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Investigation launched into allegations against Rossville board

Thursday, July 31, 1997

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ROSSVILLE—The Vermilion County state's attorney's office has requested an investigation into alleged improprieties by the Rossville village board. "There are some things being looked into," said State's Attorney Michael Clary Wednesday.

He would not reveal what investigative body is looking into allegations and did not specify which allegations are under investigation.

At the July 21 board meeting, Hoopeston attorney Calvin Hultquist, representing Rossville trustee William Galloway and approximately 12 residents, raised questions concerning a \$750 discrepancy between a bill received by the village and an amount listed in the treasurer's report for the same bill.

Hultquist said at the meeting that an invoice and corresponding check were written to Danner Construction of Rossville for \$9.633. The treasurer's report corresponding to the bills lists the amount as \$10,383, he said.

Hultquist also questioned why there appear to be two different treasurer's reports for March, one given

to trustees and filed for audit, the other received through a Freedom of Information Act (FOI) request. He also questioned incidents of job estimates

slightly under the \$10,000 mark required for bid letting, the possibility of trustees holding meetings in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and gas prices which Hultquist said are high considering market prices have fallen since last winter.

Rossville provides natural gas to its residents.

Clary said he was made aware of allegations in a June 1 letter from Hultquist. The letter outlined alleged violations and requested an investigation.

letter for all trustees except Galloway.

Smith could not be reached for comment.

Hultquist's allegations.

Countdown on to start of school, needed supplies listed

The start of school, just 19 days away, means it's time to get those supplies.

Hoopeston Area grade schools have released a list of supplies for elementary school students. All supplies should have the child's name and grade marked on them.

Early Childhood: box of 8 large crayons, tissues, 2 glue sticks, book bag, complete change of clothes to be left at school.

Kindergarten: box of 8 large Crayola crayons (first semester), box of 16 large Crayola crayons (second semester), 4 oz. bottle Elmer's white glue, 2 primary pencils (large type), paint shirt or apron, cigar-box style supply box, large box tissues, tennis shoes to be left at school (no black bottoms), 2 large white glue sticks, school bag, pink or green eraser, NO paints, scissors, rulers or pencil sharpeners.

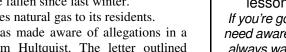
First grade: 2 pocket folders, 1 package #2 pencils, eraser, box of 16 crayons, 8 oz. bottle of white paper glue, 2 glue sticks, child-size scissors (metal blades), tissues, cigar-box style pencil box, paint shirt, gym shoes, school bag.

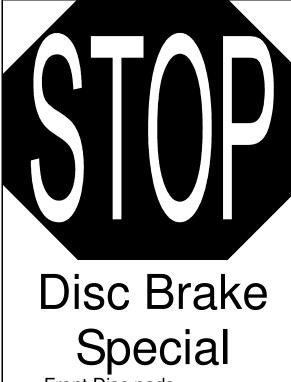
Second grade: 2 Ross brand glue sticks (not liq-See SUPPLIES on other side

Hultquist's letter was sent by Clary to village mayor Merv Smith, who, Hultquist said, copied the

Additionally, Hultquist said Clary was sent a petition-like document, signed by approximately 250 village residents, requesting an investigation into

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uid), 8 oz. bottle Elmer's white paper glue, 1 package #2 pencils, sharpened, 2 pink block erasers, 1 box 24 crayons, child size scissors (Fiskars - metal blades with plastic handle), 2 pocket folders, 1 or 2 boxes of tissues, package of long colored pencils, pencil box, tennis shoes, paint shirt, 8-count wide tipped markers.

Third grade: 8 oz. bottle white glue (NO glue sticks), pink block eraser, six #2 pencils, 48-count or smaller crayons, tennis shoes, school box, spiral notebook, paint shirt, watercolor markers, 3 pocket fold-

ers, tissues (180-count or larger), wide ruled, white single sheet notebook paper (no spiral or college ruled), colored pencils, school scissors (metal), ruler with metric and inch markings, extra red lead pencil. **Fourth grade:** 8 oz. bottle glue, pink block eraser,

A 14-vear-old girl was arrested at 4:15 p.m.

Police said the the girl hit a 13-year-old girl in the

The 14-year-old was released to her mother on a

Investigation continued from other side

Copies of the signature pages were also sent to

Hultquist further claimed that some village

officials used the signature pages to threaten

residents with potential lawsuits for signing the

Hultquist said he is "pleased" by the

investigation, but added he and Galloway will

The next round of allegations could come as early

Hultquist said he will appear at the Aug. 18

meeting to question other action by trustees. He did

not specify what actions will be included in his

continue their investigation into board practices.

Smith, who again, Hultquist said, copied and

distributed them to trustees, except Galloway.

Tuesday, charged with battery.

face.

notice to appear.

document.

as next month.

#2 pencils, crayons, tennis shoes, blue or black ink ball point pen, school box, assignment notebook, paint shirt, watercolor markers, 2 pocket folders, 2 large boxes tissues, wide ruled single sheet notebook paper (no spirals or college ruled) school scissors, colored pencils, extra red lead pencil.

Fifth grade: 200 sheets white wide-ruled single sheet notebook paper, 12 #2 pencils, 1 red pencil, 5 pocket folders, scissors, rule with metric and inch markings, 24-count or more crayons, large wide-lined spiral notebook, white-soled gym shoes, paint shirt, colored pencils, pointed markers, school glue, 1-2 magazines with pictures to cut out, 1 skein knitting yarn (any color), 1 roll cellophane tape, 1 set watercolor paints (optional), eraser, large box tissues, art supply box (shoe box).

Sixth grade: metric ruler, 6 blue, 6 black and 1



Kenneth B. Farris, 31, of 826 S. Third St., was arrested at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday on Kankakee County warrants for deceptive practice and fraud.

Police arrested Farris at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 791 E. Orange.

Farris was taken to Kankakee County by Kankakee County officials.

Court Dispositions

July 17: Alicia Rivera, Hoopeston, battery; summons issued.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital July 29, 1997

Admitted: Mildred Lane and Harrison Wheeler, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Lawrence Comstock, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High near 86, low near 65.

green pen (erasable), 12 #2 pencils, package widelined loose-leaf paper, 7 pocket folders, 24-count or more crayons, watercolor markers, scissors, 2 boxes

tissues, basic 4-function pocket calculator, shoe box for supplies, white-soled tennis shoes, paint shirt, colored pencils, 1 bottle of glue, watercolor paints, 2 erasers, drawing pencil (6B or soft lead), tempera poster paints (regular

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Multi family sale. 318 W. Washington, Hoopeston. Saturday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Miscellaneous items, clothing (infant-adult) lots of girls clothes.

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Headstart is accepting applications for teacher, bus driver and teaching assistant. Send letter of application to Hoopeston Migrant Headstart, 530 E. North First St., Wellington, IL. 60973 or call (815) 984-3706 for more information. Applications close Aug. 8 EOE. 209-219

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