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Rossville trustees to get tough on illegal burning in village

ROSSVILLE—Complaints about improper burning will lead to more stringent enforcement of burning regulations here.

Village officials received "rather numerous complaints" of residents burning after hours, said Mayor Merv Smith at Monday's village board meeting. Complaints were also received concerning residents burning garbage and other outlawed materials.

According to village ordinance, residents may burn landscape waste and non-toxic items from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Burning of garbage, household refuse and most other substances is banned, Smith said.

Burning is limited to private property and can-
See **BURNING** on other side

Local drug store to participate in nationwide protest

A local pharmacy is among drug stores across the country protesting having to swallow a bitter pill.

Weber's Drug Store will participate in a nationwide protest, beginning at noon Wednesday, aimed at curtailing insurance company interference in the workings of local pharmacies.

The protest, sponsored by the National Association of Retail Druggists, will include dimming lights and darkening windows. The goal is to draw attention to the plight of small drug stores, said Weber's owner, Roger Ball, R.Ph.

Insurance companies sign contracts with major pharmacies, allowing insureds to purchase drugs for a low co-payment, usually \$5 or \$10, Ball

Hoopeston man killed in falling tree incident

A Hoopeston man died Monday evening after he was struck by a falling tree.

Morris Riley, 72, of 838 E. McCracken, was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after 7 p.m., said Sgt. Steve Bane of the Hoopeston Police Department.

Bane said two men, Tom Wininger and Billy Kirts, were cutting a tree at the Gerald McNamara residence at 727 E. Elm.

Mr. Riley bent to examine the tree and did not heed warnings from the men to leave, Bane said. The tree fell the wrong way, striking Mr. Riley, he said.

Bane estimated the tree to be 2 1/2 feet in diameter.

said.

Insurance company customers use the selected pharmacies and pay low prices or use a non-selected pharmacy and pay significantly more for prescriptions.

The practice is unfair, Ball said, because small stores are not chosen by insurance companies. And, he added, owners of small stores are more likely to provide 24-hour service than major chains. "They're more concerned with cost, not care," Ball said. "what's going to happen if there's a call in the middle of the night and nobody's home?"

Another complaint is that insurance companies
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not be done on asphalted streets, according to the ordinance.

A copy of the ordinance will be sent with next month's water bills, Smith said.

In related action, trustees heard from resident Judy Teran about garbage at 414 E. Attica. "We're not talking about a few weeds," Teran said. "It's filth." The property has bags of garbage, rotting food and a cat carcass, she said.

Trustee Charles Cornell, chairman of the village's health/safety committee, and police chief Paul Dewitt will investigate the complaint Tuesday.

In other business, trustees:

□ approved spending no more than \$3,500 on a 1979 Chevrolet truck for the village. Officials

rejected three bids for new trucks in favor of purchasing the used vehicle from Gene Roach.

□ discontinued cigarette licensing in the village. Last month, trustees straightened out a discrepancy in the license fee, setting it at \$25 quarterly.

However, officials received complaints from at least one licensee complained about the fee, and another will discontinue selling cigarettes, in part, because of the fee.

Only four businesses in Rossville are affected by the license, Smith said.

Trustees Jon Witvoet and Mick Braddock abstained, Witvoet because he "does not have an opinion," and Braddock because he was unsure if it is "negative revenue."

Protest continued from other side

often serve as managed care consultants and often recommend drugs other than those prescribed by physicians, Ball said. The substitutions are not always generic, but may contain a different chemical than the prescribed drug, he said. "Your doctor is trying to decide what the most therapeutic regimen for you is and they're basing decision on cost," he said.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Sept. 14, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Jenn Dixon and Debbie Clingenpeel, Hoopeston.

Sept. 15, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Sept. 16, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Guadalupe Palomo, Hoopeston.

Sept. 17, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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