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Pressure tank vandalized, could be federal offense: engineer

An act of vandalism on one of the tanks currently being used to provide pressure to Hoopeston's water system is a serious offense and could result in an investigation from a federal agency.

Someone vandalized valves on the tank on the city's northeast side, said Mike Streff, engineer with Farnsworth Group. The act resulted in a drop in pressure in the city water system.

While the water tower is empty for repairs, three tanks, located throughout Hoopeston, provide water pressure to residents and, more importantly, in case of a fire.

Because the tanks are part of the city water system, tampering with them is a federal offense and could result in an investigation from Homeland Security, Streff said.

Briefly

Maple Madness winners

Recent winners in the Maple Madness 2014 fundraiser raffle are October 22, J.R. Borders, of Mahomet, \$50; October 23, Kenny Voyles, Hoopeston, \$25; and October 24, Dana Kuntz, of Hoopeston, \$25;

Fridays are Student Bonus Days, which means the student who sold the winning ticket will win \$25.

Congratulations and thank you for supporting Maple Grade School!

Library adds second performance

A second performance of "Time and Hoopeston Houses, 1923," will be held Tuesday at Hoopeston Public Library.

The historical drama will be presented at 7 p.m., as scheduled, with a second performance at 8 p.m.

The performance is free but it is recommended that guests pick up a ticket at the front desk.

The library is at 110 N. Fourth St.

In related discussion, Streff said work on the water storage project is continued. As the outside of the water tower is being wet sanded, other workers have been inside the bowl, cleaning and repairing it. All mechanical improvements and structural repairs have been done.

Once the inside is cleaned, it will be recoated before the tower is refilled. Once the outside has been completely sandblasted, it will be painted and a new logo painted on.

The tower must be empty for painting, Streff said, because water in the tank could cause condensation, which could result in the new paint not sealing properly and coming off the tank.

Streff said the second sand filter should be back online by the end of the month. As of Tuesday, back flushing needed to be done and water samples sent for analysis before the filter could be returned to service.

In unrelated discussion, Mayor Bill Crusinberry read a thank you note for the donation of an old ambulance to Hoopeston Area High School's media class and said volunteers are needed to put up Christmas lights in the park on November 8. To volunteer, call city hall, 283-5833. Installation is expected to last all day. Volunteers will be fed.

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Saturday: Prime Rib or Rib eyes
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HALLOWEEN DANCE
 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday featuring
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COSMIC BOWLING
 Saturday night - 6-11 p.m.
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 Coming November 8 - 7-8-9 Pin Tournament
 First place - \$215
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Craft Fair
Saturday, Nov. 1 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
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 Two \$100 gift cards and one \$50 gift card
 raffled off at the close of the Craft Fair.
 For more information, contact Betty Shaffer, (217) 283-5715
 or Traci Robbins, (828) 460-5865

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Obituaries

CORNELIUS - James John Fitzgerald Cornelius, 50, of Rantoul, died at 8:54 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to his children.

McNEELY - William Leroy McNeely Jr., 47, of Wellington, died at 7:40 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis, Ind. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Military rites will be by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Shelter, 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

MORTS - Francis Sharon "Frannie" Morts, 92, of Milford, died at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, at home. Visitation was 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of his life Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Chapel, Hoopeston. Burial was in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Milford United Methodist Church, Milford Ambulance or Milford Swimming Pool.

TAYLOR - Mary Genevieve (Madison) Taylor, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 3:50 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, at home. Per her wishes, she will be cremated and no service held.

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:31 p.m. Thursday at the entrance to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

Police said Amber L. Wood, of Stockland, in a 1999 Cadillac, pulled into the entrance and hit a 2011 Jeep driven by Lori J. Cornell, of Rossville.

An 18-year-old Papineau man was ticketed for multiple offenses after a hit-and-run accident at 8:40 p.m. Thursday.

Mathew M. Minard, 18, on a 2000 Mitsubishi, is facing preliminary charges of obstructing justice, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, disobeying a yield sign and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Police said Minard struck a 2000 Dodge, driven by Nathaniel P. Allison, of Hoopeston, then left the scene.

Minard and his vehicle were later located when Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:51 p.m. Thursday to 1900 East and 3850 North roads for a car on fire.

Minard was treated at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center and was then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 74-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 6:45 a.m.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools
 MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, Power Punch juice, milk
 TUESDAY: Maple-pizza quesadilla, salad, refried beans, peaches, milk; Honeywell/John Greer-Pizza Hut (pepperoni), salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk
 WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tator tots, celery sticks, mandarin orange, milk
 THURSDAY: Maple-Pizza Hut (pepperoni), salad, baby carrots, pineapple, milk; Honeywell/John Greer-pizza quesadilla, salad, refried beans, pineapple, milk
 FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, fries, cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School
 MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice
 TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice
 WEDNESDAY: Hotdog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice
 THURSDAY: Fettuccine Alfredo or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice
 FRIDAY: Sausage pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Weather

Breezy today. High 80. Tonight, showers likely. Low 58. Tomorrow, showers likely. High 63, low 41.

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Friday, Oct. 31 8 a.m.-Noon
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