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Department of Animal Regulation in doghouse over funds

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department and county auditor Linda Lucas-Anstey are looking into why approximately \$18,000 of Department of Animal Regulation money is not where it should be.

Lucas-Anstey began an audit about a month ago after undeposited checks, some more than six months old, were found in a desk drawer in the department office. In the course of the audit, Lucas-Anstey said she found several weeks of missing cash register receipts for income, \$4,880 in cash in an envelope placed in a safe and more than \$500 extra in the department's start-up cash drawer.

Sheriff's department investigators were called in when \$4,880 in \$50 and \$100 was found in an office safe usually used for papers and spare vehicle keys.

"Nobody knows where it came from," said Chief Investigator Gary Miller. "There's obviously a problem and we're trying to determine if that problem is a crime."

Jerry Hawker, Department of Animal Regulation director, said he discovered the undeposited checks. "I, the director of the department, found this whole mess, not the auditor, not anybody else," he said.

Hawker said a former office manager failed to deposit approximately \$6,000, including \$300 in cash. That employee continues to work for the department but in a non-clerical position.

Additionally, he believes the cash register receipts were lost or misplaced during office renovations.

Hawker said he reported the situation to county Board chairman Jerry Block and the county finance resources chairman and asked that Lucas-Anstey perform an audit.

The department has since hired a new officer manager and new office staff. Hawker said.

As officials track a paper trail on the uncashed checks, it is the \$4,880 in cash that has them stumped. "That is probably the biggest mystery of the whole scenario," Hawker said. "We don't normally bring in \$100 bills."

The denominations are not the only unsettling thing, Lucas-Anstey said. The money was sorted by denomination with bills all facing the same way. "The fact that it's neat doesn't fit out there," she said.

To unravel what Miller, Lucas-Anstev and Hawker See FUNDS on other side



Birthday birds

Dick Allen of Hoopeston got a surprise for his 65th birthday when a flock of pink flamingoes appeared on his lawn. The birthday greeting is done by the United Methodist Church youth group, who, for a donation, will put the flamingo flock in a vard for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. For more information, call Suzi Hesser, youth group sponsor, at 283-9222.

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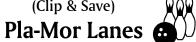
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October Schedule of Events

Fri., Oct. 6 Karaoke 8:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 7 **Junior League Signup** Pee Wee League starts Rock n Bowl 8 p.m. Fri., Oct. 13 Karaoke 8:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 14 **Junior League starts** Sat. Oct. 21 **5 Person Team** 9 Pin No Tap Tourney Fri., Oct. 27 Karaoke 8:30 p.m. 2nd annual Sat., Oct. 28 Ghost Rally 4 p.m. Southern Justice 9 p.m.

Call (217) 283-5195 for details

on any event

Funds continued from other side

called "a mess," Lucas-Anstey may have to go back three years, to the last time she audited the department's books.

In fact, Lucas-Anstey said this is the fourth time her office has been called in for the department which has a history of making deposits and submitting bills on time. In a 42 week period, Hawker only submitted bills four times, she said.

Both Lucas-Anstey and Miller said the amount of what is being called an overage is unusual.

"I'm used to being called to investigate a shortage," Miller said. "I've never investigated for too much before."

"I've never done an audit where I had this much excess cash to find a home for," Lucas-Anstey said. "I think that this is just a case of total mismanagement. In my own opinion, the problem starts at the top and works it's way down. Jerry Hawker is responsible for this."

Lucas-Anstey expects her audit to be completed by the Nov. 6 finance committee meeting. She plans to spend much of the time until then at the department's office. "For a while (Hawker's) going to think I'm part of his staff," she said.



Missions Revival

Oct. 6 & 7 7 p.m. Oct. 8 10:30 a.m.

First Church of God

1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston Hear Sidney and Jean Johnson of Anderson, Ind., former missionaries to Asia, as they present " Children: God's Promise of a Future."

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Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Chicken fingers, breadstick, dippin' sauce, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Chalupas, lettuce, tomato, cheese, cookie, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, fries, cracker/cheese, fruit, milk. Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy or rib/bun, tri-tator, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna or steak nuggets, garlic bread,

mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Chalupas or corn dogs, shredded lettuce/ tomato, salsa/cheese, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Submarino, choice of noodle or potato soup,

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Pizza square, salad, orange, cookie, milk. WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese, chili/crackers, mixed fruit, yogurt, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, pears, bread, butter, milk.

FRIDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, pineapple, pretzel/ cheese, milk.

First Church of God to host former missionaries to Asia

The First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston, are hosting Missions Revival 2000.

Sidney and Jean Johnson of Anderson, Ind., will be the featured speakers. The couple spent 37 years in missionary work.

The couple was commissioned in 1955 by the First Church of God to become missionaries in India

Police News



A set of keys found Sept. 26 at the driver's license facility were claimed Wednesday.

Adam K. Birch, 17, of 413 E. McCracken, turned himself in to police at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday. Birch, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, was released on \$200 bond.

Juan J. Acosta, 19, of 410 E. McNeil, was arrested at 9:15 p.. Wednesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County felony burglary warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

A 16-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Wednesday that someone sprayed shaving cream on her vehicle while it was at 1020 W. Chestnut.

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to a motorcycle on fire at 723 N. Seventh St.

where they served until 1973. They lived in Bangkok, Thailand for 14 years and while there, extended the Church of God into several Asian countries.

From 1983 until the present, Mrs. Johnson has worked with the Church of God women of Asia, organizing a group that meets every two years. In 1992, the Women of the Church of God jointly sponsored an overseas ministry to children in developing areas of the world, extending the ministry from Asia to Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The couple will speak at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

The public is invited to attend.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Oct. 4

Admitted: John Evar Olson, Hoopeston. Discharged: none.

Weather



Partly cloudy, windy today. High 50. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 33. Tomorrow and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs near 42, lows near 28.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

— Briefly

New trustees named

The Rossville village board, at a special meeting Wednesday, approved two new trustees.

Vic Lackey was appointed to the seat formerly held by Richard Hall who died earlier this year. Terry Prillaman was named to replace Mick Braddock who resigned because he recently moved out of the village.

This is Lackey's first time in office. He works at NACCO's parts distribution center in Danville.

Prillaman who served as Rossville's mayor in the 1980s, owns Illiana Real Estate in Hoopeston.

The terms of both new trustees expires in April 2001.

Tiny Tots

"Farms & Animals" is the theme of Tiny Tots at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's

The program is open to children up to four years old who are accompanied by an adult.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Part time position. Food Service Department, day shift. Contact Beth Totheroh, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942, (217) 283-5531, ext. 200.

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RUMMAGE SALES

Huge 2 family sale. 605 Judson. Friday & Saturday, 8 a.m.-late as possible. Rain or shine. Items too numerous to mention both days.

625 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston, Oct. 6 & 7, 8-? Rocking chair, buffet, crib, bike, Little Tykes toys, Barbies, knickknacks & much more.

3 family sale, 706 E. Thompson, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-? Clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Unable to do Gordyville so selling all Christmas inventory—wreaths, swags, etc.

Gress Liquid Waste building on McCracken, Hoopeston. Friday, 10-6, Saturday 8-12. Inside heated building. Something for eve-

618 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston. Friday, 8-1. Clothing (including winter clothing) and miscellaneous.

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