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Rossville board considers use of golf carts for transportation

Board to consider hours, months of operation for electric carts

ROSSVILLE—Trustees are considering an ordinance that would allow residents to use electric golf carts as vehicles in the village to save on gasoline costs.

Mayor Terry Prillaman presented information to the board at its meeting Monday night.

The possible ordinance is still in the early stages, as trustees discussed necessary equipment each cart must have, including headlights, slow moving vehicle emblems on the front and back, brake lights, windshields and turn signals.

Carts could only be driven by licensed drivers and would require insurance, as well as inspection and licensing by Rossville police.

Also to be considered are what hours carts would be allowed on village streets, what months carts may be driven on streets and where carts could cross Route 1, with Illinois Department of Transportation approval.

Prillaman said the village attorney will review ordinances from other communities which allow golf carts as transportation. He said if the ordinance is approved at a later date, it would probably become effective in spring 2009.

In unrelated business, the board approved a new insurance plan for employees.

Agent Jim Crose, of Crose Insurance Agency, presented the new proposal, which will cost the village approximately $5,000 less than the existing plan, with its 40 percent increase, Prillaman said. Employees will have slightly less coverage than before, he added.

In other business, the board:

- Met Doug Blair, new manager of grain elevator owned by JBS United Feeds. Blair announced some of the plans for expanding the railroad siding, with all loading to be done on the south side of East Attica. Eventually, the old wooden structure will be demolished.

Blair announced that JBS United will hold an open house at the facility from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 4. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Approved an ordinance repealing the one-way status of an alley South Chicago to Anne St.
- Approved offering for sale, by sealed bids, a used 2004 Dodge Intrepid police car. Minimum bid was set at $3,750. Bids will be opened at the Sept. 15 regular meeting.
- Heard from Prillaman that he would like to see the downtown sidewalk replacement program start this fall.

Guest Kevin Young told the board that a building owned by Cathy Collier has a vault under the sidewalk, which may hamper the program.

A contractor will be contacted to examine the situation, Prillaman said.

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Police News

A 15-year-old Hoopeston boy was charged with battery after an incident at 3 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of North Fourth St. The boy was charged on a complaint from a 12-year-old Hoopeston boy and his guardian.

The arrested boy was released to a parent on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A 31-year-old Danville man reported at 4:48 p.m. Monday that someone damaged his property in the 100 block of South Fourth St.

Ashley L. Kinney, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an altercation at 6:59 p.m. Monday at McFerren Park. She was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 29-year-old Hoopeston man.

Kinney was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 24-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 5:04 a.m. Tuesday that someone stole her Boston terrier from Parkview Court.

New Books at the Library

Non-Fiction

Guiness World Records 2008

The Bible by Karen Armstrong

A Bethlehem Christmas Celebrating the Joyful Season by Charles R. Swindoll

Hope Pure and Simple by Max Lucado

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Christmas Night Reflections from Our Hearts to Your Home by Billy & Ruth Graham

Living With Eeyore: How to Positively Love the Negative People in Your Life by Elizabeth Baker

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The Extreme Future: the Top Trends that Will Reshape the World in the Next 20 Years by James Canton

Identical Strangers: a Memoir of Twins Separated and Reunited by Paula Bernstein

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The Well-Adjusted Child: the Social Benefits of Homeschooling by Rachel Gathercole

The Truth About Teaching: What I Wish the Veterans Had Told Me by Coleen Armstrong

The Homeschooler's Book of Lists: More Than 250 Lists, Charts, and Facts to Make Planning Easier and Faster by Sonya A. Haskins

K & W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities: 9th Ed by Marybeth Kravets

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The Alli Diet Plan: Your Essential Guide to Success with Alli by Caroline M. Apovian

How to Prevent Your Stroke by J. David Spence, M.D.

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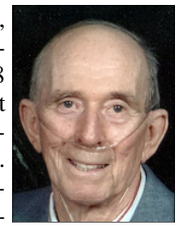

Raymond Tobeck

TOBECK - Raymond H. Tobeck, 78, of Watseka, formerly of Hoopeston, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka and will one hour before service Wednesday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5 p.m. Monday to an out-of-control grass fire in the 300 block of North Front. No injuries or damage were reported.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 87. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 60. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 87, low 62.

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

Briefly

Bowling meetings

An organization meeting for Friday Night Mixed League will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at Fast Lanes. Anyone who is interested in joining the league should attend.

For more information, call Doug at Fast Lanes, 283-6505 or Loni Gress (217) 304-8573.

Sports Booster meeting

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the high school computer lab. Everyone is welcome!

Special music

Hoopeston First United Methodist Church will welcome Emily Margevich at the 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday. Margevich will share special music. All are welcome to attend!

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