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Milford village board rejects settlement offer in law suit

MILFORD—An alleged breach of contract with a former gas supplier has the Milford Village Board steaming.

According to the Milford Area Bulletin Board, the board, at a special meeting Saturday, rejected a \$310,000 settlement offer from Duke Energy of Texas to end the company's suit against the village.

The suit was filed after Milford notified the company in July 2001 that it would no longer buy their gas. The company claimed a \$500,000 loss and filed suit.

Milford signed a three-year contract with Duke in 2001 when the company offered a slightly lower gas rate than what the village had been paying. Officials opted to sign with Duke to provide stability in what was then a volatile gas market. However, village officials allege

Duke over-injected village reserves when the price was high and did not bill the village properly, resulting in monthly negotiations between the two. In the fall of 2001, officials felt the problems with the company constituted breach of contract and signed with CMS, another Texas firm.

Negotiations hit a stalemate last week when village attorney Jim Kinzer offered to settle for \$75,000 and Duke's attorney started at \$425,000.

The case is set to be heard in a Texas court so the village, on Kinzer's recommendation, has hired a Texas law firm to represent it.

The board did approve paying Duke \$63,551.91 for over-injections the company made but had never billed the village.



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Harvest time

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Bowling Scores



Hoopeston Women's Bowling League Standings 9/30/02

1. Caddy Shack Bar & Grill	10	2
2. Weber Drugs	8	4
3. Main Street Travel	7	5
4. Beerdrinkers	7	5
5. Yaden-Rethelford	7	5
6. BJ's Pump	6	6
7. Family Circus	6	6
8. Royal "B"s	6	6

9. R&R Body Shop	6	6
10. Gillins Oil	5	7
11. Rut-Roh	5	7
12. Tater's Bar & Grill	5	7
13. Easy Sliders	5	7
14. Bye	1	11

High Team Game: BJ's Pump 1,109, Weber Drugs 1,075, Caddy Shack Bar & Grill 1,037; **High Team Series:** BJ's Pump 3,097, Weber Drugs 3,047, Beerdrinkers 3,037; **High Individual Game:** Laurie Murphy 257, JoAnne Gress 226, Jodi Coon 226; **High Individual Series:** Laurie Murphy 669, Patti Lowe 658, Glenda Reed 561.

Tuesday Night Classic League Standings 10/1/02

1. Hiltz Liquid Waste	13	7
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	12	8
3. Ferdinand Construction	12	8
4. Ross Electric	11	9
5. Production Tooling	11	9
6. Crop Production Service	9	11
7. Hoopeston Weather Line	9	11
8. J.B.M.	3	17

High Team Game: Crop Production Service 710; **High Team Series:** Pla-Mor Lanes 1,932; **High Ind. Game:** Bob Bruens 264; **High Individual Series:** Bob Bruens 756.

Games over 200: Pob Ponder 242, 212; Doug Wagoner 221, 202; John Lowe 249; Dave Yaden 232; Tim Coon 207; Randy Hiltz 204; Nick Gonzalez 205; Kenny McVicker 234, 203; Mike Dean 226; Steve Rhodes 246; Wendell Ferdinand 205, 219; Jay Ferdinand 226, 220; John Morgenroth 223; Henry Reutter 223, Willar Bruens 211; Todd Keith 222, 252, 204; Eric Gress 234; Bob Bruens 235, 264, 257; Dave Hughes 213; Tony Gress 213, 201.

Series over 600: Bob Ponder 625, Kenny McVicker 629,

Jay Ferdinand 608, Todd Keith 678, Eric Gress 608, Bob Bruens 756.

Hall of Shame: Nick Gonzalez 134.

Illiana-Farmers 10/2/02

1. Corrflex	19	1
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	15	5
3. FHHGG	14	6
4. Hoopeston Awards	10	10

High Series: Randy Hiltz 681, Chad Bruens 668, Brandon Hamilton 624; **High Game:** Chad Bruens 246, Randy Hiltz 246, Eugene Warner 236; **Hall of Shame:** Scott Crose 100.

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Police News



A 60-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from the 400 block of West Washington.

Two people were arrested after a traffic stop at 1:10 a.m. Monday on West Main at Ninth Ave.

Christopher D. Lile, 18, of 313 E. McCracken, was charged with unlawful storage of a weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon and no FOID card after police said officers found a semi-automatic handgun in his vehicle.

Lile was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Also arrested was Justin L. Rumble, 23, of 109 Locust, Alvin. He was charged with obstructing justice after police said he gave officers a false name. He was later found to be wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic warrant. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of \$5,000 bond and on the obstructing charge.

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Obituaries

MARTIN - Leland E. "Lee" Martin, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 1:58 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2002 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery, East Lynn. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation.

Weather



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