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Alderman charges police car battery costs too high

Hoopeston officials are paying too much for police car batteries according to a city official.

At Tuesday's council meeting, alderman Dave Borders questioned a bill of \$105 for a squad car battery from Crown Ford in Hoopeston. "You can get the best battery in the world for less than \$100," he said.

Police chief Orval Kaag said the battery is a heavy duty variety, but added he will check with Crown Ford on the high cost.

In related business, the council approved three new auxiliary police officers.

Pat Clingenpeel, George Smith and Greg Cushman were approved by a 6-1 vote.

Borders, the only dissenter, would not say why he voted against the appointments. "I don't want to comment on that," he said. "They were voted in and now I'm behind them."

In other business, the council:

Discussed repairs at the water treatment plant are underway. New electronic systems are being installed and are expected to decrease rust in city water.

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Former Rossville man falls (head over heels) in movie

ROSSVILLE—A former resident fell head over heels - literally and figuratively - while working on a major movie.

Billy Morts, son of Lloyd and Susie Morts of Rossville worked as a stuntman in the movie "Waterworld," currently playing at the Lorraine Theatre in Hoopeston.

Morts spent five months in Hawaii working on the film, as a stuntman for the movie's star, Kevin Costner. "He's in it in different places but I don't know where," Mrs. Morts said, adding she saw the picture when it opened at the Lorraine last week.

While working on the film, the stuntman met and fell in love with Tammy Brady Conrad, daughter of actor Robert Conrad. The two were married July 8, Mrs. Morts said.

Besides acting as stuntman, Morts also did a great deal of rigging for action scenes in the movie, she said.

"Waterworld" is not the first film Morts has worked on. He has more than 50 movies to his credit, including "Speed," where he did scenes under a speeding bus and on top of a train.

He is currently working on a film with Christian Slater and John Travolta titled "Broken Arrow," Mrs. Morts said.

Morts' desire to become a stuntman started when he was about nine years old, Mrs. Morts said. He headed to California after graduating from high school to pursue his dream and has been practicing stunt work for approximately 12 years.

Once in California, Morts attended stuntman's school and is the only member of his class currently in the profession, Mrs. Morts said.

Mrs. Morts and her husband are proud of their son, even though his profession is not one they would have chosen for him. "He didn't turn out to be the farmer we wanted," she said.

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Contest nominees set

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Contestants this week are: Gene Leonard, 728 S. Sixth; Emily and Bruce Burton, 414 E. Washington; Harold and Mary Lou Snively, 828 E. Lincoln; Fran Harris, 330 N. Second, Wellington; Steve and Janine Shields, 501 N. Market; and Joan and Randy Shields, 515 N. Market.

Readers should call Just the Facts at (217) 283-9348 to nominate a winner between noon and 1 p.m. today. The weekly winner will be announced in Friday's paper.

Weekly winners will receive certificates and vie for a monthly title and prizes from Schuler's Flower Shop, Rhonda's Baskets, Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert and Ace Hardware.

Additionally, the monthly winner's yard will be graced by a sign proclaiming them the monthly winner.

Costs continued from other side

□learned the city swimming pool will close Aug. 22 unless the weather stays hot. Alderman Mike Eckersley, chairman of the city parks committee, said whether the pool will remain open then depends on if enough high school students can be found to work as lifeguards after school.

□discovered rock, oil and chip work will begin Wednesday on selected streets. Some streets, including Seventh between Main and Penn have been torn up for weeks in preparation for repairs. Residents in the neighborhood had complained of dust problems because of street conditions.

□discussed but took no action on repairing brick streets, especially Penn St. near Fifth St. and Honeywell Ave. "It's getting very, very bad," said Mayor Bob Ault.

Borders suggested paving the streets, but those streets must remain brick for historical purposes according to city ordinance.

Police News



Jim Johnstone, 618 E. Washington, reported Monday that someone took a lawn mower from his shed. The theft occurred between Aug. 1-7.

Beuford A. Baker, 410 N. Seventh Ave., reported Monday that a Mitsubishi bag phone was taken from his car.

Patrick E. Clingenpeel, 606 W. Elm, reported Tuesday that someone broke the windshield, driver's side window and headlights from his 1989 Buick while it was parked in the 200 block of First Ave. Several pieces of stereo equipment and cassette tapes were also taken.

A boy's Huffy chrome bicycle with black seat and handle bars was found Monday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Obituaries

DAHLQUIST - Mary A. Dahlquist, 79, of Rossville, died at 7:23 a.m. Tuesday at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rossville Church of Christ. Burial will be in the Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Wolfe Funeral Home in Rossville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rossville Church of Christ.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Aug. 14, 1995

Admitted: James Lane, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Viola Carder, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly cloudy, hot and humid today with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 90. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low 70s. Tomorrow, isolated thunderstorms. High near 94, low near 75.



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