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Landfill company seeks mayor's help for Coles County site

The parent company of Hoopeston's landfill hopes its local record will make a good impression on Coles County residents.

Allied Waste, owner of the local landfill, hopes to build a 250 acre facility in Coles County. The company has taken out full page advertisements in the Charleston Times-Courier featuring letters from officials in cities that have dealt with the company.

One of the letters, from Mayor Bob Ault, appeared in the Sept. 2 issue. Ault's letter, addressed to the Coles County clerk, states that Hoopeston has done business with Allied Waste for approximately 10 years, including 1992 when a host agreement between the two parties was signed. "We have found that Allied Waste had honored every item that was agreed upon in the host agreement," Ault's letter said, adding that in other matters between the city and Allied, "they have always been

very professional."

Alderman John Haughee disagreed with Ault's opinion on Allied Waste's track record. "Referring to pick-up of garbage, I have no quarrel with the landfill people," he said, "but I believe they violated the host agreement."

Specifically, Haughee said, one paragraph of the agreement states the company will construct a materials recycling facility (MRF) in Hoopeston.

Since the 1992 document was signed, Allied has purchased additional properties, including a Champaign facility that has a MRF. Local recycled materials are taken to that MRF, according to Paul Beezhold, Vermilion Waste manager.

Despite the proximity to another recycling facility, Haughee maintains that the company agreed to build a

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Briefly

Flu shots

The Vermilion County Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday at the Rankin Lions Club building, 113 S. Main, Rankin, and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday at Centennial Manor in Hoopeston..

Immunizations will be given to those 13 and older. Cost is \$8.50. Pneumonia vaccines will also be available for \$14.

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in the Hoopeston city hall conference room. The course is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

Tiny Tots

"Night" will be the theme of Tiny Tots at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas.

The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Fall bazaar

The Goodwine United Methodist Church will host a fall bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Rolls and coffee will be available in the morning, as will pork barbecue and other sandwiches, soups and desserts.

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facility here. "They were going to build a million dollar facility and now they don't have to," Haughee said. "The city lost jobs in that."

Haughee suggested that Allied and city officials should renegotiate the point, with the city receiving at least part of the money that would have been spent building the recycling facility. "There's a building that everybody's clamoring over," he said, referring to requests that the city demolish the White Elephant on North Market. "There are sidewalks in this town that need repair."

Haughee said his difference of opinion is a matter of judgment. "In (Ault's) judgment, he feels they're doing everything they're supposed to be doing. In my judgment, they're not," he said, adding "I'm not wanting an argument, as such."

Ault said the letter was written as a professional courtesy, not a testimonial to expanded landfills. "It's been done many times for other people," he said. "I'm not advocating what they do down there."

Other letters, written by the mayor of East Moline and the president of the Lee County Industrial Development

Association in Dixon, also praised the company.

Whether those letters will be enough to sway Coles County residents to favor a bigger landfill is not known.

According to information provided by Dave Fopay, a Times-Courier reporter, Allied Waste filed an application to site the 250-acre landfill in March 1999. That landfill would replace an existing 60 to 70-acre landfill which is expected to be full in about two years.

As in siting hearings here, Allied Waste is facing opposition in Coles County, from residents who criticize the projected 10-story height of the landfill, as well as the proposed location.

Fopay said the company's application requests the landfill be sited on a Class A stream. Also, the southwest corner of the proposed site will abut a 10-acre nature preserve, he said.

Technical and legal experts questioned the application, which was withdrawn in June, but company officials are expected to file a new application shortly, he said.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 7

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Oct. 8

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Oct. 9

Admitted: none.

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Oct. 10

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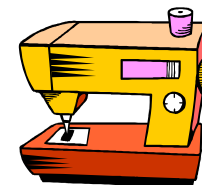
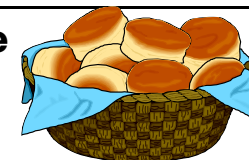
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