
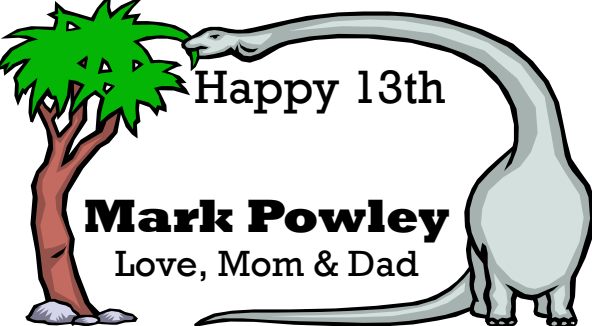


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City to rebid joint project with Illinois transportation department

Hoopeston officials hope contractors will sharpen their pencils if a joint project between the city and the Illinois Department of Transportation is rebid.

The city council voted Tuesday night to rebid a project that will put handicapped-accessible ramps on Route 9.

Five companies were sent bid requests, said Mayor Bob Ault. Of those, only one bid was received earlier this month, from Silver Brothers Construction.

That bid was approximately \$37,000, about \$14,000 higher than the estimated project cost, said Alderman Mark Drollinger, chairman of the city street/alley committee.

Although the Illinois Department of Transportation agreed to pay an increased amount, Drollinger questioned whether the city should pay \$4,000 to \$8,000 more for its share.

The city will seek bids later, closer to warm weather

and actual construction time.

In other action, the council approved paying \$5,000 of a \$35,000 administrative fee to oversee this year's housing rehabilitation grant.

The remainder will be paid through part of a grant the city received for housing rehabilitation.

The city will receive a \$230,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs; an additional \$50,000 will come from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The council also approved a plan commission recommendation for a conditional use for Sue Burt, 702 E. Main, for a one-chair beauty shop.

The only objector to the change was Norvan Spickard, 106 N. Third, who told the plan commission he has rental property in the 200 block of South Sixth that could be used for the shop.

Rossville-Alvin board approves random drug test policy

ROSSVILLE—After several months of consideration, the Rossville-Alvin school district is set to begin implementing its drug testing policy.

The policy was approved at Monday's school board meeting, said Superintendent Phil Smith.

Non-union employees will be the first group to be tested, starting in December. Administrators and clerical workers will all be tested then, followed by random monthly testing, Smith said.

That group will be followed in January by student athletes. Under the new policy, students must agree to be tested in order to participate in sports.

Positive results will be retested for accuracy. Students who are found to have drugs in their systems the first time will be banned from their sport for half the year, Smith said. A second offense will result in a one-year

ban, he added.

"We've been talking about it and talking about it and talking about and now it's in," Smith said of the policy.

Tests may eventually also be done on students in driver's education, students who drive to school, and those in extra-curricular activities.

The board also plans to negotiate random testing of teachers.

In other action, the board:

accepted a \$16,549 bid for insurance from Utica Insurance Co. The bid represents a \$9,000 savings over last year, Smith said.

extended a co-op agreement with Armstrong for football, through the 1999-2000 school year.

hired Jon Zollar as assistant high school basketball coach.

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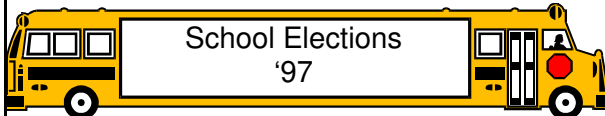
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Court Dispositions



Oct. 2: Bench Trials: Chad Pence, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95, three months court supervision.

Danny Poulson, Danville, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75.

Joaquin Romero, Danville, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75.

Diane Sullivan, Thomasboro, disobey traffic control device, nolle pros; illegal transportation, pleaded guilty, \$115, six months court supervision.

Sheelagh Taylor, Danville, speeding; nolle pros.

Erica Buchmeier, Cissna Park, failure to yield, pleaded guilty, \$95; no seat belt, nolle pros.

Briefly

Pick up dishes

Those who donated items to the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary soup and salad luncheon may pick up their dishes at the Country Terrace office.

Halloween party

The Hoopeston Jaycees will sponsor a children's Halloween party from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. The party, featuring games and fun, is open to children ages 2-10. Cost is \$2 per child.

Fall clean-up

Hoopeston street and alley workers will begin fall clean-up on Oct. 27. They will only clean up brush, yard waste, tree limbs and small cement pieces.

Trick or treat hours

Hoopeston and Rossville officials have set trick-or-treat hours for this year.

In Hoopeston, ghosts and goblins may go door-to-door from 5-9 p.m.

In Rossville, hours are 6-8 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters are urged only to go to homes where a porch light is on, said officials in both communities.

Parade scheduled

ROSSVILLE—The American Legion will have a Veterans Day parade at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 11. The parade route will be from Rossville-Alvin High School to the War Memorial.

Oct. 16: Tosha L. Piper, Hoopeston, improper backing, \$100; failure to report an accident, \$75.

Jose L. Torres Jr., Hoopeston, reckless driving; nolle pros.

Jerry Hargrove, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75, one year court supervision.,

Larry Rhodes II, Danville, rule to show cause hearing; failed to appear.

Julia Vanberbleek, Rossville, pleaded guilty; six months court supervision.

Jeanean Vogel, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$100, six months court supervision.

Selena Brewington, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty, leash

All veterans and active duty personnel are invited to participate in the parade to pay tribute especially to veterans of the Korean, Viet Nam and Desert Storm conflicts.

The public is invited for lunch at the American Legion after a service at the war memorial.

Obituaries

JOHNSON - Vera E. Johnson, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 1:39 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, 1997, at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be noon until 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston Public Library or Hoopeston Multi Purpose Agency.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Oct. 20, 1997

Admitted: Mildred Weger, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Linda McCann.

Weather



Sunny, cool today. High 45. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 48, low 26.

law, license required, \$75 and costs on each; failure to inoculate, nolle pros.

Frank Chavez, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, failure to appear, theft, rule to show cause, failure to show cause hearing, failure to pay; failed to appear.

Ricky Coffey, paid \$50 in full.

Shari A. Farris, Hoopeston, seven counts deceptive

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Kathleen F. Hargrove, 215 W. Elm, backed her 1994 Mercury into a 1988 Chevrolet driven by David L. Cannon, 229 W. Maple.

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