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Letters to the Editor



A tale of local thugs and terrorism

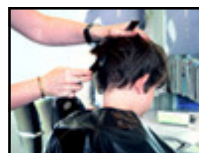
Let me relate to you a true story that unfolded in our town (recently). I will not give names of those involved as some of them are minors.

A group of thugs were at work in a local store where other honest employees worked as well. The thugs were suspected and under investigation and in the course of that investigation, the honest employees were questioned as well. One of the honest employees, a minor child, did what that child was raised to do, tell the truth when asked a question. Apparently this is totally against the local code of dishonor among thugs and terrorists. One of the supervisors who was privy to this questioning alerted one of the thugs who was under investigation and told that individual the name of the person who had answered their questions honestly. This act of betrayal and stupidity by the supervisor led to the intimidation, criminal assault, and damage to a vehicle by one of the thugs and that person's best friend perpetrated on the innocent honest employee who did the right thing. The individual who told the truth was subsequently branded a "Nark", a "Snitch", and someone you can't trust, as ironic as that sounds this is the code they like to live by.

My question to those who believe that is, who do you want to trust with your belongings, your families, your lives? I suppose in your twisted world the thieves, thugs and terrorists would be more welcome than the nice innocent person who tells the truth.

In return for being honest the child who did the right thing was threatened with death and assaulted by a thug twice his size. The thug was stopped by some Hoopeston citizens with morals, values and a sense of fairness. That thug was arrested, charged with felony battery, and trespassing along with a few other crimes I don't recall.

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While thug number one was in jail thug number two was waiting for the honest child to leave his parents vehicle in the lot at work so the thug code of dishonor could be enforced by vandalizing that vehicle. Thug number two stabbed a tire and vandalized the vehicle, an act of revenge for thug number one having to go to jail for assaulting and threatening an innocent child. Thug number two was seen stabbing the tire and arrested that night. The charges leveled were felony interference with a witness in a felony case and the damage to personal property over \$300. Both thugs were brought before a judge where our State's Attorney saw fit to reduce both felony charges to misdemeanors and turn the two terrorists loose to contemplate more revenge.

The lesson that our children and our fellow citizens learn from this is that the terrorists win. You can be bullied into silence. You can be intimidated to lie. You must turn your back on crime and immorality or join in the same. The consequences for you have been laid out for all to see this past week. You will live in fear, you will be assaulted at your place of employment, your property and that of your

family will be destroyed. Your supervisor will betray your confidence. Is this the way Hoopeston should live? Do the thugs and terrorists win?

In all of this I have seen some good. The citizens who stopped the assault, the good Samaritan who gave \$40 toward the purchase of a new tire, the rest of the supervisors who are supportive and pressed charges against the thugs as well, the citizens who came forward when they saw the vandalism to the vehicle.. These are the people who give me hope for our community. My hope is that they don't lose heart and that they don't have to be branded as Narks or Snitches and live in fear, suffer assaults and property loss because they did the right thing. I for one refuse to let the terrorists win. I am an adult who has yet to meet anyone who scares me. I am more than capable of defending myself and my family and will do so if necessary. It was my vehicle that was attacked, my family that was terrorized. That makes it personal to me and my family. These events occurred in your town, they could have been against your child, your vehicle, and your families. It should be personal to you.

Police News



Jared R. Zollar, 20, of 35863 N 2150 East Rd., was arrested after a traffic stop at 9:21 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of South First Ave. He was charged with obstructing justice, improper display of license plate, driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear.

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Ideally the thugs will see that they were stupid, that they made serious errors in judgment. They should repent, apologize and make restitution for their crimes. I have yet to see any remorse or acceptance of responsibility by that pair, just an escalation of their perverse justice. Their parents should get involved and hold them accountable, the justice system should hold them accountable and require restitution and payment for their crimes. We must elect officials who will prosecute those who terrorize us. This community must come together and show terrorists, thugs, rapists, thieves, drug dealers, child molesters and all those with no moral compass that we do indeed have a moral compass. Show them that we are a community that will not tolerate, condone or harbor those who choose to ignore morality and laws. Instead of ostracizing those who are honest, shine so bright a light on those who perpetrate crimes that they cannot stand it. They will change or leave.

If we don't stand up, we will all cower in fear and turn

Briefly

DACC orientation

New student orientation for recent high school graduates planning to attend DACC this fall will be 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9 in the Copper Penny Room in Lincoln Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend.

An Eastern Illinois University representative will discuss the Dual Admission program.

Call (217) 443-8750 to reserve a seat.

Obituaries

ROYDNICK - Raymond P. Roydnick, 90, of Milford died at 4:42 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2007 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Private burial will be held at a later date. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 93. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 71. Tomorrow, hot. High 98, low 75.

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our town over to those who hold honest people hostage to terrorist threats and bully us into letting them steal our lives, our families and our community. God bless America, forgive those who repent and judge those who won't!

Tim George
Hoopeston

Think about pets in parked cars

I'm voicing my gripe about unthinking people who leave their dogs in their cars with windows cracked just a bit. Some people I know at least leave the air conditioning on for the pet.

A certain person I have seen three different times (with a pet in the car.) If you can drive a Lexus, you can either leave your pet at home or leave the air conditioning on in your car. If I should see this again, I will call the police. That is cruel to the pet. I presume you do care for the little white dog but have pity on it and leave it home.

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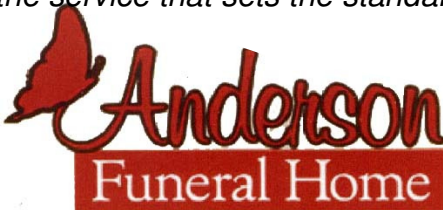
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