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Rossville officials to work with factory on grease problem

ROSSVILLE—Officials want to work with a local industry to prevent what could be a costly problem.

Grease coming from the local Con Agra plant has been found on rocks at the sewer plant and in the number one manhole, said Mayor Terry Prillaman. If allowed to continue, the grease could clog the village sewer system and create an "insurmountable cost" for the village which is already strapped for funds.

The last time the village cleaned grease from the sewer system, the cost was \$58,000 to \$60,000, Prillaman said. "We have to work with the industry in our community but they have to work with us," he said. "We can't afford to fix it if it becomes a problem."

In other business, Trustee Richard Birkey reported that a recent water problem at Merita's Family Restaurant was not caused by the village. The problem was traced to a soft drink machine in the restaurant which is expected to be fixed soon, Birkey said.

In unrelated matters, the board:

- learned the CSX Railroad wants to install safety gates at the Henderson St. crossing. The village may have to move a gas line or perhaps put in a curb, which might be reimbursed by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Any work on the crossing is at least six months away.

- heard from Trustee Kay Ritter that work on the 2002-03 budget will begin soon. Prillaman asked committee chairmen to shift as many expenses as possible into individual funds rather than putting them in the general fund, which is more than \$180,000 in the red. He also asked trustees to limit expenses. "The economy is not good," he said. "We need to hold the line."

- approved hiring Karen Wall of Manion, Devens, McFetridge & Spiros, Ltd., as the village attorney.

- heard from Trustee Bob Merritt that gas rates for the month will remain at 83 cents per therm.

- learned the fire district and residents are still trying to

work out a compromise on a new fire station.

- approved an intergovernmental agreement with Ross Township that would allow the township to build a new storage building on village property. Details of the agreement will be worked out later.

Rossville village board, police chief honor long-time employee

ROSSVILLE—Village board members and Police Chief Danny Danner paid tribute to a long-time village employee at Monday's village board meeting.

Santos "Romie" Romero was honored for his work with the village, which began in the early 1970s.

Mayor Terry Prillaman said he hired Romero under the former CETA program. From there, Romero worked his way up to superintendent where "he did a superb job," Prillaman said. Romero also worked as a police officer for the village and later as an auxiliary officer. "Whatever was needed from Mr. Romero was received," Prillaman said.

Danner thanked Romero for helping him when he first entered police work. "When I first started law enforcement, you got a lot of phone calls in the night," he said. "Thank you."

Romero thanked the board and Danner for the honor, telling Prillaman "I loved working under you."

After Romero left the meeting, Prillaman continued to praise him. "That's one dedicated individual that just left here," he said. "I wish I had a dozen more just like him."

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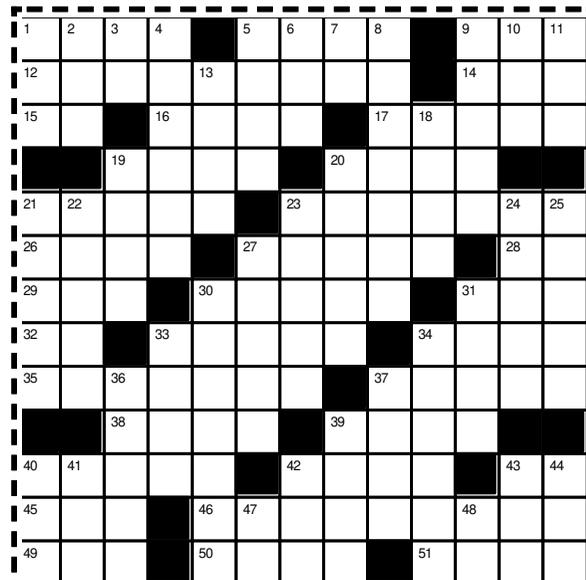
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Briefly

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's edition that Tony Gress won the Budweiser bowling tournament. Gress came in second.

Library to be closed

The Hoopeston Public Library will be closed during the day Wednesday due to construction. It is expected to open at approximately 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., but patrons should call the library at (217) 283-6711 to make sure it is open.

Sweetheart Banquet

The 11th annual senior citizen Sweetheart Banquet will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 in the Hoopeston Area High School gym.

The event is sponsored by the high school Drama Department, S.A.A.D., Authors' Society and Student Council.

Hoopeston Area senior citizens who wish to attend should make reservations by Feb. 4 at (217) 283-6668.

Across

1. Fishing vessel
5. Display
9. Beseech
12. Lay it ____, be frank: 3 words
14. Before: poetic
15. You and I
16. Sudden attack
17. Sleep fantasy
19. Party-giver
20. Dismounted
21. Exhausted
23. Bloom; flower
26. Ripped
27. Timing device
28. '___ Cucaracha'
29. Wondrous feat
30. Heavy board
31. Illuminated
32. 'Let ___ Call You Sweetheart'
33. Stood up
34. Stone-Age home
35. Object strongly to
37. Foundations
38. Roam around
39. Stronghold
40. Blaze
42. A Great Lake
43. In case
45. Rodent

46. Short book
49. Lyric poem
50. Shade-giver
51. Flower of love

Down

1. Hair ribbon
2. Dollar bill
3. ___ once, now!
4. Royal seat
5. Long, thin cut
6. Concealed
7. TV-knob word
8. Married state
9. Edible roots
10. Time period
11. Precious jewel
13. Orient
18. Hazard
19. In this place
20. By oneself
21. Postal seal
22. Great force
23. Explosion
24. Shade of green
25. Spouses
27. Nearby
30. Stop (from happening)
31. Endure
33. Powerful particle
34. Profession
36. Speak formally
37. Cook in bubbling water

Police News



A 41-year-old Milford man reported Monday that someone punctured a tire on his vehicle and keyed the side of it while the vehicle was parked at John Greer Grade School.

Jim Klaber of Hoopeston Foods, 215 W. Washington, reported Monday that someone broke the back window of the cab of a John Deer tractor while it was left a lone for a few minutes.

Weather



Cloudy, chance of light rain today and early tonight. High 48, low 30. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 35, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

39. Gratis
40. To and ___
41. Young boy
42. Adam's mate

43. Possessive pronoun
44. M.D.'s charge
47. Rain ___ shine
48. As far as

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