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Rossville board of trustees approves Casey's General Store

ROSSVILLE—The familiar red and yellow of Casey's General Stores will be seen in Rossville after the village board gave the green light to the company Friday.

At a special board meeting Friday afternoon, trustees unanimously approved a recommendation made by the village zoning board Thursday, allowing Casey's to build a store on the vacant lot at Chicago and Attica.

The lot was made vacant by a February 27, 2004 fire that swept through the 100 block of South Chicago.

The new store will be 40'x 68' or 2,720 sq. ft., said Joni Dyar, real estate/store development associate. The business will include four gas pumps capable of serving eight vehicles at one time and will be open 6 a.m.-112 p.m. seven days a week. Two handicapped-accessible restrooms will be included. The average cost of a new store is \$850,000, Dyar said.

A local person is expected to be hired as store manager. "They know the town," Dyar said. "They know the
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HA phases in new math classes to meet state requirements

Hoopeston Area students will soon be taking additional courses to meet increased state requirements.

At Thursday's regular board meeting, high school principal Hank Hornbeck said students must currently have four semesters of math and six semesters of English as part of the 48 credits required for graduation.

Under new state requirements, students who graduate in 2009 and after will need six semesters of math, including algebra and geometry, and those graduating in 2012 and later will need eight semesters of English.

Hornbeck said the math curriculum is being expanded to help students meet the new requirements. Currently, algebra, algebra II, tech math, advanced math, advanced math II and geometry are offered. This year, one section of pre-algebra was added, with more sections likely next year, when applied geometry will also be offered.

Pre-algebra will not count as the algebra requirement but will be considered in the total required math. Also, he said, tech math will not be needed and will be phased out.

In other business, the board:

- Learned the board negotiating committee met with members of the Hoopeston Education Association to

begin work on a new contract. Last year, the sides agreed to a one-year deal which expires at the end of summer.

- Heard from Superintendent Mark Conolly that the district will upgrade computers as finances allow. Currently, Hoopeston Area has 454 computers, two thirds of which are Pentium 2 machines at least seven years old. Upgrades will be to Pentium 4 machines, estimated to cost \$1,000 each with needed software.

- Also heard from Conolly that state officials will allow cooperative high schools as a form of consolidation with state financial incentives. That is good news for Catlin, Oakwood and Jamaica schools, he said.

- Heard from Hornbeck about a proposed cooperative with Rossville-Alvin for middle school baseball. John Zollar, representing Rossville-Alvin, said he is "real excited. I think it can be a real positive step for all of the kids."

- Heard from a parent about her children being hit in school. She and Hornbeck are to meet to work out a solution.

- Saw students modeling new black and blue band uniforms.
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Police News


Two people were arrested after a disturbance at 6:33 p.m. Monday at Parkview Court.


Jermaine L. Hunt, 23, of 302 W. Penn. Apt. 1, was charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from a 41-year-old Hoopeston man who was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital after the incident.

Hunt was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Also arrested was 21-year-old Amber L. Compton of 33 Parkview Court. She was charged with battery for allegedly hitting Hunt during the argument.

Compton was released on \$100 cash bond.





Lunch Menus

Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, baked beans, mac & cheese, apple crisp.

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, croutons, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty, baked potato, Jello/fruit, no bake cookie.


THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit salad, cheese biscuit.

FRIDAY: Ham & cheese, chips/salsa, oranges, shape-up.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Cheeseburger/bun, pineapple juice, green beans, banana

TUESDAY: Chicken parmesan, peas & carrots, creamed



Obituaries


NEWMAN—Ralph James Newman, 84, of Hoopeston, formerly of Rankin, died at 11 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2006 at Hoopeston Nursing Home. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rankin, with rosary at 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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forms. The cost was split between the district and Music Boosters. "They were sorely needed and it's appreciated very much," band director Joe Legg told the board.

- Accepted resignations from Carl Ankenbrand as year-book sponsor and Ruth Abbot, middle school personal aide.
- Failed, by a 3-2 vote, to pass a motion that would have removed John Hardcastle as girls basketball coach. One member abstained and one, Mark Eighner, was absent.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 72, low 46. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 59, low 35.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

Classifieds

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Antique, collectible, clean household, lawnmower, toys, marbles trees auction 10 a.m. May 6, Hoopeston Civic Center. For free consignment information or to schedule an appointment to consign items, call Jon Witvoet, (217) 748-6289 or (217) 304-0442

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customers.

Along with gas and convenience store items, the Casey's will also sell doughnuts, pizzas, hamburgers and sandwiches. It will be one of approximately 1,400 stores in nine states, Dyar said.

When construction will begin was not immediately known. Dyar said the company agreed to open several stores last week and Rossville's will be put into the construction cycle. Once gas storage tanks are buried, construction takes three to four months, she added.

Casey's has hoped to build a store in the village for several years, Dyar said.

Mayor Terry Prillaman said company officials called the day after the fire, first to express sympathy for the village's loss but also to express interest in the lots if they became available.

In other action, the board approved a conditional use for Julie Rosebraugh-Brown to open a dog grooming/walking business at her home at 106 Perry. Hours will be 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday with a one-dog at a time limit for grooming.