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## Rossville trustees expect heat for suggested burning ban

ROSSVILLE—Trustees expect some heat if they pass a proposed ordinance to ban most burning in the village.

The board discussed banning all burning except landscape waste at Monday's regular meeting.

Currently, residents may burn yard waste and paper but the burning of paper products is "something the village has tolerated but it's against state law," said Mayor Terry Prillaman.

Resident Gene Hughes said enforcing an ordinance that allows paper burning is "an impossible enforcement matter" and urged trustees to pass the ban. Doing so would make the village more appealing and might result in people moving to Rossville, he said. "People won't move out because they can't burn but some might not move in because you can burn," he said.

Prillaman agreed, saying he knew of one person who did not buy a house because Rossville allows burning.

Prillaman cited the burning of plastics as a cause of carcinogens in the air. "Rossville's got one of the highest cancer levels in Vermilion County," he said.

Aside from keeping the air clean, getting rid of burning would eliminate unsightly burn barrels and would help keep alleys in better shape for longer periods.

Hughes estimated that 70 percent of homes in Rossville have burn barrels, a statement Trustee Richard Queen agreed with. Queen said when he moved back to Rossville, several people offered him burn barrels for his property.

Prillaman said Monday's handling of the issue was discussion, not the passing of an ordinance, but said he would like to see a law passed. "For 20 years, I've been a proponent of getting rid of the burning," he said. The question, he continued, will be whether trustees can

stand up to the heat that will follow a ban. "Can you trustees stand up to it when they start hammering you," he asked.

In unrelated discussion, the board again talked of the need to raise water rates. Discussion came after the board talked with Jonathan Borgeers of Sodemann and Associates and John Bowersmith, coordinator for the Illinois Community Action Association's rural Community Assistance Program. The men attended the meeting to discuss state grants for design and construction to the water treatment plant to allow it to remove more arsenic so the village water supply meets new, lower state standards.

Grants are available to help municipalities plan and build treatment plants that meet the new standards. Grants have a maximum of \$200,000 for design and \$400,000 for construction. However, Bowersmith said less and less money is available and more communities are applying.

To be considered for a grant, village officials expect water rates to rise. Queen said currently a resident who uses 5,000 gallons pays \$27 per month. According to a consultant, that resident should pay \$35-\$45

## Police News



**It was reported Monday** that someone wrote on a 2000 Ford box van with a black marker while the van was parked Rent Way, 208 E. Main.

**Earl L. Irvin**, 41, of 725 W. Main was arrested at 6:55 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of West Main. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 29-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Irvin pushed her.

Irvin was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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## Briefly

### Senior/Parent Night

Kay Brown, Hoopeston Area High School guidance counselor, will hold Senior/Parent Information Night from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. She will present information on colleges, financial aid, scholarships, time lines and other topics for seniors who will attend college next year.

### Baked goods needed

Residents are being asked to donate cakes and pies for a benefit to be held Saturday.

The benefit, in memory of David Warf, will be held from 1 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday at Ruby Nell's. The event will feature live auctions all day, a silent auction, 50/50 drawings, grab bags and cake walk. Family-oriented activities are scheduled from 1-5 p.m. and Tunes-N-Transit DJ Service from 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

To donate cakes and pies, please take them to Ruby Nell's from 11 a.m. to noon or to have them picked up, call Loni Gress, 283-9310.

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## Church members witness hurricane damage first-hand delivering supplies to Alabama

By Cathy Douglass  
Special to Just the Facts

It took less than 10 days from the first mention of "Let's load a truck" to the delivery of a truckload of aid to Dauphin Island, Ala., last week.

The Rossville United Methodist Church contacted the other churches in Rossville and all the United Methodist Churches in the Little Jordan Cluster (Hoopeston, Milford, Cissna Park, Rankin, Bismarck, Wellington, Goodwine, and Stockland) for donations of furniture, clothes, water, toiletries, and any items that could be of use on the hurricane ravaged island just off the coast of Mobile. The response was amazing.

Trucks and trailers were offered for use (Bob Ray's tractor pulled a trailer donated by Ravens Trucking); drivers volunteered; (Bob Ray and Dale McCalla drove but others wanted to go too); money poured in for expenses (over \$2700 was collected); and the stuff came by truck and car. More than 50 people showed up on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11 to load, sort, and organize the donations. From first graders to older advice-givers, everyone helped.

After three hours, the truck was not quite full, but more money had been collected than was needed for expenses. Ladies went shopping--they bought furniture in Rossville, but the truck still needed more. They contacted the owners of Stebbins Furniture in Hoopeston who opened their store. The semi arrived outside Stebbins and with more donations from them and purchases with the donated money, the truck was full to the back!

### Obituaries

**KIRTS**—Thomas "T.K." Kirts, 81, of Hoopeston died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Private funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Rosary at 7:45 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the nursing home, Carle Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.



**An oil rig was blown 60 miles during Hurricane Katrina, landing at the Dauphin Island, Ala., shore.**

Ray and McCalla left the Rossville United Methodist Church parking lot Sunday night and arrived around 10 a.m. Monday at the Dauphin Island United Methodist Church to a grateful group of people who immediately unloaded the truck and reversed the Rossville scenario. They lined the furniture up in the church yard and people came with trucks and trailers to take it to their damaged homes. Ladies spread the clothes and supplies out inside the church so people could take what they needed.

Ray's niece, Lisa, took him and McCalla on a tour of the island. They saw everything from complete devastation to damaged homes to an oil rig that was blown from 60 miles out in the ocean to the Dauphin Island shore. Everywhere they found people with teary eyes and grateful hearts for the caring people in

### Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 63. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 86, low 60.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-

northern Vermilion County.

The motto of the United Methodist Church "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" is displayed in the churches here. It was also proudly displayed on the marquee at the Dauphin Island church. Under the motto were the words "People Making a Difference." That about says it all. Thanks to all the people who helped!

### New Books at the Library



#### Non-fiction

Boredom Blasters by Helaine Becker

Encyclopedia of Aquarium and Pond Fish by David Alderton

The Loathsome Dragon by David Wiesner

### Classifieds

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