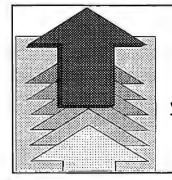


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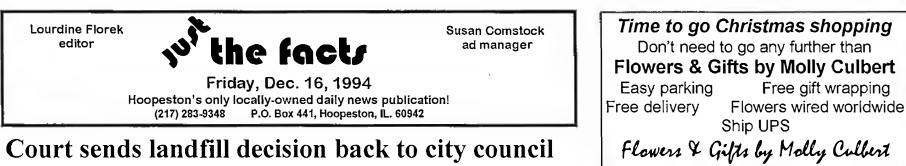
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The Hoopeston city council will once again decide whether the local Illinois Landfills, Inc., (ILI) site should be expanded.

In a 17-page decision, the Fourth Appellate Court in Springfield ruled Thursday that the Pollution Control Board, hearing an earlier appeal on the issue, should have remanded the decision back to the council.

Illinois Landfills. Inc., in 1992, requested a 120-acre expansion to the existing 39 acre site. The request went before the city council on April 27, 1993.

The council approved the expansion, but the decision was successfully appealed on grounds that the council did not specify whether the expansion met the needs of the intended 31-county service area.

Information from a July 1993 appeals hearing, including a brief from the city explaining that its decision was based on the intended service area,

Hoopeston Area board adds soccer to activities list

Local soccer enthusiasts will get a kick from action taken by the Hoopeston Area school board Thursday night.

The board voted 4-3 to add soccer to the list of extra-curricular activities, at least for a two-year trial basis.

The action came following a request from parents approximately one year ago, said Supt. Don Dean.

Adding the sport will cost approximately \$6,000 the first year and \$5,000 the second. Dean said. The addition did not come without dissension.

was sent to the Pollution Control Board, which denied the expansion.

ILI appealed to the Appellate Court. That was heard Nov. 9.

The decision is good news, said landfill spokesman Jim Van Weelden. "We're very happy with the judges' decision and will take the next step from here." he said, adding ILI will fight any future appeals. "We're committed to stay with this," he said. "We felt we had a good application and that we acted in good faith and fulfilled our commitments."

Attorney Joseph Moore, who, with co-counsel Richard Doyle, represented expansion opponents, said the decision "says, in effect, the Pollution Control Board erred" by not remanding the issue back to the council.

Moore said opponents can either petition the state Supreme Court by Jan. 4, 1995, or, after the See LANDFILL on other side

Board member Gary Miller said the district of-

fers enough extra-curricular activities. "The question is not whether we're offering what the people want, but if we're offering enough things for kids to do," he said. "I maintain that we are."

Member Gary Jett also questioned the addition, saying the sport would take students away from other fall sports, such as football.

Miller, Jett and Mike Morris voted against the addition.

In related action, the board approved an assistant junior high activities director at \$600 yearly.



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council has decided the issue, appeal to the Pollution Control Board again.

Which avenue, if any, opponents will take is still undecided. "I don't know if it's over or not," Moore said.

The decision did not surprise Moore, who argued before the court. "I was treated quite hostilely," he said. "They obviously didn't agree with my decision. They peppered me with questions that were adverse to my position."

Some parties involved are hesitant to comment on the ruling.

"There are many unanswered questions," said Mayor Bob Ault, adding that he "respects the court's decision, but until I get a chance to review it, I have no further comment."

Jim Klaber, president of Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (CARE), also hesitated to speculate on the ruling. "I don't think I better make a comment," he said. "We're not going to give up, but I don't think I have a comment at this time."

Russ Leigh, chairman of the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital board of directors, called the decision "disappointing."

That board opposed the expansion, saying it would be detrimental to a planned nursing home expansion and the construction of an adult living complex.

Leigh said the addition, which is under construction, will be completed. "We're way to far along (to quit)," he said. "We went full speed and there's no way we're going to stop it at this point."

However, board members will "work with (city) council members to convince them their original decision wasn't right," Leigh said.

Even if further appeals are not forthcoming, it will be at least a year before the landfill expansion is ready, Van Weelden said.

The company must first complete studies and testing at the proposed expansion site, work which stopped with the Pollution Control Board decision. The company must also file an application with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Van Weelden said approval for the expansion would allow the company to recall several laidoff workers. "Our work force has been as high as 32," he said. "Now it's six or seven."

Police News

Jeff T. Nyc, 634 W. Maple, reported Wednesday that someone pried open the front door of his residence.

Edye Brookwalter, 312 W. Chestnut, reported Wednesday that someone took a Santa Claus yard ornament from her yard.

Wanda J. Kitchens, 919 W. Penn, reported Thursday that someone removed a microwave oven and stereo with two speakers from her residence.

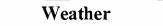
No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:46 a.m. Thursday, 200 yards south of Birkey's Farm Store on Route 1.A 1987 Chevrolet van, driven by Lonnie T. Bonebright, 2121 N. Gilbert, Danville, was northbound and began to pass a 1986 Pontiac driven by Jamés E. Mitchell, Jr. 1216-N. Gilbert, Danville. Icy roads caused Bonebright to reportedly lose control of his van.



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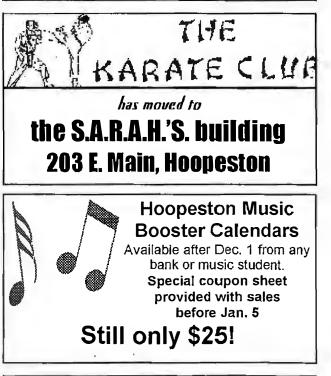
Admitted: Dorothy Swanson, Paxton; Thelma McCray, Wendy Thompson and Waneta Lawson, all of Hoopeston; June Timm, Milford.

Discharged: none.



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