



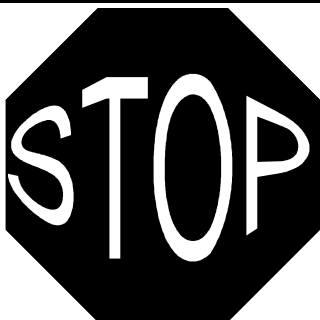
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Attorney questions \$750 discrepancy, bookkeeping, bidding

ROSSVILLE—An attorney representing a trustee and residents is asking the Rossville village board to look at its bookkeeping practices.

A \$750 discrepancy exists in two March treasurer's reports, said Hoopeston attorney Calvin Hultquist.

Hultquist said he represents trustee William Galloway, residents Bill and Abby Yoho "and about a dozen other (residents)."

The discrepancy comes in a bill listed in the report charging the village \$10,383 for work done by Danner Construction of Rossville. An invoice and the check written for the bill are for \$9,633, he said.

Also, Hultquist said he has two copies of treasurer's report for March, one given to trustees and filed for audit and one received under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, each with different beginning and ending balances. "These both purport to be the official

treasurer's report for the village of Rossville," Hultquist said.

That discrepancy exists in money carried forward from February to March, Hultquist said. The treasurer's report given to trustees shows a beginning balance of \$74,334.02, but the copy received under the Freedom of Information Act showed a balance of \$67,706.49.

Hultquist would not speculate what caused the difference. "It could be a typo or it could be outright theft," he said.

He also questioned four or five estimates for work "just shy of" the \$10,000 limit required to seek bids. "In my opinion they did it just to avoid the \$10,000 limit," he said.

Mayor Merv Smith said the allegations had "no great substance to any of it," but that officials will check into the \$750 discrepancy and may change the bid process.

Police committee unanimously backs chief on tow decision

The Hoopeston city council's police committee is standing behind its chief.

The committee unanimously voted Monday to accept Chief Carl Valentine's decision to use two towing firms.

The decision was brought up at the July 15 city council meeting, when Ron and Barb Knuth, owner of Knuth's Body Shop, who have provided towing service for 12 years, questioned Valentine's ability to use Paul's Auto and Truck Repair for towing also.

The Knuths alleged that they have an oral agreement with the city and said the police should not use the company because it is in Iroquois County. They also questioned the company's equipment and credentials.

However, those arguments were dismissed Monday by John Haughee, police committee chairman, as well as Valentine and Bill Roberts, representing Paul Kelnhofer,

owner of Paul's Auto and Truck Repair.

Haughee said he was unaware of any agreement, oral or otherwise, with the Knuths, while Valentine said Kelnhofer showed proper documentation before he was allowed to tow for the city.

After Barb Knuth several times asked if Kelnhofer has an Illinois Commerce Commission license, Roberts replied a license is not required to perform police tows.

The only time an ICC license is required, Roberts said, is when a company tows a vehicle from a private lot, such as when a landlord has a non-tenant vehicle towed from an apartment complex parking lot.

Kelnhofer, who has not spoken publicly about the conflict since it began, citing possible legal action, would not confirm whether such action is pending.

"It's undecided at this time," he said after the meeting.

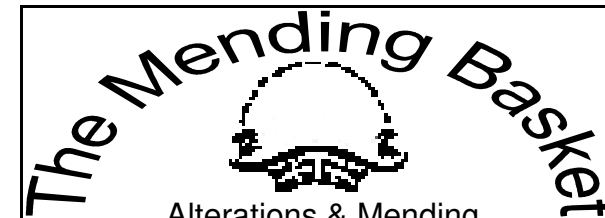
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Police News



Randall Hofer, 601 S. Fifth St., reported Sunday that someone entered 603 Sycamore and damaged construction to the interior.

A **black, pink and gray** Huffy 18-speed bicycle was found Sunday in the alley between the 800 blocks of Honeywell and Seminary. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Michael Zarate, #10 Baer's Trailer Court, reported Sunday that someone peeled the sticker from his license plate while the vehicle was parked

Police release list of unclaimed bicycles found during 1996, 1997

Missing a bicycle?

The Hoopeston Police Department may have it.

Police released a list of bicycles found during 1996 and 1997. The list includes a girl's 26" Western Flyer all terrain 10-speed, blue frame, black seat; boy's 24" all terrain Grizzly 10-speed, black frame, green front fork; girl's 20" Murray Pinweels, pink with white fenders; and a girl's 20" Western Flyer Radical; black frame, white handle bar, pink front fork and rims, white tires.

Also, a girl's 20" Roadmaster Ocean Princess; purple frame, pink handle bars, front fork and rims, white tires; girl's 20" Magna Starburst, aqua and pink frame, white handle bars, rims and tires; girl's 20" Murray, multi-colored, black front fork, pink rims, white tires; boy's 20" Magna Starfire II, red frame, white handle bars and rims; boy's 20" black trick bicycle; boy's 20" Western Flyer, red frame, red and white striped seat; and a boy's 20" Thunder 45, blue frame.

The bicycles may be identified and claimed at the police station.


Obituaries

GASTON - Lilly P. Gaston, 64, of Hoopeston, died at 9:40 p.m. Friday, July 18, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

HOLMES - Judith M. Holmes, 63, of Danville, died at 6:05 a.m. Friday, July 18, 1997, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services were Monday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to United Samaritans Medical Center Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

MOCKBEE - Doris I. Mockbee, 73, of Portland Arch, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, July 19, 1997, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p. m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 17, 1997

Admitted: Lucy Burton and Phyllis Brown, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

July 18, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Roxia Geddes, Hoopeston.

July 19, 1997

Admitted: Florence McCalla, Hoopeston.


Discharged: Margaret Burke, Cissna Park.

July 20, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Phyllis Brown, Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 60s. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness. High near 85, low near 66.

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