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Rossville officials discuss request to attract grocery store

ROSSVILLE—Village officials will look into the possibility of attracting a grocery store to the list of village businesses.

At Monday's village board meeting, Mayor Terry Prillaman said he had been contacted by Rossville senior citizens about a need for a grocery store.

Prillaman related information on a documentary he watched on television about a Colorado town of about 1,000 people who lost their grocery store, causing people to drive 22 miles for groceries. After a blizzard, where people could not leave town for several days, residents of the community banded together, sold shares of stock and formed a company that owned/operated a grocery store.

Prillaman suggested the village obtain an estimate to rehabilitate a building at 114-118 E. Attica, which had been a grocery store years ago, then mail a survey to Rossville residents, asking their opinion on whether they would support a store and purchase shares of stock in the project. He suggested residents might be willing to volunteer their help in renovating the building.

Trustee Tia Petersen wondered if Hoopeston grocery stores might set up a delivery program to Rossville, while Trustee Dennis Barragree said he had been in

several small communities that had grocery stores with attached delis that seemed to be doing a good business.

If it appears there is enough interest in a store, a public hearing will be held on the issue.

In unrelated business, Prillaman read a memo from Rossville police concerning a November 1, 2009 fire at 210 Gilbert. According to the memo, Shayne M. Dietz, 19, of Danville, is being held on \$10,000 bond, charged with arson in connection with the fire.

A preliminary hearing on the case is scheduled for January 28.


Rossville police were assisted by the State Fire Marshall's office, Danville Police Department and Vermilion County Sheriff's Department.

In other business, the board:

- Approved an ordinance to coincide with a state law making it unlawful for an insurance company to pay a claim of more than \$5,000 on insured property with structure loss until it receives the certificate required by the village. Prillaman said this will help prevent the village from having to pay demolition costs on structures.

- Approved a \$100 donation to Rossville-Alvin Grade Schools' backpack program, which provides food for

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Police News



Johnnie Pearl Lacey, 64, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:11 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of North Seventh St. Wanted to two Champaign County warrants for fail-

HAMS spikers on road for 2

Hoopeston Area Middle School took to the road Monday and Tuesday, facing Cissna Park and Crescent City, respectively.

In Monday action, Cissna Park topped both the seventh and eighth grade teams. In seventh grade action, scores were 25-10, 25-12, while HAMS eighth graders lost 25-5, 25-12.

Karena Colunga was assist leader for the night with three.

Seventh graders won the match when they met Crescent City at Woodworth on Tuesday. The 25-10, 22-25, 23-25 win put their season record at 5-1.

Eighth grade girls saw their record go to 0-6 with losses of 25-15, 25-10.

Briefly

DVDs available

DVDs of Hoopeston Area High School's Veterans Day program are available at the school. Cost is \$5 each.

Girls softball meeting

Hoopeston Area Girls Softball will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24 in the John Greer art room.

Rossville continued from other side

some children during the weekend. It was noted that Rossville Community Organization donated \$1,500 to the program.

• Heard from Trustee Nancy Null that the downtown sidewalk program should be advertised for bids in February. Null wrote a grant for the program, for which the village received \$100,000.

• Learned a benefit will be held March 13 at Hubbard Trail Country Club for Lance Deck, who has worked for the village for more than 30 years. In October, 2009, Deck suffered a brain aneurysm and had surgery. He has been recuperating at home since then.

ure to appear/possession of drug paraphernalia, with bond of \$2,500, and violation of probation, with \$10,000 bond, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Champaign County.

Dawn R. Carswell, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:40 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of West Elm. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, she was released on \$279 cash bond.

Michael A. Abbott, 40, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 3:22 p.m. Tuesday. Wanted on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant for parole violation for possession of meth, he was taken to the Public Safety

Obituaries

FORSHIER—Robert Lee Forshier, 48, of Pearblossom, Calif., died unexpectedly Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, at home. Arrangements are pending in California. Mr. Forshier was the son of Richard and Elsie Forshier of Hoopeston.

RUST - Michelle A. Rust, 16, of Cissna Park, died at 11:14 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, at Swann Special Care Center, Champaign. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, and one hour before service Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Cissna Park Fire Department.

A fund for Deck has been set up at the Rossville Bank. • Accepted the resignation of Trustee Mary Beth Rhodes. Anyone interested in serving on the board is asked to contact Prillaman.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High 38, low 33. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 47, low 41. Sunday, chance of rain/snow. High 46, low 30.

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

Building in Danville without bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:11 a.m. Thursday at South Market and Chestnut. Police said Jordan N. Price, of Rossville, was southbound on Market when he began to brake and slid on the ice, missing an oncoming vehicle and hitting a utility pole. The pole broke, causing power lines to come down near the vehicle and causing a localized power outage.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:12 a.m. Tuesday to a fire in a closet in the 600 block of Wyman. One injury was reported but the unidentified person was not transported to the hospital.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District #11 is seeking applications for a full time personal aide for an elementary student for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Applications are available in the Superintendent's Office, 615 East Orange, Hoopeston, IL. Deadline for applications is January 29, 2010.

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