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Rossville trustees takes aim at sources of stagnant water

ROSSVILLE—"Use it or lose it" might be used as a slogan for swimming pools in the village.

At Monday night's meeting, the Rossville Village Board unanimously approved an amendment to the health and safety ordinance that adds abandoned or unused swimming pools, along with cisterns and ornamental aquatic garden excavations, to remain open, unfilled or improperly covered, allowing stagnant water to accumulate and promote the breeding of vermin.

Vermin is defined as flies, roaches, mosquitoes, rats or mice, according to the amendment.

In the same measure, it is now illegal to allow refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, clothes dryers or stoves with intact doors, locks and latches to remain in the open.

The amendment is effective immediately.

In unrelated action, trustees:

- Will explore the idea of accepting bids to have one garbage hauler for the community. The health and safety committee is researching the proposal.
- Discussed revamping storm sewers on the village's south side, where Norton's Machine Shop, the old Citgo, Merita's and Davan's get flooded after heavy rains.
- Heard from Mayor Terry Prillaman that the planned sale of 115-117 E. Attica fell through.
- Approved re-examining using a broker to purchase electricity. The board recently decided to remain with Ameren because of reports that rates were expected to drop. However, the company is now reportedly seeking a rate hike, Prillaman said.

RCO getting ducks in a row for fifth annual Drivin' the Dixie

Rossville Community Organization is getting their ducks in a row for the fifth annual Drivin' The Dixie Days June 19-20 at Rossville's Christman Park. The event is part of statewide 12 community event recognizing the history and importance of the Dixie Highway (Illinois Route 1 in Vermilion County.)

Kicking the event off will be a free classic rock concert on Friday featuring local band Standard Issue from 7-11 p.m. People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, and appetites, as the Rossville Fire Department will sell pork burgers and hot dogs.

Saturday, the Rossville Sons of the American Legion See DIXIE on other side

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Dixie continued from other side

will have a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast starting at 7 a.m. until sold out. Events during the day will include the Art on the Dixie show, a gas engine display, vendors, car show, home made pie and ice creams and a water ball fight.

The water ball fight is new this year and sponsored by the Rossville Fire District, who encourages folks to form teams to participate.

There will also be garage sales held throughout the village during the day.

The day will climax at 4:30 with the fifth annual running of the Ducks in the popular Dixie Duck Dash. Hundreds of rubber ducks will race down the North Fork of the Vermilion for cash prizes.

Those owning ducks can reenter and those wishing to either purchase a designer duck or rent a Dixie Duck may do so up to one hour before post time.

“This is always a fun annual event,” noted Pam Bell, event chairman. “We scaled back a little because of the Rossville Sesquicentennial Celebration coming up in April. We are happy to be working with our fellow Dixie

Highway communities.”

The Dixie Highway was created in 1914 as part of a tourism promotion to encourage travel between the Midwest and the Deep South. The Western Branch of the route started in downtown Chicago and followed Illinois Route 1 (the historic Hubbard Trail) south to Danville’s Redden Square (named for Rossville native and WWI Hero Curtis Redden) where it turned east on US 136 to Indiana. The original dirt road was paved in brick and

then, in 1939, replaced with concrete. An original section of the brick Dixie Highway can still be seen to the west of Route 1 north of Danville.

In Rossville, at least one surviving building was made from reclaimed Dixie Highway brick, and the original concrete mile posts were relocated to the Rossville Cemetery.

For more information contact Pam Bell at 217-748-6395 or visit rossondixie.com

Court Dispositions



April 16

Jesse Valadez, Hoopeston, to perform 15 hours public service work in lieu of \$118 fine; status hearing May 21.

James C. Roof, Hoopeston, failed to appear, case to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Rocky Daniels, Hoopeston, failed to appear; case to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Police News

Heather J. Martin 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 6:11 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of South Second Ave.

She was ticketed with driving while license suspended and was released.

A **12-year-old** Hoopeston boy was charged with battery under city ordinance on a complaint from the mother of an 11-year-old boy, who alleged the boy struck and tried to choke her son.

The boy was released to a parent on a notice to appear

in Hoopeston City Court.

Chad L. Wenrick, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 10:54 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of South First Ave. He was charged with breach of the peace constituting disorderly conduct on a complaint

from a 20-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Wenrick yelled and screamed obscenities and invectives from his apartment window at other residents of the complex.

Wenrick was released on a notice to appear after spending a night in jail.

Obituaries

BELL - Artie V. Bell, 91, of Bloomington, formerly of Rossville, died at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, June 14, 2009 at his daughter’s home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation will be 11 a.m. –1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rossville Church of Christ Youth or a charity of the donor’s choice.

HOWARD - Zachary “Boo Bear” Michael Howard, 23 months, of Hoopeston, died at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital of injuries sustained in an auto accident. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to his family.

PATTISON - Helen M. (Rickart) Pattison, 92, of Springfield, formerly of Danville and Milford, died Sat-

urday, June 13, 2009 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Milford District Library or Milford United Methodist Church.

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