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Briefly

Firemen's picnic Friday-Sunday

The annual Firemen's Picnic sponsored by the Dupo Volunteer Fire Department will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6, 7 and 8 at the Fire Department grounds, North Main Street and Columbia Road in Dupo. The grounds open at 4 p.m. Friday.

"2", a seven-piece top 40 band featuring local musician Terry Kanewurf, will perform Friday and Saturday nights. "Quarter Moon", a country swing-top 40 band, will close the picnic Sunday evening.

Food is the order of the day with hot dogs, bratwursts, fish sandwiches and plates, barbecue sandwiches and plates, soda and beer.

Carnival rides for kid's of all ages and carnival "games of chance" will be set up along the midway. Tickets will be sold at the picnic.

Members of the Fire Department Ambulance Service will be available each day with free blood pressure checks. They will also be giving away free coloring books and stickers for the kid's and safety and poison control information for mom and dad.

The parade steps off from the Fire Station at 1 p.m. Sunday. Marching bands, the Shriner's and local groups will be represented. The picnic closes at 10:30 p.m. Sunday evening.

IEPA to deny waste permit

Monsanto has 45 days to comment on situation

By Jeffrey Peyton
Staff writer

SAUGET — Citing 23 pages of detailed deficiencies, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has issued an intent to deny Monsanto Chemicals a permit to store hazardous wastes on site.

Monsanto's application for permits under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments received a draft denial from IEPA officials Thursday because the application was incomplete, according to Mara McGinnis, IEPA public involvement coordinator.

"By law, RCRA applications have to be reviewed in a specific amount of time," McGinnis said. "In Monsanto's case, we ran out of time with an incomplete application. We had no choice but to issue a draft denial."

Monsanto needs an RCRA permit in order to store 400,000 gallons of hazardous wastes in an on-site storage facility, and another 20,000 gallons of waste in three storage tanks.

McGinnis said a draft denial gives Monsanto — and all interested parties — 45 days to comment on the situation.

At the end of that period, a public hearing could be held to determine the outcome.

"During the comment period, Monsanto can submit comments which could, in effect, complete their application," McGinnis said. "We would then start the process over again."

The process IEPA takes is a long one, designed to insure that every detail is accounted for.

McGinnis said IEPA first examines an application for thoroughness. If the application is complete, it goes through a technical inspection. Once again, IEPA has the opportunity to issue a draft denial if the application does not meet technical specifications.

Once a complete application meets technical standards, IEPA can issue an RCRA permit.

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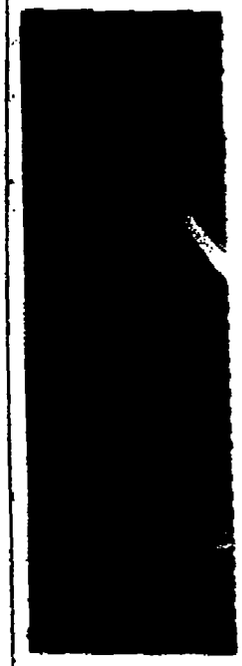
12-year sentence in man's abduction



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pity," Hines said. "This is a man who had a choice to live life in peace or in crime, and he chose crime. I believe this was just."

In a victim impact statement Hines sent to Aguirre, he wrote that Williams should be given a stiff penalty because he did not show any regret, remorse or acknowledgment of the crime during the trial.

"I didn't think I would make it out alive and I am grateful that I did. My experience, or personal ordeal, is one I would not wish on my greatest enemy. It was that horrifying," he said.

Assistant State's Attorney Judy Dalan argued for a sentence in the 20-year range. She said Williams had driven around with Hines in the car for what Hines thought were the last 30 minutes of his life.

Williams also was on 30 months of probation for a Chicago drug offense when the armed client.

Lopinot said he felt the judge should have allowed the jury to be informed that Williams' co-defendant had been acquitted and that a prior trial against Williams had ended in mistrial.

Lopinot also alleged that the state's attorney had systematically excluded blacks from the jury and that the judge did not call a mistrial after a juror apparently talked to police officers involved in the case investigation.

Both Williams and Campbell are black; Hines is white.

Aguirre denied the motion, saying that two blacks were on the jury and that the juror in question had been replaced by the first alternate.

"I believe the trial was a relatively clean one," Aguirre said. "I don't know what else I could do if a juror doesn't follow instructions of the court."

•Denial

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"The IEPA is not beating on Monsanto or anything," McGinnis said. "We just ran out of time and didn't have enough information to move on to the next step.

"The ball's in Monsanto's court now," McGinnis said. "If we get no new information, we'll have no choice but to deny their application."

Keith Miller, Monsanto's general superintendent for environmental and government affairs, told the *Journal* he was surprised at receiving IEPA's intent to deny Monsanto's RCRA permit.

"We submitted our application in June 1985, and we've been working closely with IEPA ever since," Miller said. "In June of this year, we submitted four volumes of information, and we are continually trying to refine the documents to meet their requirements.

"We felt like, and this is their words, we were on track," Miller said. "It was a bit of a surprise to find out they're intending to deny the permit. I feel like we've been a little blindsided."

Miller said the situation was serious, but Monsanto is going to do everything necessary to eventually obtain an RCRA permit.

"This is by no means the end," Miller said. "It's just one more step in a very long process."

Interested citizens may submit written comments on IEPA's decision by writing to McGinnis at IEPA, Government and Community Affairs, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Ill. 62794-9276.

All comments and written requests for a public hearing must be received by Oct. 14. Public notice will be issued at least 45 days prior to any hearing.

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