bid from Class Act Construction of Hoopeston to paint the civic center. A second bid, of \$14,120, was received from Capital Painting in Naperville.

- Heard from Alderman Larry Baughn, civic improvement committee chairman, about flower baskets on lamp posts downtown. Flowers were grown by Hoopeston Area High School FFA students, who also planted the baskets.

- Heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman, that Police Chief Mark Drollinger and humane officer Sherry Klemme are working on updating animal ordinances.

- Heard from Crusinberry about a letter from Apex builder of Hoopeston Wind Farm, which is expected to

See RUST on other side

Hoopeston American Legion
 502 E. Penn
NO BINGO
Thursday

Here's what's showing at the
Little Lorraine
God's Not Dead
 See it here first! It doesn't come out on DVD until the first week in August.
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June 30, 2014

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Specifications and other pertinent information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Superintendent, located at 615 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942, no later than 1:30 P.M. on July 14, 2014. The Board of Education reserves the right to delay the awarding of bids for up to ten (10) days, or to reject any or all bids.

The Board of Education will act on all bids received by the bidding deadline at the regular meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 6:30 P.M.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2014, Board of Education, Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District No. 11, Vermilion County, Illinois.

Chris Elliott, Secretary
Hoopeston Area
Community Unit School District #11
Board of Education

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:07 a.m. Tuesday at the Rt. 1 entrance to Hoopeston Plaza.

Police said Thelma Frederick, of Hoopeston, was southbound on Rt. 1 in a 2012 Chevrolet and made a left turn in front of a 1998 Chevrolet, driven by Michael Phillips, also of Hoopeston. Phillips swerved and each vehicle clipped the other's passenger side mirror.

A pair of prescription glasses in dark brown frames was found at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday across from Hoopeston Area High School on East Orange. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Trinidad Hernandez, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:51 p.m. Tuesday to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Second Ave.

Hernandez, who was not involved in the disturbance, allegedly refused to listen to officers when he was told to step back. He was charged with disobey-

ing police officers and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Dale E. Simpson, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9 p.m. Tuesday at Penn and First Ave. Wanted on a warrant, he was also charged with possession of cannabis and possession of a controlled substance.

Simpson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Rust continued from other side

be completed in December.

• Heard from Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chair, that a public hearing will be held on the appropriations ordinance at 6:45 p.m., before the July 15 council meeting.

Obituaries

BROWN - Mary Frances (Bird) Brown, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 5:35 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2014, at her daughter's home in rural East Lynn. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon memorial service Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Antioch Church of Christ 37604b N 1900 East Rd, Rossville, IL 60963 or New Beginnings of Hoopeston 6625A E 4200 North Road, Rankin, IL 60960.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 74. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 51. Tomorrow, sunny. High 78, low 58.

VFW Menu

Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston

Wednesday: Wings 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thursdays: Tacos & Ranchburgers
11 a.m.-8 p.m.

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RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 1031 W. Honeywell. Sat., July 5, 8-2:30 and Sat., July 19, 8-2:30. Rain date for July 5 is Sat., July 12. Kitchen essentials, linens, glassware, old tools, cameras, books, lots of assorted furniture, Baldwin console piano (excellent), ladies clothing, shoes, accessories, new & used Longaberger baskets.

HOOPESTON: 709 E. Maple. Fri., 8-6. Multi family sale. Nice name brand clothes, boys size 4-6, girls 7-10, men 2-3X & women's Small-3X, size 11 shoes, toys.

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