

## ROCKFORD

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### LOCAL ROUNDUP

#### Lockwood pig back in rightful place

ROCKFORD — A 30-pound fiberglass swine swiped Sept. 6 from Lockwood Park was returned in one piece late Saturday night to the Public Safety Building.

The life-size pig, originally bolted to a concrete base, was handed over to the Rockford Park District Police Corp. Juan Reyes said the pig will be turned over to Lockwood Park officials today.

Rockford resident Mark Durham said he learned of the pig's whereabouts from his son. Durham said he confronted the teen, who was not his son, and paid him \$50 for the pig.

"I promised the child I wouldn't get him in trouble," Durham said. "I don't think he meant anything malicious about it."

Radio station WXXQ (98.5 FM) deejays Steve Summers and Lynn Lacy collected \$600 from the community on their Friday morning show to help replace the pig. The hand-crafted pig is valued at \$1,200.

Last week, Lockwood Park manager Sally Craig said if the pig was returned, any money raised would be used to buy another small fiberglass animal, such as a goat.