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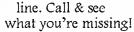
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Rossville officials seek analyses, quotes on sewer plant repairs

ROSSVILLE—The sewer treatment plant here may receive needed repairs, if an engineering firm will provide cost estimates.

At Monday's village board meeting, trustees accepted an offer from Sodemann & Associates of Champaign to provide a free analysis of problems at the treatment plant, including repair estimates.

However, trustee Richard Birkey suggested seeking free reports and estimates from other firms, including Upchurch & Associates, the firm retained by the village.

Plant operator Billie Kinnett said the plant, built in 1978, is "showing its age" and that parts for some components are difficult to find.

Kinnett will contact Upchurch & Associates and a third firm to get analyses and price quotes and

will present the information at the March 20 meeting.

In other action, trustees:

- approved the final update of the village ordinance book and agreed to pay typist Sissy McBride an additional \$87 for January updates and an extra copy of the book on computer diskette.
- tabled a suggestion from trustee Charles Cornell that the village water meter reader work from April to November, then have village employees read meters.

Officials said readers quit during cold months.

• discussed, but took no action on what to do with the current police department computer which is being replaced.

Auxiliary trained in age-old defense against modern criminals

Hoopeston auxiliary police got a lesson Saturday in centuries-old defense techniques to use on modern-day criminals.

Auxiliary officers received rudimentary training in karate from Bill and Susan McGee, black belt owners of The Karate Club, and their students.

McGee told officers that the martial arts have been in existence for 1,400 years. "It's not country line dnacing, it's not the hula hoop," he said. "It's very real."

Officers practiced basic breaks, kicks and defensive maneuvers against criminals carrying clubs, knives and guns.

McGee said he wanted to expose officers less to techniques than to concepts that could possibly save their lives. "You have rules," he said. "The bad guys don't."

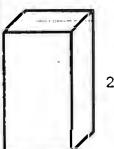
Criminals often have unusual ways of hurting law enforcement personnel, McGee said. Some examples cited included hiding razor blades in laminated driver's licenses or the bill of baseball caps and placing fish hooks in the backs of caps.

McGee also stressed the importance of respect for edged weapons, such as knives. "All it takes is a few seconds to die," he said, adding that an armed officer has to be 17 feet away from a knifewielding suspect or risk getting "ripped to shreds."

Officers also practiced ground fighting. "We spend a lot of time on the ground," McGee said. "You remember fights from kindergarten on - you

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Police News



A 15-year-old girl missing from Mt. Dora, Fla., was located Sunday. The girl was released to her father, who lives in Hoopeston.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:02 p.m. Sunday. A 1988 Chevrolet Nova, driven by Patricia M. Craighead. 303 S. Franklin, Milford, backed into a 1978 Ford Fiesta driven by Eric L. Norris, 850 E. Seminary. The accident occurred in the Baer's Motel parking lot.

Up & Coming... —

Bloodmobile scheduled

A bloodmobile will be held from 1-6 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Presbyterian Church. Walk-ins are welcome.

Residents who can donate are asked to do so to offset a current shortage of blood.

Auxiliary continued from other side

always end up on the ground.

"When I'm on the ground, I don't have to worry about balance or somebody being beind me, plus I've got some pretty good weapons," he said, indicating his legs.

McGee said the purpose of training is to keep from punching a suspect. "I don't care how much you work out, the wrist is weak," he said. "That's why we use a hammer fist or a palm heel strike."

He stressed that strength is not of the utmost importance. "You have to understand that speed is power," he said. "You don't have to hit somebody really hard - just them them really fast."

And while McGee said Saturday's session would not make officers karate experts, he hoped it would complement other training and help officers get through the early part of a confrontation. "We hope we've helped you live that one second, then your other training takes over," he said.

Bill Simpson, 853 E. Maple, reported Monday that someone jumped on his 1991 Dodge, damaging the hood and roof.

Mark A. Hewitt, 24, #29, Baer's Trailer Court, was arrested at 9:43 a.m. Monday, charged with auto theft for allegedly stealing a1983 GMC Jimmy on Jan. 8. Hewitt was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

The Hoopeston fire department was called at 12:46 p.m. Monday to a car fire at 716 E. Seminary. Police also responded.

Paul Harmon of Microsystems, reported Monday that during the past two years, several items have been taken from the business, 325 S. Dixie Hwy., including gold pens. Harmon reported that information was also missing from the company's computer system.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Jan. 12, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Bob Carter, Hoopeston.

Jan. 13, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Myrna Moore and Mary Forshier, both of Hoopeston.

Jan. 14, 1995

Admitted: none. Discharged: none.

Jan. 15, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Amos Steiner, East Lynn; Charles Umbarger, Hoopeston.

Weather



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