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## Requested change order dies without a second at meeting

A request for a change order to work on Hoopeston's water system that would have included sand-blasting and painting piping, pumps and more at the water plant failed to make it to a vote at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Alderman Bill McElhaney, water/sewer committee chairman, made a motion to do the work but the motion failed to get a second, killing it.

Instead, officials will go out for bids on the work.

Engineer Mike Streff, of Farmsworth Group, explained that using a change order would allow the project to be done more quickly. Pipes at the plant are currently covered in lead paint, which will have to be sand blasted and repainted. Pumps, motors and the floor of the water treatment plant would also be painted.

Streff said now would be a good time to do the work because low humidity would allow the new coating to dry quickly.

Cost of the work was to be \$74,169.65, McElhaney said.

However, Alderman Bill Goodwine, finance committee chairman, said a cheaper price might be had by bidding. "Why not have a competitive bid rather

than a noncompetitive quote," he asked.

Asked by Mayor Bill Crusinberry how long it would take to assemble bidding documents, Streff said that would take about two weeks, followed by publishing a bid notice and then the bid opening, putting actual work off by about two months.

"It needs to be done but it's not critical," Streff said, adding "now is a good time to do it, climate-wise."

In related discussion, Streff said the aerial water storage tank is back on line and functioning well. "I can sleep at night knowing the elevated water storage tank is back online," he said. "Steve Baker (water superintendent) is sleeping better, too.

While the water tower was empty, three hydropneumatic tanks were located throughout Hoopeston to provide pressure for the water system. It was a race against the clock to get the tower repaired, recoated, cured and refilled before water in the pressure tanks froze in the cold weather.

With the aerial storage tank online, the pressure tanks have been emptied and winterized and will remain where they are. In the spring, they will be put back in service when the water tower is again emptied so the exterior can be painted.

In other business, Crusinberry said he has received comments and letters of appreciation about Christmas lights in McFerren Park. He related that Chad Thomas, whose house across from the park was decorated for Christmas, talked with visitors who came from Champaign, Rantoul, Lafayette and other places.

Crusinberry also commended Hoopeston Area High School's Marching Cornjerkers for receiving three trophies at the Peach Bowl on December 31 in Atlanta.

Here's what's showing at the  
**Little Lorraine**  
**Teenage Mutant**  
**Ninja Turtles (2014)**  
 Fri. 7 p.m. Sat. 4:30 & 7 p.m.  
 Sun. 2 & 4:30 p.m.  
 Suggested donation \$2-16 & under, \$5-adults.  
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## It's a bran' spankin' New Year!

Our journey into 2015 has begun. For those of you who know me, you know I love starting a new year with a plan.

A year without a plan is like strawberry shortcake without whipped cream. Too often we just go along and hope for the best. I want to be kinder to my husband; more patient with people, save more money and smile more every day. I better start planning now.

A bran' spankin' New Year, how awesome! We have a chance to start every day over, to be a new me, to try new things, to forgive others and to be more positive about our life. My Mother would say, "A new year, a new start, a new you."

When I think of Hoopeston, Rossville, Milford and the surrounding towns, I wonder what this year holds for us. So many directions we can go. How can we help our family, our community and our country?

We are lead to believe that to make a difference we have to do something earth shaking – headline grabbing. Really, it is not that difficult.

For me and you, let's try to get up each and every day with a positive attitude and a thankful heart. Let's look for the good in each other, not be afraid to give a helping hand or share an idea, give a compliment, call a friend, and make a plan to do our best every day.

That alone will make a better family, community, and country. Each of us can make this our best year ever. Let's just do it.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Volunteers made dinner successful

The third annual Community Christmas Dinner was a great success! We served nearly 200 people six turkeys, 60 lbs. of mashed potatoes, two roasters of green bean casserole, escalloped corn, two roasters of dressing, cheesy potatoes, cranberry sauce, 13 dozen dinner rolls, the most delicious pies, cakes, cookies

This wouldn't be possible with out the many volunteers and business in Hoopeston, including Jill Penicook, Sara Stipp, Nancy McQuigg, Earl and Cecilia Dixon, Sandy and Dean Eisenmann, Mark and Patty Scrivener, Paul and Judy Kunce, Dorthy Longest, Charlotte Wilson, Jeff and Hannah Alexander, Jeremy and Israel Green, Josie and Bill Sieters, Jacqueline Lackey Gregory, Laura Warner, Karen Relation-Cahill, Pat and Norm Fraley, Roxie and Bill Page and Mark Drollinger.

Also, Bob Porth./Jerry's IGA, Hoopeston Chamber, Bette and Ken Schmid, Carol Hodge, Phil Morris, Christie Goodrum, Lucy Overlander, Deb McBride, JoHanna Gash, Multi Agency/Marie, Susan, Vicki, Susie Ward Sheppard, Dolores Crabtree, Kellie Morgeson, Larry Baughn/WHPO, Just the Facts, Chronicle,

### Police News

Jacky A. Coffey, of Potomac, was ticketed after an accident at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday at Market and Orange. Police said Coffey, in a 2007 Wabash National semi, turned northbound and ran over a stop sign.

He was cited for improper turn and released.

### Fire Calls

Rossville Fire Department was called at 1:03 p.m. Tuesday to the 200 block of North church for fire in the wall of a residence. Firemen found someone had used a heating torch, which caught the door jamb on fire.

No injuries and only minor damage were reported.

### Weather

Wind chill warning in effect until noon. Blowing snow today, tonight. High 14, low 6. Tomorrow, cold. High 7, low -6.

Carol Hicks/Commercial News. Amy and Ron Davis, Cafe Delights, Lois Roberts, Autumn Fields, Sharon Dixon and Kristy Gonzalez. We're sorry if anyone was omitted.

Without the volunteers it couldn't happen. Hoopeston people, You are AWESOME! A Big Thank You All!! See you next year.. our fourth annual Community Christmas Dinner!

A Big Thank You from  
Jill Penicook and Susan Comstock

## Classifieds

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

723 W. Orange St. Clean and quiet 2BR for rent. Available now. Rent \$400 plus utilities and deposit. Stove and Ref. furnished. References required. Mike 312-371-8585

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### HELP WANTED

Cade's Heating and Air LLC, of Hoopeston seeks reliable HVAC installer/service tech. Preferred candidate will have 2-4 years of HVAC experience; knowledge of HVAC service, installation, be self driven and able to diagnose HVAC problems. Ability to fabricate sheet metal a plus. This is a full time position, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F with some after hours rotation. Salary based on experience. Send resume to ramcade@frontier.com. For questions, call (217) 283-7762.

Seeking full time lube tech. Must be friendly, willing to work as a team member. Apply in person at Hoopeston Express Lube, Hoopeston Plaza.

Hoopeston Multi Agency has a temporary part time position: Teen Reach Assistant Director. Send cover letter with resume to Maria Sermersheim at [mariasermersheim@gmail.com](mailto:mariasermersheim@gmail.com) or 206 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Hoopeston, IL by January 7, 2015. Minimum of two year experience working with school age children, Associates degree preferred.

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