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#### **Police News**



Nora Creamer, 423 E. Thompson, reported Thursday that someone set fire to laundry hanging on a line in her yard. Police are investigating.

A boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle were found The owners may identify and claim them at the police station.

A 15-year-old boy was arrested at 9:20 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of East Main, charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. He was released to his father on a notice to appear.

Police are investigating a broken window at the McMurray Insurance Agency, 201 E. Main. Someone broke the window out Thursday, causing more than \$300 damage.

**Vera Crozier,** 909 E. Wyman, on Friday told police she found money reported stolen Oct. 8.

A go-cart was found Friday in the alley of the 400 block of East McNeil. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:12 p.m. Friday to a barn fire at the Randy Reed residence at 20538 E. 4300 N Road.

A woman's gold watch was found Friday at Sparkle Clean Car Wash, Routes 1 and 9. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:10 p.m. Friday at 324 W. Main.

A 1989 International semi, driven by Bobby V. Cropper, 709 S. Fifth St., was backing into a loading dock and struck a parked 1977 Kenworth owned by Landstar Ranger of Westmont.

Cropper was at fault for improper backing.

**Ryan S. Rigsby,** 19, of 321 W. Elm, was arrested at 3:47 a.m. Sunday, charged with illegal transportation of alcohol by driver.

Three 16-year-old girls were arrested with Rigsby, charged with curfew violation and released to their parents on notices to appear.

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#### **Court dispositions**



Oct. 5: David Gonzalez, Hoopeston, to pay \$25, continued to Nov. 2.

**Dennis Herbst,** Danville, paid \$21 fine; continued on \$115 restitution.

**Jason Johnson,** Potomac, to pay \$50, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

**Jason Kinnard,** Hoopeston, completed 24 hours public service work.

**Stanley Pickett,** Wellington, continued to Nov. 2 for \$45 payment; illegal possession, \$75

**Belinda Roberts,** Rankin, continued to Nov. 2 for \$75 payment; interference with police, \$95.

**Jenny Schramm,** Hoopeston, rule to show cause issued on \$88 payment.

Allen Schumate, Rankin, paid \$50 in full.

**Deanna Smith,** Hoopeston, to pay \$50 and \$38, writs issued; deceptive practice, summons issued.

**Terry Sage**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause issued for \$45 payment.

**Trestin White,** Hoopeston, contempt, 10 days in Public Safety Building; found in contempt, 10 days in Public Safety Building.

Patrick Clingenpeel, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, \$95.

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# Is Million Man March brilliant idea or boondoggle

By LOURDINE FLOREK

Today's Million Man March to Washington will probably turn out to be one of the biggest boondoggles perpetuated on black men in a while.

The march, organized by Louis Farrakan, leader of the Nation of The black men can atone for things they've done wrong. The march is also so black men can get a sense of their own power and then take

that sense of power back to their communities and do something positive with it.

It provides great media hype for Farrakan, but I'm wondering, other than getting his name in headlines, what good will it do?

There's a lot of talk among black and white leaders about "inclusion" - blacks want to be included in the goings-on of white society.

While inclusion is a popular buzzword, look at any major city and you will find organizations aimed solely at blacks. This especially true at colleges, where you have minority student receptions and groups for black students in specific courses of study: the Black Engineers Society, The Union of Black Social Workers, the African American Teachers Consortium.

There's the United Negro College Fund, the Black Miss America pageant.

While it seems perfectly acceptable for blacks to have their organizations, imagine the reaction if there were a White Guys College Fund.

Black leaders say these organizations were established because blacks were not welcome in white-run groups. I'm sure that was true for quite a while, but is it still? Does anyone remember the last year there was not black contestant at the Miss America pageant?

Futhermore, it is unclear what black men are supposed to be atoning for during this march.

Black women say black men are ruining families because the men are irresponsible. The women say black men create children they have no intention of parenting.

If that's one of the sins, wouldn't black men make more meaningful atonement if, instead of marching to Washington, they stayed home with

their families?

Another criticism leveled against the black community is that blacks must stop killing blacks. Would it not be more beneficial, therefore, for black leaders to stay in their communities and work with

young black men to stop the senseless killing?

Some blacks bemoan the fact that they can't seem to get ahead here. If that's true, they're the only people who can't.

This country was built by people who came here and got ahead. The Irish, the Italian, the Chinese were all on the bottom rung of the ladder at one time and they've assimilated well. More recently, we've seen Koreans and Vietmamese boat people prosper.

They didn't cry about how difficult it is to make it. Instead, they worked hard and became successful

Futhermore, If black men are so economically disadvantaged, where are they getting the money to go to Washington?

Finally, why is the march only for men. According to some studies economic power starts with white men, followed by black men, then, white women. Black women are on the low end of the economic totem pole, yet nobody's scheduling a march for them.

This march, a touchy-feely affair, seems like a great way for Farrakan to keep his name in the media and a total waste of time, energy and shoe leather.

#### Weather



Sunny and warmer today. High in the upper 60s or low 70s. Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 40s. Tomorrow, windy. High near 75, low near 45.

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