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R-A hesitates to say 'I do' to consolidation committee

ROSSVILLE—Bismarck-Henning is proposing, but Rossville-Alvin school officials are in no hurry to get to the altar.

At Monday's Rossville-Alvin board meeting, Superintendent Phil Smith read a letter from Bismarck-Henning superintendent Timothy Musgrave asking that the districts proceed with consolidation plans by forming a Committee of Ten, made up of representatives of all districts affected by the consolidation.

Smith said the Rossville-Alvin board showed "some reluctance to go with the Committee of Ten," the first

serious step towards consolidation. "Call it an engagement," Smith said. "You can get out, but it's in good faith. You can still not show up at the altar but..."

While Bismarck-Henning is openly courting the Rossville district, talks with Hoopeston Area are also going on, Smith said. "I don't think (Rossville-Alvin) voters will do anything until they get a choice between Hoopeston and the other one," Smith said.

In unrelated action, the board will hold a hearing at 7:15 p.m. June 15 on their intent to sell up to \$200,000 in life safety bonds.



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City bookkeeper mourned

The left front bench was empty at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The seat, normally occupied by long-time city bookkeeper Mary Lou Smith, was vacant following Mrs. Smith's death Monday.

Mrs. Smith worked for the city of Hoopeston from 1964 to 1968 in the water department, then returned in 1977 as bookkeeper. She later was named deputy city clerk.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Mayor Bob Ault asked for a moment of silence in Mrs. Smith's honor. Later, he called her a "very dedicated employee. She always had the best interests of the city at heart She will be terribly missed."

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery.

The city of Hoopeston business office will close at 1 p.m. Thursday to allow city employees to attend her funeral.

Funds raised through the sale of bonds would be used to repair both the grade school and high school buildings, Smith said.

Finally, the board turned down a request to co-op wrestling with Bismarck-Henning but approved participating in the Sangamon Valley football alliance, comprised of 20 teams in the Sangamon and ICC conferences, Smith said.

Briefly

Correction

It was reported in an ad in the Wednesday edition that Marcia's Bloomers Greenhouse is open until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The business is open until 5 p.m. on those days.

Tiny Tots

"Frogs and Crocodiles" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. This is the last program until fall, but children ages 1-4 will meet at 10:30 a.m. Fridays during the summer reading club.

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★ Police News ★

Susan Zamora, #26 Parkview Court, reported Wednesday that someone cut the left front tire on her 1984 Pontiac while it was parked at her home.

Kim Torres, 309 S. Second Ave., reported Wednesday that someone took her son's 20-inch chrome Huffy Fast Track bicycle from her garage.

⚖ Court Dispositions ⚖

May 7: Craig Dombrowski, New Lenox, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, three months court supervision.

Erica Fisher, Cissna Park, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Fred Hasbargen, Hoopeston, rule to show cause Aug. 6.

Joyce Haynes, Ambia, Ind., speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, three months court supervision.

John Hensley, Rankin, rule to show cause, to pay \$1,357 in full, total due \$1,203, paid \$75; found in contempt, continued two months.

Kerry Kupferschmidt, Chicago, speeding, ex parte judgment.

Jeremy Lile, Hoopeston, illegal squealing, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Denl Lin, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

Scott Lucas, Joliet, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, three months court supervision.

Lee Morts, Charleston, uninsured, failure to reduce speed, pleaded not guilty; bench trial.

Juan Romo, Des Plaines, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Marie Rodriguez, Hoopeston, paid \$557 in full.

Mario Rocha, Hoopeston, to pay \$657; failed to appear.

Belinda Roberts, Rankin, \$657 balance due; rule to show cause July 2.

Terry Sands, Chebanse, uninsured, no muffler; failed to appear.

John Simpson, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, three months court supervision.

Joseph Skelton, Rossville, no insurance, failure to yield, loud muffler; nolle pros.

Edward Sokolofski, Wilmette, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

Matthew Terrell, Hoopeston, paid \$55 in full.

Kevin Tyler, Hoopeston, illegal transportation, plea by mail.

LaVetta Williams, Chicago, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75.

Joshua Young, Cissna Park, too fast, no insurance, expired registration; nolle pros.

Kevin Ziebart, Columbia, KY, to pay \$75; failed to appear.

William Andrews, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, three months court supervision.

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