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Police officers exonerated by Hoopeston Police Commission

Two Hoopeston police officers who were the subject of a citizen complaint have been exonerated by the Hoopeston Police Commission.

The commission held an informal hearing Friday regarding a complaint filed by Jerry Mullen, father of Terry Mullen. Terry Mullen, 48, was arrested March 11, charged with driving under the influence, fleeing and eluding police and failing to report an accident to police.

The elder Mullen's complaint alleged that two officers, who were not publicly identified, "did not apprehend (Terry Mullen) in an appropriate manner," said

Phyllis Freeland, commission chairman.

At Friday's hearing, commissioners heard from Jerry Mullen and Chief Mark Drollinger who reviewed the audio tape of conversation between officers and the on-duty dispatcher during the incident; the reports submitted by the officers and a written statement from a representative of the University of Illinois Police Training Institute.

Drollinger reviewed the arrest the PTI representative. "He saw nothing that the police officers did that was out of line," Freeland said. The PTI report "probably helped us arrive at our conclusion."

The commission ruled the complaint unsub-



Honored

Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger, left, presents Bill Boose with the 2005 Orval Kaag Citizen of the Year Award Monday at Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch. The award recognizes support of law enforcement and the community.

Help needed for building project

HELP WANTED: Volunteer construction workers. Must be good at roofing, siding. Apply in person, 8 a.m. Saturday, Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer field on Sixth Ave.

Some Hoopeston youngsters hope several people will answer their ad when the group erects a shed at the Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer field on Saturday.

Volunteers were expected to frame the 12x20 shed but others will be needed Saturday to roof the structure and put on siding, said Megan Welch of Teen Reach.

Teen Reach received a \$5,000 Community-Based Learn and Serve grant and is using part of the money to help the soccer group.

While Teen Reach participants will be on hand Saturday, "we need construction help," Welch said.

The building will be used to store goals and machinery.

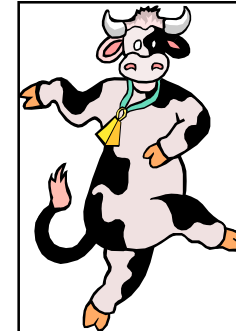
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No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rt. 1 and Penn.

Police said Pamela J. Johnson of Hillsboro, Ind., in a 1979 Chevrolet van, pulled from Jerry

More of the grant money will be used to ~~purchase~~

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equipment for the soccer group, including a line machine and paint, corner flags and netting and anchors for goals, Welch said.

HAYS is not the only organization getting a boost from the grant project. Teen Reach participants christened their effort "Planting For Our Goals" and have used part of the funds to build wheelchair-



Idol time

Jared Yates, American Idol hopeful from Danville, serenades Ashley Castillo with "Brown-Eyed Girl" Sunday during a party for Price Less employees. The 18-year-old was voted off the show in February but was given a hero's welcome when he returned to Danville. Yates will perform May 13 at the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville.

Police News

Urlich Motors to travel northbound and collided with a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by James R. Bernard of Rossville.

A **65-year-old** man reported Tuesday that someone took a sign from his property at 330 W. Penn.

Gene E. Faulkner, 24, of 711 N. Seventh St., Apt. 2, was arrested at 9:38 a.m. Tuesday. He was charged with forgery for an incident involving



Letters to the Editor



It would seem that the cemetery committee would rather see a somber, colorless view of Floral Hill than the lovely, bright one filled with love and caring. It will be a very desolate-looking place with no flowers at all from the first of March to the first of May and then again in the fall from the third week in September till the first of November.

Obituaries

BRIDGES - Pearl Mae Bridges, 97, of Hoopeston died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be private. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home, 701 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942 or an organization of the donor's choice.

CLEMENTS - Velma C. Clements, 83, of Hoopeston died at 4:43 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 70, low 46. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 72, low 52.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.



the United State Post Office, 314 S. Market.

Faulkner was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Antowan E. Flores, 31 of 710 E. Wyman was arrested at 3:57 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East Wyman. He was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 24-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Flores made statements that shocked and alarmed her.

Saddles or hanging baskets have always been kept on my families' graves, changing them every season. It was our way of remembering them and showing that we cared. Now we are being told that is no longer an option!

It would seem that this policy needs to be re-examined.

J. Morgan
Hoopeston

Classifieds

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