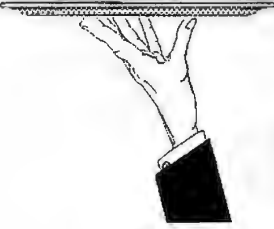


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Anonymous letter sent to pro-landfill aldermen

The proposed expansion of the Hoopeston landfill has generated much mail for Hoopeston officials.

But a recent missive has some officials concerned and angry.

An anonymous, typewritten note advised aldermen Odell Crabtree, Mark Drollinger, Lloyd Blackwell and Drew Allen, along with Mayor Bob Ault to "vote no on the landfill. We know where you live!!!!!!!!!!!"

Crabtree, Allen and Ault voted in favor of the proposed 120-acre expansion in 1993. However, Bill Goodwine and Susan Comstock, who also voted for the expansion, have not received letters.

Drollinger and Blackwell were appointed to the council after the vote.

Recipients view the note as a tacit threat and believe a member or members of Citizens Against

Ruining the Environment (CARE) are behind it.

"These days, you can't be too careful," Allen said. "As far as I'm concerned, this group put away the Nerf ball and are playing hardball. I don't know for sure that it was anybody in CARE, but it says 'we.'"

"I'm not going to be intimidated," he said. "I don't take kindly to that. I don't make decisions based on having my house threatened or my family harmed. I'm going to base it on what's right. I took an oath to the community."

Blackwell called the note a "cheap shot," while Drollinger expressed surprise he received a copy since he did not vote originally.

"If they're trying to get our true opinions and reach our hearts and minds, they're going about it the wrong way," he said.

See **LETTER** on other side

Superstitions not abundant for residents on Friday the 13th

It may be Friday the 13th, but for many, that's just another day.

A survey of Hoopeston residents found many are not superstitious about what is normally considered an unlucky day.

"I'm not superstitious at all," said Joanne McElhane, a sentiment echoed by Jim Culbert and the Rev. Wes Hulstedt.

Hulstedt said that while he's not superstitious, for those who are, hanging all your socks on a clothesline is a good way to ward off bad luck.

Members of the Hoopeston police department seem to be more superstitious than many. Dispatchers Brenda Gaither and Judi Pierce both said

they are wary of black cats and will make an X on the windshield of their cars if one crosses their paths while driving.


Police chief Orval Kaag said if he sees a black cat while driving, he turns around and goes the other way. He also does not walk under ladders.

Gaither added that she puts pieces of a broken mirror in the Bible to avert bad luck.

At the Grant Township office, Jeanine Bertsch said accidents happen on Friday the 13th. "I don't go anywhere as a rule," she said.


Bertsch's colleague, Joyce Dukes, considers the 13th lucky. "My son was born on that day," she said.

Dave,
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Police News 

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:33 a.m. Thursday to a fire at L&M Lunch, 307 E. Main. The fire was contained to the basement and did not damage the restaurant.


Court dispositions 

Dec. 15 - Jimmie Bridgeman, Hoopeston, rule to show cause, failure to pay or appear, converted to 18 hours public service work to do in Danville and \$66.20 restitution.

Diana Edwards, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, \$50, paid in full.

Tammy Fouse, Hoopeston, rule to show cause, continued to Feb. 16.

Alyson Light Gilbert, Woodland, rule to show cause hearing, paid in full, dismissed.

School menus 

Hoopeston Area grade schools

Jan. 16: NO SCHOOL. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 17: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce, milk.

Jan. 18: Ham & cheese/bun, tator tots, pineapple, pudding, milk.

Jan. 19: Chicken nuggets, french fries, peaches, macaroni salad, bread & butter, milk.

Jan. 20: Swiss steak, potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk.

Hoopeston Area Jr./Sr. High School

Jan. 16: NO SCHOOL. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 17: Sausage pizza or tuna salad/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

Jan. 18: Ham & cheese/bun or hot dog/bun, corn, tator tots, pineapple, pudding, milk.

Jan. 19: Chicken nuggets or fish/bun, french fries, peaches, macaroni salad, bread & peanut butter, milk.

Jan. 20: Swiss steak or turkey/bun, potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk.

Letter continued from other side

Ault said the note "is reaching very, very low. I take it as a threat when they say they know where I live."

Crabtree could not be reached for comment.

While officials believe the note came from a CARE member, the group's president denies a connection.

"I don't think our people would do that," said Jim Klaber. "It's not a radical group."

However, Klaber said he is "not a bit surprised" the letters were sent, calling it "another tactic to make us look bad."


Officials have turned letters over to the Hoopeston police department, which is investigating.

Police chief Orval Kaag said he considered the notes threatening, adding officers will provide extra patrols in aldermen's neighborhoods.

The letters are being investigated as intimidation and threats by mail, he said.

There is little police can do and even less the U.S. Postal Service can do, said Hoopeston postmaster Paul Ziemnisky.


The letter, with a Champaign postmark, could have been mailed in Danville, Champaign or anywhere with zip codes beginning with 618 or 619. The letter was not mailed from Hoopeston, he said, because Hoopeston's mail is postmarked in Kankakee.

In the hospital 

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 11, 1995

Admitted: Bob E. Carter, Charles Umbarger and Myrna Moore, all of Hoopeston.

Discharged: Louise Tinchler, Hoopeston.

Weather 


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