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Chief stands by decision to rotate towing business in Hoopeston

Hoopeston's police chief is standing by his decision to rotate police towing calls between two local firms.

"It was an administrative decision," said Chief Carl Valentine. "It's not any big wrongdoing."

Valentine's decision to alternate towing came under fire at Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting.

The chief did not attend the meeting at which his decision to rotate towing between Knuth's Body Shop of rural Hoopeston and Paul's Auto and Truck Repair of rural Wellington was discussed.

Ron and Barb Knuth questioned the decision, saying Paul Kelnhofer, owner of Paul's, lives in Iroquois County. The couple also questioned Kelnhofer's equipment and credentials.

Alderman Mark Drollinger, a Vermilion County Sheriff's Department investigator, also questioned the decision, saying using a company from a different county could cause problems if a Hoopeston vehicle were towed to Iroquois County.

Valentine disagreed with Drollinger's assessment. "He's using an example of something that's never happened in Hoopeston," Valentine said. "In at least 18 years, there's never been a search warrant issued for a vehicle anywhere in Hoopeston."

Valentine said he based his decision on fairness, alternating months between the two companies. Also, the change provides a back-up if one of the companies is unavailable. "It's just good business to have a second towing company," he said

Additionally, residents are asked if they prefer a towing company before officers request the firm on call for that month, he said, and Paul's would not be called for jobs beyond the scope of his equipment. "We wouldn't call him to pull a semi out," he said. "He doesn't have the equipment to handle that."

Valentine criticized Mrs. Knuth for bringing the issue to the council, rather than discussing it with him and the

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Briefly

Alvin woman indicted

Martha L. Miller, 28, of Alvin, was indicted Friday by a Vermilion County grand jury on two counts of solicitation of murder and two counts of solicitation of murder for hire.

Prosecutors say the charges stem from an attempt by Miller to hire two people to kill her husband, Gary Miller, 37, of Danville.

Miller is free on 10 percent of \$100,000 bond.

Open House set

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morris will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at St. Anthony's parish hall.

Friends are invited to attend the event. The couple

request no gifts.

Correction

Curfew hours were incorrectly reported in Wednesday's edition. Curfew is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday for youth 16 and younger.

Camp meeting

New Bethel Fellowship in Rossville will host Camp Meeting '97 July 21-27 at 201 N. Chicago St. Nightly meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

The "Ragin' Cajun," the Rev. Frenchy Perry and family will conduct the meetings.

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city's police committee. "I don't feel like this was right, to put it on a political level when they don't even live in the city," he said.

The subject is to be discussed at a police committee meeting at 6 p.m. July 21. Valentine, committee members, the Knuths and Kelnhofer are expected to attend.

Valentine also denied Mrs. Knuth's claim Tuesday that Valentine told her to 'stay out of (her) husband's business.'

"What I said was, with her running down the police

department, she was hurting her husband's business," Valentine said.

"All I was trying to do was be fair, to spread the pie around a little bit" he said. "It has nothing to do with Knuths not doing their job."

Valentine said the issue has been "blown out of proportion," but hopes city officials will back him in his decision. "When I make a decision, I try to make a decision that is best for the city of Hoopeston and the Hoopeston Police Department," he said.

Kelnhofer declined to be interviewed for this story,



Police News



Carol Rule, 703 W. Washington, reported Tuesday that someone took a Dyno Mart lawn mower, gas can and wheel chair from her yard.

Charles R. Kostecka, 841½ E. Seminary, reported Tuesday that someone took a man's wallet from his home.

Kostecka later reported finding the wallet in his home.

Julie A. Holt, 32, of 628 E. Washington, was arrested at 8:54 p.m. Tuesday, charged with battery on a complaint from Jody Bailey, 16 Prairie, Danville.

Police said Bailey reported that Holt battered her in the city hall parking lot.

Holt was released on a notice to appear.

Titua T. Barber, 19, of 908 W. Washington, was arrested at 10:51 p.m. Tuesday, charged with aggravated assault, battery, unlawful use of a weapon and trespassing on a complaint from Todd Cannon, 229 W. Maple.

Police said Barber battered Cannon and pulled a knife on him at 301 W. Penn, then, at 1:44 a.m., went to Cannon's home where another altercation took place.

Barber was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await arraignment.

Kim Torres, 406 E. Thompson, reported Wednesday that someone took a 24 inch girl's 10-



Court Dispositions



July 3: William Green, Hoopeston, \$657 due; continued to Aug. 7.

Eric Gress, Hoopeston, paid \$95 in full.

Joseph Heffelfinger, Milford, paid \$95 in full.

Lisa Heitka, Paxton, uninsured, nolle pros.

John Hensley, Rankin, uninsured, \$500, costs; speeding, costs only, 12 months court supervision.

Robert Hislop, Cissna Park, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Dennis Hughes, Danville, to complete 20 hours public service work; rule to show cause issued.

Brian Hurry, Chicago, disobeying stop sign, nolle pros.

Tammy Kusman, Watseka, uninsured; \$500, costs.

Joyce Lambert, Rankin, uninsured, nolle pros.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
July 15, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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2. Eight foot western plow - well used.

3. Meyer salt spreader - 8 hp B/S engine. Engine used 1 season. Minimum bid \$250.

All above located at the Village Maintenance shops. To view, see Lance or Geoff.

Sealed bids to be turned in to the Village Office. Bid closing 5 p.m. July 21. Bids will be opened July 21 at the regular board meeting.

1992 Oldsmobile 98 Regency Elite. Low mileage, garage kep. \$11,500. Lumber: 70' hackleberry, \$1.50/ft.; 56' 1X6 oak, \$1.50/ft.; 36' 1X12 oak, \$2.50/ft.; 10 inch Sears radius arm saw, \$100; sleeper couch, \$200. Call (217) 283-5910. 197-199

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