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Owner closes recycling center following health department fine

Hoopeston's only drop-off recycling center closed this week after the owner was fined by the Vermilion County Health Department.

Lowell Null, owner of M&N Pallet, was fined \$1,000 by the department "essentially for dumping and burning waste," said Doug Toole, an environmental health protection specialist at the health department.

Along with building pallets, Null has operated a drop-off recycling center at his business, at 900 S. Second Ave.

Health department officials say the fine came after numerous contacts with Null, but Null denies that claim.

"Doug Toole said he talked to me, but I didn't talk to him," Null said.

Toole, who works in the department's solid waste management division, said on May 23, he observed

the illegal burning and photographed the site. On July 19, Null was sent an administrative citation for the offense.

Additionally, Null was warned about illegal burning in 1994, Toole said, adding it was a waste fire which burned a building at site in 1995. "I was hoping it wouldn't come to this," he said.

Null has 35 days from when the administrative citation was issued to either pay the fine or appeal it to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Null said he has "argued with" the state agency but has not filed an official appeal.

Null believes the fine is unfair. "It's OK for anybody in town to burn anything they want to, but because I'm a manufacturer, I can't," he said. "I'm just going to shut down the drop-off center."

The company will continue to pick up paper and cardboard from existing commercial accounts.

East Young sewer repairs get city council approval Tuesday

Young St. residents who have put up with sewer back-up won't have to much longer.

The Hoopeston city council on Tuesday approved installing 1,200 feet of new line on East Young.

Voyles Construction of Wellington will put in the new 8-inch line, after the council, in a 6-2 vote, approved waiving bids on the \$14,500 installation.

Alderman Drew Allen, chairman of the water/sewer committee, requested bids be waived. "You're not going to get it any cheaper," he said, adding repairs constitute an emergency because existing sanitary sewer lines are backing up into residents' homes.

Aldermen Dave Borders and Mark Drollinger voted against waiving bids.

In other business, Drollinger said the street/alley committee is recommending 28 new yield signs be put

up in Hoopeston. "That should take care of the questionable intersections," he said.

A complete list will be presented at the Sept. 3 meeting.

Also, Drollinger said, the committee is considering redoing sidewalks in the downtown area.

Finally, aldermen got an update on the city's housing rehabilitation program. Eight houses have been line up, said Scott Rose, program consultant.

Of the eight, six homes have had on-site visits and work will soon be bid. Rose estimated construction will begin in September or October.

Hoopeston received a \$400,000 state grant to revamp homes of income-eligible residents.

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Danny Lile, 304 N. Seventh Ave., reported Tuesday that someone took a black 26-inch Roadmaster 12-speed bicycle from his yard.

Edith Brookwalter, 728 S. Market, reported Wednesday that someone threw a brick through the window of her 1986 Dodge while it was parked at her home.

Thomas L. Billings, 504 E. Honeywell, reported Wednesday that someone scratched the hood and both

sides of his 1992 Chevrolet truck.

The truck was parked at his home when the damage occurred.

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Last week's answer: The expression "rule of thumb" came from old English law which maintained that a man could beat his wife, so long as he did not use a stick that was thicker than his thumb.



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Briefly

Meeting set

The Hoopeston Area school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

Bowlers needed

Bowlers are needed for teams at 9 a.m. Wednesdays. For more information, contact Rosemary Reed at (217) 339-2432.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
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Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Mostly sunny, hot, humid today High in the low to mid 90s. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High near 89, low near 66.

Bowling meeting scheduled

The Thursday Night League will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 at Parkview Lanes.



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