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Letters to the Editor

Ordinance needs to be reviewed

I have a couple questions regarding City Ordinance 8.04.09. What year was this ordinance voted into our city laws? Have there been any changes to this ordinance since the method of pickup by the garbage collections agency changed to the new blue garbage can collection system? Was the initial reason for this ordinance because some garbage was placed on the ground and presented a health hazard?

I would suggest that many elderly people that cannot negotiate these big blue garbage cans from their homes to the street. In many cases, they rely on other people to take these cans to and from the street for them, so it is a matter of convenience to allow these people providing assistance to the home owner to get their trash to the street by the proper time for street pickup. Sometimes there is a difference of eight hours of pick up time from one week to the next. If my garbage is picked up at 4 PM, does that mean I can't put my garbage out until 4 AM?

We surely are not going to penalize the homeowner because those people that freely move these cans have to move them to the street a day early, or bring them back to the house a day late, are we? Is this going to create another unnecessary business for hire, Garbage Can Tenders?

Since these large blue cans contain and seal the garbage inside, isn't the situation different than having garbage on the ground, and presenting a definite health hazard? This is one area where city government should examine old laws on the books and bring them up to date. It isn't that big a project. Any ordinance that has changes made in the process of the situation the law pertains too should automatically be reviewed to insure that it properly applies to the present situation. We can-

not make laws and expect them to last eternally, when the situation they govern changes from what the law was designed for. Why can't we try to make things simpler?

Provided, that there isn't any garbage left outside these blue containers, why do we even bother bringing these cans back to the home? Why can't they be left at the curb, and individual bags taken to the blue cans as necessary. Can't consider it a health hazard anymore, can we?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Subsidies should be cut from budget

We taxpayers remain very concerned about runaway spending going on in Washington. We will not be deceived by President Obama's 2012 budge proposal. Freezing the already-bloated discretionary budget will do little to reduce our deficit and size and scope of our federal government. We need real cuts, now.

Renewable energy is an example of government fooling the public and wastefully spending our money with subsidies. Pretending wind and solar will reduce carbon emissions is factually incorrect. Because renewables are not sustainable as stand alones, there is continual need for backup sources of coal and/or nuclear. Without them, there will be continual brownouts and blackouts which will never be tolerated by this tech dependent society. Never in 30 years since renewables have been pushed have any coal plants been put out of production, nor carbon emissions reduced. The government should stop handing out subsidies—we'll see how quickly they fail. Because of money distributed to local counties, so-called experts and landowners, the public is not getting a factual representation of the inefficiency of these energies. Let's review the facts and study how countries

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Briefly

Birthday open house

Clarence Catron will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house on Sunday, Feb. 27th from 1-4 p.m. at Fast Lanes Bowling. No gifts please but would appreciate cards.

Rep. Johnson mobile office

Kevin Johnson, district aide to U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson, will be in the area Monday to meet with constituents. Johnson will be at Hoopeston City Hall from 11 a.m. to noon and Rossville Village Office from 12:30-1:30 p.m. His last stop of the day will be Potomac City Hall from 2-3 p.m.

Music Booster winners

Recent winners in Hoopeston Area Music Booster

Letters continued from other side

have faired where already used. Why are many other countries abandoning these so-called renewables? If renewables are a viable, profitable source of energy, why do companies have to rely on subsidies? Why does EPA want to deem coal ash hazardous waste, making our energy costs skyrocket and losing more jobs? Why are Illinois and 12 other states through the FERC being asked to carry the full cost of transmission lines taking locally produced wind energy to the east coast? Illinois and Ford County residents cannot handle yet another tax as our energy costs go through the roof.

On February 11, 2011, the Watseka TEA Party hosted a forum to discuss these very issues. More than 50 people attended, including two Iroquois County Board members. This well-received program will be repeated in Ford County in the near future. So if you want to learn the real facts about renewable energies, watch for upcoming announcements.

Contact your senators and representatives now. Ask them not to accept President Obama's budget proposal; to stop the EPA and FERC from their bureaucratic take-over. Remember Cap and Trade failed to pass the constitutional legislative process. Where are the checks and balances when unelected bureaucrats can make these detrimental decisions? Stand up and let your voice be heard for doing what is right for this country.

Ann G. Ihrke
Buckley IL

calendar drawing are:

Jan 7 Amanda Gaffney
 Jan 14 James Mitchell
 Jan 15 Diane & Dalton Goble (chosen at preview night)
 Jan 21 Kelsey Franke
 Jan 28 Jamie Swaney
 Feb 4 Yaden Flooring
 Feb 11 Deloris Robertson
 Feb 18 Dawn Layden
 Feb 25 Brenda Weston

It's not too late to get your calendar for the 2011 drawings. They're available from any Hoopeston Area music

Weather



Winter weather advisory through 6 a.m. Friday. Chance of snow today. High 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 22. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 37, low 27. Sunday, chance of rain/snow. High 47, low 37

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Council accepts garbage contract

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For the first year, the rate will be \$12.25 per unit, with a 40 cent increase the second year. In the third year, the rate will increase to \$13 per unit.

Residents are encouraged to use the blue containers provided by Allied Waste. Along with the 95 gallon one, 65- and 40-gallon containers are also available by calling the company.

Card shower

Linda (Brown) Barber, daughter of Marie and the late Robert Brown, is in ill health and would enjoy hearing from friends. Cards may be sent to her at 10443 Ansley Cove, Collierville, TN 38017.

Classifieds

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