


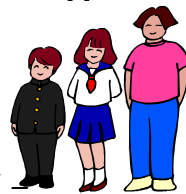
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Buildings coming down, land coming in discussed by council

Buildings going down and property coming in were on the minds of Hoopeston city council members Tuesday night.

The council received an ordinance which, if passed at the Oct. 5 meeting, will add about 12 acres into the city.

The land includes property from Dick Jones' car lot at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9 south past Hicks Gas. A second section is located between Rt. 9 and Dice between Third Ave. and Fifth Ave., said Mayor Bob Ault.

The properties, which have city services such as water and sewer, will add approximately \$600,000 to the city's assessed valuation, Ault said.

Property owners in the areas who may not want to be part of the city "will have no choice," Ault said, because surrounding properties are part of the city.

The council also discussed when the White Elephant, an abandoned building on North Market between the

Second Chance Saloon and the fire station, will be torn down.

Ault told the council the building's owner, Eddie Edwards, may take legal action against those hired to raze the building.

The people hired to demolish the building have filed bankruptcy, he added. The situation is further complicated because two of the people hired died in a car-truck accident, Ault said.

City attorney Karen Wall said the building could be considered a nuisance and owners fined under city ordinance. "That may help, it may not help," she said.

Alderman John Haughee stressed the need for action. "It really should be taken down," he said. "It's dangerous."

Teacher honored for TLC

Hoopeston Area High School teacher Marty Fry gives her students more than an education. She gives them TLC in her CNA classes.

Fry, who teaches health occupations at the school, and works with students to become certified nursing assistants, was honored Monday night by the Hoopeston Education Association as co-Teacher of the Year. The award was presented at the Community Awards banquet.

Quentin Ryder was the other teacher so honored. Fry started working at the district part time in 1974 and became a full time instructor in 1977.

For several years, she taught with a provisional vocational certificate but in 1994, Fry received a BS in career occupations from Eastern Illinois University.

Rossville tackles taxing issue

ROSSVILLE—After a three-year absence, Rossville residents will find a municipal tax on their tax bills.

The village board on Monday approved a 66 cent tax levy to pay the village portion of employees' Social Security taxes and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund costs.

The taxes will be levied in fiscal year 2000, payable in 2001, and is expected to generate \$46,700, said finance committee chairman Tom Mills.

Village residents will see an increase of approximately 66 cents per \$100 of assessed value, Mills said.

Trustees abolished the tax in 1996 because of increased gas fund revenues, Mills said. Money for the two funds then came from the general fund, which had a \$150,000 deficit last year.

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Police News



The cell phone found Sunday in the 300 block of East Main was claimed Monday by the owner.

Danny M. Salter, 18, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to yield after stopping and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident Monday.

Police said Salter, in a 1986 Chevrolet Celebrity,

stopped, then entered the intersection of East Thompson and North Seventh, where he struck a Mitsubishi Diamante driven by Trisha Willard of Rossville. Willard was southbound on Seventh.

The accident occurred at 3:34 p.m.

A resident reported at 5:27 p.m. Monday that a door

was kicked in at 424 E. Seminary.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:43 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East Penn.

Police said Randy L. Dukes of Rossville, in a 1970 Chevrolet pickup truck, was eastbound on East Main and was unable to see because of the bright sun. He hit a parked 1988 Isuzu owned by Rhoda Schull of Hoopeston.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday at West Elm and South Sixth Ave.

Police said Beverly Wallace of Hoopeston, in a 1994 Plymouth, stopped at the intersection, then turned north on Sixth Ave., hitting Betsy Clingenpeel of Hoopeston, in a 1998 Oldsmobile.

R-A board considers fingerprints for background checks

ROSSVILLE—Candidates for teaching positions may be subjected to a national crime search prior to being employed.

At Monday's meeting, the Rossville-Alvin school board discussed fingerprinting as a means of checking backgrounds, said Superintendent Phil Smith.

The idea was suggested by Illinois State Police director Terrance Gainer, Smith said. Using traditional background checks provides only limited, in-state information, or "garbage in, garbage out," he said.

Fingerprinting will not be something the board passes

without opposition, however. "The union objected to it," Smith said.

The district's attorney, based in Arlington Heights, will review the information and make a recommendation to the board.

In unrelated action, the board:

- approved the fiscal year budget, a "worst case" budget that shows red ink but which should finish in the black, Smith said.

- will hold a five-district consolidation meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at Rossville-Alvin Grade School.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots will not be held Friday, Sept. 24.

Open house planned

Carolyn Barragree, executive director of the Vermilion County Housing Authority, will be honored at an open house from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell, Hoopeston.

Barragree is leaving her position to begin a new Chris-

tian bookstore at the Village Mall in Danville. The public is invited to attend the open house and wish her well.

Junior League bowling

Sign-up for Junior League bowling will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Sept. 25 at Pla-Mor Lanes. For more information, call (217) 283-5195.

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Sept. 20

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