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## Rossville trustees commit to allowing elevator expansion

ROSSVILLE—Village trustees unanimously made a commitment to the new owners of the town's elevator to allow it to expand.

In a 4-0 vote, trustees made a commitment to approve a conditional use permit for land JBS United hopes to purchase.

The company, which purchased the former Kaufman Grain, wants to buy property currently owned by Robert Danner. The property now has a conditional use permit but that will expire upon sale of the land.

Jason Risley, representing JBS United, said the company intends to put its office and scale on the new prop-

erty, moving the traffic pattern to the south side of the property, away from the street.

Along with constructing the office and scale, JBS plans to erect a 60-foot bin and is cleaning up the site, Risley said.

Mayor Terry Prillaman encouraged trustees to give the commitment Risley sought. "They're making a big investment down there - over \$1 million," he said.

Trustees Charles Cornell, Mary Beth Rhodes, Nancy Null and Dick Queen voted in favor. Trustees Bunny Tweedy and Tom Gregory were absent.

Risley invited the board to a get-acquainted meeting to be held Tuesday night at Turtle Run Country Club in Danville, where board members could meet Matt Knight who will manage the Rossville facility.

In other discussion, Fred Whitman of East Central Illinois Community Action Program updated the board on the Ridl-Thomas subdivision.

Whitman said Teresa Prim has been hired as a grant writer. She has experience in writing for the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Chicago Home Loan Fund. ECICAA hopes to receive grants of \$40,000 per home from IHDA and \$1,000 each from CHLF.

Additionally, ECICAP will receive a \$5,000-per-home development fee.

See ROSSVILLE on other side

**Residents asked to avoid area**  
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Letters to the Editor



**NFCC thanks picnic, derby donors, helpers**

North Fork Conservation Club would like to thank everyone who had a part in making our 2007 Annual Picnic & Fishing derbies a great success. The business who donated gifts for all our raffles: Casey's, Price Less (Save-U-More), Subway, Pamida, Monical's Pizza Hut, Star Chrysler, Razor's Edge, Reliable Auto, Nextel, Extreme Attitudes, Flowers & Gifts by Molly, True Value, Reads, Dependable Auto, China Wok, Pizza King, Hollywood Video, Cellular One, Rod's Home & Auto, Napa, Unger's Jewelry, Barbara & the late Ray Pickett, Curves, Logos Unlimited, Dollar General, Crown Ford, Countryside Mall, B.J.'s Pump, Car Quest, John Deere, Hoopeston Awards & Signs, Wally's Barber Shop, and Tom Slaughter, also for all the people who helped through out the day: Hershel and Phyllis Brewster, Kelsey and Suzie Hargrove, Roger and Suzie Reed, Keith Shadowens, Amanda Dipple, Ruth and Willie Schwarz, Carol Hicks, and Donnie Pickett for taking charge of the kids' fishing tournaments which was such a great success for them.

**Rossville** continued from other side

The homes are intended for families with incomes of \$32,000 or less and will include three bedrooms and two baths. Square footage, originally set at 1,300, may have to be lowered to 1,265 to keep costs down, Whitman said, adding the target per-home selling price is \$80,000.

Whitman said the agency has prepared a presentation on the property, which it has shown to others. "People who have seen it are impressed with the area," he said.

ECICAP's option on the property expires in October.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a \$46,537 bid from Daniel Ribbe Construction for street repairs. The bid is 7.5 percent over the engineering estimate and was the sole bid received. Of the total, \$22,000-\$24,000 will be paid from Tax Increment Financing funds and the rest from Motor Fuel Tax money.
- Tabled a proposed ordinance regarding towing and

The winners of our raffle were:

50/50	Todd Crose
Fishing Pole	Matt Terrell
\$100 Casey's	Bill Sohn
\$80 Star Chrysler	Ray Williams
\$25 Priceless	Garnetta Blankenship
Moon Chair	Dustin Creighton
\$25 Priceless	Garnetta Blankenship
Fishing Pole	Joe McCormick

**Kids' Tournament**

**6 - 10:**

Nathan Michael	1st
Jacob Marcum	2nd
Aubry Matherne	1st
Danny Justice Jr.	1st
Taylor Simpson	2nd
Ashley Hollen	1st
Debra Dykeman	2nd
Bebe Matherne	1st
Joey Cartwright	2nd
Freddie Pruitt	3rd
Todd Davis	4th

**Girls**

**11 - 15**

**Women's**


**Adult:**

seizing vehicles, as well as changes in the utility deposits ordinance.

- Heard from Cornell about the need to clean the area around the village pond. Cornell said he is also investigating what types of fish may be stocked in the pond.
- Will seek bids on extending Summit from Thompson to Earl Court. Village workers may do most of the work, as time permits.
- Heard from Dennis and Caroline Barragree and Judy Rayfield disputing news reports that Rossville residents welcomed Witch School to their town.

The school recently moved from Hoopeston to Rossville, at 117 S. Chicago.

**Weather**



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow.. High today 89, low 71. Tomorrow, high 86, low 63.

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

Thank you all for being a great part in this annual event. We hope no one was forgotten, if so we want you to thank you, also.

North Fork Conservation Club

**Obituaries**

**WILKEN** - Randal L. Wilken, 49, of Carlsbad, N. Mex., formerly of Watseka and Milford, died at 12:25 a.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007 at Regency Hospital, Odessa, Tex. Funeral service will be at noon Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Body Cemetery, Woodland. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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