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- CARE planned to continue the landfill expansion fight
- A former Hoopeston resident decided to run for mayor of Carbondale
- Police nabbed a local burglary suspect

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## Landfill fight heads to Appellate Court - again

A group opposed to the proposed expansion of Hoopeston's landfill want to go before the Fourth Appellate Court again.

Attorney Richard Doyle Thursday night told a meeting of Citizens Against Ruining the Environment (C.A.R.E.) that opponents are petitioning the court to rehear the case.

The court decided last month to remand the issue back to the Hoopeston city council for clarification.

Doyle called the court's decision to remand "a situation where they had their minds made up and worked their way backwards," saying judges thought "if the city wants to do it, why are we standing in their way."

The court is not on a time frame to decide to rehear the case, but will probably reach a decision within two months.

If the court decides not to rehear, Doyle said a petition will be filed with the state Supreme Court asking them to hear the matter.

Opponents are fighting the proposed 120-acre expansion on a second front, as well.

Doyle and Terry Forshier, owner of the Hoope-

ston Century 21 office, urged opponents to find candidates to run against aldermanic incumbents in the April 3 election.

"I've never been one whose a favorite of one-issue campaigns," Doyle said, "but there isn't another issue, including the cat issue, that is vital to our growth and survival."

Forshier echoed those sentiments. "We don't have near the money the people with the landfill have," he said. "We can't out-wait them and we can't outspend them. We probably can't out-legalese them, either, but we've got the vote."

Ward coordinators were named to unify the voting effort. They are: Mary Ann Ward, Ward 4; Faye Mott, Ward 3; Sally Stipp, Ward 2; and Freda Schubach, Ward 1.

Opponents will also circulate petitions requesting an advisory referendum be placed on the April 3 ballot.

To put the issue before the people, ten percent of Hoopeston's approximate 2,523 registered voters must sign petitions. Opponents hope to get 350 signatures by a Jan. 13 deadline "in case of problems or mistakes."

## Smoke detector law deemed burning issue by city officials

A burning pizza may result in encouraged compliance with the state's smoke detector law.

The city's fire committee met Thursday to discuss how to increase local compliance with the law requiring smoke detectors in all occupied residences.

Landlords are responsible for purchasing and installing detectors in their rental properties.

The meeting was prompted by a Dec. 30 incident at an apartment building at 202 N. Market St.

A tenant in the building burned a pizza. Smoke from the burned pizza was sucked through the building's heating system, entering all the apartments in the building, said fire chief Chuck Fen-

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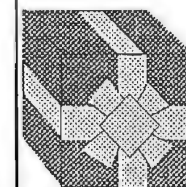
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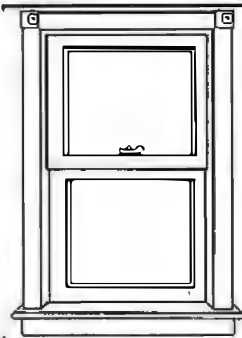


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## Police News



Becky Martinez, of 715 N. Third St., reported Wednesday that someone took a savings account book from her purse.

Dick Knoll, 916 W. Penn, reported that someone tried to enter his residence by breaking the

**Detector** continued from other side wick.

When firemen responded to the call, they learned none of the apartments was equipped with smoke detectors, Fenwick said, adding the incident is not an isolated one.

"I'm sure many of these property owners are aware and decide not to spend the money," he said. "I don't think these people realize what they're opening themselves up to. Everyone's aware of the litigation-happy society we're in."

Fenwick, and Drew Allen, fire committee chairman, also questioned the city's liability if firemen responded to a call at a residence with no detectors, then were later called to the same place. "They could say, 'The firemen were here a month ago and they knew there weren't any smoke detectors,'" Fenwick said.

Officials are concerned not only with the legal liability of not enforcing the law, but the moral aspect as well. "I think we'd be morally negligent if we didn't do something," Allen said.

Mayor Bob Ault said the city cannot enforce a state law, but suggested an ordinance modeling the state law be drafted, setting a fine for those who do not comply.

Under the proposed ordinance, violators would receive a letter from the city attorney, specifying an as-yet undetermined time to rectify the violation, followed by a fine.

Firemen could check up on violators to make sure detectors had been installed.

Fenwick said statistics on the number of homes without detectors is not available. "We haven't been keeping track," he said. "After this meeting, hopefully, we'll start keeping those statistics."

front door lock.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:50 a.m. Thursday in the McDonald's parking lot, Routes 1 and 9. Mark E. Anderson, Elkhart, IL., backed into a 1977 GMC truck driven by Donald W. Pickett, 427 W. Maple.

## Obituaries

**BRICKEY** - Bernice N. Brickey, 84, of Rankin, died at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1995, at Carle Arbours, Savoy. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ford-Baier Funeral Home, Paxton. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carle Hospice program or Rankin Library.

**REESE** - James L. Reese, 81, of Rossville, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1995, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Morrison Funeral Home, Bismarck. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery north of Alvin. Visitation will be 9-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Jan. 4, 1995

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** James Bailey and Mary Forshier, both of Hoopeston.

## Weather



Winter storm watch today. Ninety percent chance of snow, possibly heavy. High near 30. Tonight, snow continuing. Low in the low 20s. Tomorrow, morning snow showers, then clearing. High and low near 25. Sunday, variably cloudy. High near 35, low near 15.

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