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Hoopeston Area board approves deactivation agreement

If the Nov. 2 referendum to deactivate the Rossville-Alvin High School passes, all three districts are ready.

At Thursday's Hoopeston Area board meeting, a tri-party deactivation agreement was unanimously approved by the board.

Hoopeston Area has the latest meeting of the three and was the last board to sign off on the agreement, which outlines procedures should Rossville-Alvin voters approve deactivating its high school.

Under the agreement, the deactivation's initial term will begin July 1, 2005 and end June 30, 2007. The agreement will automatically renew through June 30, 2009 unless cancelled earlier.

The agreement calls for Rossville-Alvin to pay a per-student tuition rate based on the average per capita tuition rate determined by the most current audit of Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning, the receiving school districts. For the 2004-05 year, the amount would

be \$6,071.94, based on Bismarck-Henning's rate of \$6,145.25 and Hoopeston Area's rate of \$5,998.63.

Rossville-Alvin will continue to receive state aid payment and federal reimbursements.

In unrelated discussion, the board:

- heard from board member Duane Sheppard questioned the high school's computerized lunch program, saying his son went without lunch because he was not notified that he had depleted the funds in his lunch account. After discussing possible solutions to the problem, Superintendent Mark Conolly said he would remind lunch aides to notify students when their accounts are running low.
- approved Mark Wagoner as board vice president. In a 4-3 vote, Wagoner was named over fellow member Steve Unger. Wagoner and Unger each voted for the other.

Wagoner replaces Jeff Stipp who resigned from the board in August.

Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at 283 - 5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, cards, noon; Tuesday, cards, noon; Wednesday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Oct. 25, Charlie and

Sherry Kingore; Oct. 26, Jessie Klocke (donated back); Oct. 27, Alex Hodge; Oct. 28, Nick Adsit; Oct. 29, Elizabeth Chorney.

Neighborhood Watch

The county nursing home referendum is the topic of the Nov. 1 meeting of the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch. Vermilion County Board members Gary Weinard and Russell Pollitt, of the same party but on different sides of the issue, will speak at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace.

No voter should miss this meeting.

Meetings

•The Rossville-Alvin School Board will hold two public hearings on the high school deactivation issue. The first will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Alvin Church of Christ; the second

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owner.

Police News

juvenile daughter.

accident at 12:01 a.m. Saturday at Main and Third

Police said Craig J. Vyhnanck III of Hoop-Marissa M. Torres, also of Hoopeston.

Richard C. Strawser III, 17, of 416 N. Eighth Ave., was arrested at 10:41 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of West Chestnut. Police said that while investigating another incident, Strawser was charged with possession of cannabis and illegal con-

2, was arrested at 2:45 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of South Sixth Ave. He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 51-year-old woman who reported Vargas made comments to her and her

Vargas was released on a notice to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an

eston, in a 1984 Chevrolet, was eastbound and turned left on Third, hitting a 2001 Chevrolet driven by

sumption of alcohol by a minor.

He was released on notices to appear.

A 62-vear-old Hoopeston woman reported Saturday that someone damaged the wall of an apart-

Obituaries

CLARK - Myrtle Clark, 83, of Rankin died at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services were

A 31-vear-old woman reported Wednesday

A vehicle stolen in Champaign was found

Motorcycle license plate 580805 was

No tickets or injuries were reported in an

Police said Chuck C. Whitaker of 714 E.

Gary M. Vargas, 47, of 619 W. Elm, Apt.

that her rental property in the 600 block of South

Fifth St. had been broken into. Police said the rear

door had been forced open but nothing was reported

by police at 8:51 p.m. Wednesday in the 400 block

of North Seventh St. The vehicle was towed and will

found Thursday in Rossville and returned to the

accident at 8:38 p.m. Thursday east of the railroad

Locust, Watseka, in a 1995 Jeep, was westbound

behind a 1998 Pontiac driven by Elizabeth R.

Crozier of Hoopeston. Crozier slowed to check for trains and was rear ended by Whitaker who was at

fault for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

See HOOPESTON on other side

Hoopeston continued from other side

- received a "clean" 2003-04 audit. Conolly said.
- learned petitions for the April school board election may be picked up beginning Wednesday. Board members whose terms are expiring include Sheppard and John Smiley outside the old Hoopeston-East Lynn district and Larry Jahn and Larry Lobb inside.
- discussed the citizens group which is working to pass a tax referendum adding 90 cents per \$100 to the district education fund. Russ Leigh is heading up about 100 volunteers are working on the project, said board president Larry Lobb. The committee plans to send letters to all registered voters in the district asking for sup-

at 11 a.m. Saturday at East Lynn United Methodist Church, East Lynn. Burial was in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation was Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home and one hour before services Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

LAHNE - William I. Lahne, 51, of Hoopeston, formerly of Danville, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Danville National Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Tuesday at Lakeside-Barrick Funeral Chapel, Danville.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 66. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 47. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of showers late. High 63, low 49.

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

ment building in the 200 block of East Main.

Three people were arrested on drug charges during an investigation of a possible break-in.

Jonathan I. Sisk, 18, of 301 E. Washington; Chad R. Hardison, 19, of 725 S. First Ave., and Richard C. Strawser III. 17. of 416 N. Eighth Ave., were arrested at 12:55 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of West Chestnut, charged with possession of a con-

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