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Rossville village board bans all but landscape waste burning

ROSSVILLE—In a move designed to make the village more appealing to new residents, the Rossville Village Board has burned banning everything but landscape waste.

In a 5-1 vote, the board voted Monday night to ban burning paper - the only other substance that was allowed to be burned - as an amendment to the existing ordinance on burning.

Under the new rule, which becomes effective Nov. 15, only landscape waste, including leaves, branches and grass clippings, may be burned. Those items must be burned in the open, however, because the amendment also bans burn barrels in the village.

Before the vote, two residents spoke on the issue. Nancy Dickison, who moved to Rossville from Danville, asked the board to veto the ban, in part because Danville kept adding ordinances that took away "individual rights and freedoms more and more. I hate to see the village of Rossville following big cities and doing what they're doing," she said. "The best government is the least government. This little village doesn't need big city laws."

Speaking on the opposite side was resident Gene Hughes. "I think it's just a matter of time before someone insists, through legal action, that this be done," he said. "I don't like to give up rights but if we're going to live in a structured society, you have to have rules."

Rossville's future, he said, depends on getting new residents, including retirees from the Chicago area and the burning ban will appeal to them. Besides, he added, "you're no more than confirming that the state law already exists."

The change puts Rossville in compliance with the state's burning ban.

In voting, trustee Richard Birkey was the sole dissenting vote.

In unrelated business, residents will be paying higher gas prices this month.

Trustee Scott Sprague, gas committee chairman, said last month's cost to residents of 92 cents per therm is going up to \$1.025 per therm this month.

Mayor Terry Prillaman said prices could rise even more as the temperature drops. "I've seen projections

See ROSSVILLE on other side

Hoopeston Area parent/teacher conferences set Oct. 27, 28

Hoopeston Area schools will hold parent-teacher conferences from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 and 8 a.m.-noon Friday, Oct. 28.

Due to high numbers, parents of kindergarten-sixth grade students need to make an appointment with their child's teacher to insure time is available for their conference. Parents of students in other grades do not need to make appointments; conferences can be handled during the scheduled times without necessarily making an appointment.

Any parent or guardian who cannot arrange their

schedule to attend during the scheduled times are urged to call their child's respective school and arrange an alternate time for a conference.

No grade reports will be sent home with any student. They must be picked up by parents at their child's attendance center during the scheduled times. This applies to all students.

All students will be dismissed early on Oct. 27. Grades kindergarten-six will be dismissed at 2:05 p.m. and grades seven-12 at 2:20 p.m.

There will be no student attendance on Oct. 28.

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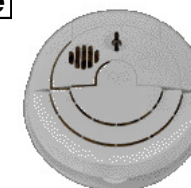
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Obituaries

LEIGH - John Paul Leigh, 76, of North Aurora, formerly of Hoopeston died at 4 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 at Alden of Waterford in Aurora. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by the Hoopeston American Legion and VFW. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rossville continued from other side

that it could run \$1.30-\$1.35 per therm," he said.

Increased cost to the village means the gas committee will review the amount charged for its budget billing program and that customers who now want to enroll in the program will be put on a six-month cycle rather than 12 months to accommodate price increases.

In unrelated action, the board:

- approved Birkey's resignation, effective immediately. Birkey cited health reasons for the resignation.
- Set trick-or-treat hours as 5:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. The event is for children ages preschool-12. Residents who wish to give treats are asked to leave their porch lights on.
- approved straightening an alley off Chicago St. near that runs to Dr. Jon Satterwhite's office. The request was made by Harold and Juanita Fritz who plan to open a restaurant and use alley access to a drive-through.
- took no action on a plan to raise water rates to be eligible for state grants for upgrades to the water treatment plant.

"Is it possible to hold off on water because we know gas is going up," asked trustee Richard Queen, water committee chairman.

Prillaman replied that rates must be increased by January. The water committee will review hikes suggested in a consulting report.

• approved declaring \$55,178 in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds as surplus. The money will be distributed to taxing bodies under an intergovernmental agreement.

• voted down a requested ordinance from Prillaman to borrow \$159,580 from the village gas fund to pay for work done readying property in the new subdivision.

MANN - Ralph E. "Chick" Mann Sr., 73, of Milford died at 11:50 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005 at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, with graveside services by the Milford and Watseka American Legion posts. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Soci-

Trustees Tom Gregory and Sprague voted for; Queen, Vic Lackey and Mark Catron against; Birkey passed on the vote.

The money would have paid for work already done and would balance out the account for the audit.

Prillaman pulled a second ordinance request for additional gas funds for the TIF project

Teens invited to see chalk artist/evangelist at Church of God

Area teens are invited to the Church of God on East Orange for a very special evangelist.

The Rev. Bob Baker of Bedford, Ind., has been holding a revival at the church this week, using his chalk art as a means of bringing God's message. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Baker's presentation will be aimed at teens.

Baker is an evangelist preacher who for the last 25 years has been portraying God's message in chalk and lights with scared background music.

These revivals are unique as Rev. Baker uses a combination of 3D effects, black lights with full lighting and sound effects.

He is one of only a few chalk artist in America that still uses this method of chalk art.

Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 73, low 46. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 64, low 52.

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ety or American Lung Association.

REED - Warren L. Reed, 85, of Henning died at 6:10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Williamsport, Ind. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery south of Rossville. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Cheneyville Church of Christ.

Police News



A 39-year-old man reported Monday that sometime in the last two weeks, his front license plate was taken from his truck, which was parked at 517 S. Dixie Hwy. The plate number is 5927OH.

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