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Co-op school reps to move forward, R-A keeps options open

ROSSVILLE—Representatives of five area school districts want to move more quickly on establishing a cooperative high school but one of those districts is keeping its options open.

Representatives of Armstrong, Armstrong-Ellis, Bismarck, Potomac and Rossville met in Rossville Monday night to discuss a co-op high school.

And while representatives agreed to pursue getting the issue on the March ballot, Rossville-Alvin officials plan to keep lines of communication open with Hoopeston Area.

Rossville-Alvin is needed by the other districts to

make up a 500-student base, needed to meet state requirements for co-op schools, and would also be an asset to the Hoopeston Area district. "We're the prettiest girl at the prom," said Rossville-Alvin superintendent Phil Smith after the meeting, adding the district will continue talks with Hoopeston.

Rossville-Alvin school board president Dennis Price agreed, saying the board must do what is best for the district.


Price admitted he is less enthusiastic about moving
See CO-OP on other side

Worker injured on Route 1

A construction worker was injured Tuesday when he was struck by a motorist.


The accident occurred in the Rt. 1 construction area. The worker, whose name was not available at press time, was taken by Rossville ambulance to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Danville, according to unofficial reports.

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Police News


Graffiti was sprayed on a garage door in the 600 block of East Thompson. The damage was reported Monday.

A **12-year-old** boy was arrested at 3:50 p.m. Monday, charged with battery. The boy, involved in an altercation in the 300 block of South Seventh Ave., was released to his mother on a notice to appear.

A **truck lock** and valve stems on tires of two other trucks were damaged Sunday or Monday night, according to a report made Tuesday. The damage occurred in the 300 block of South Dixie Hwy.

Police reported Tuesday that a business in the 100 block of East Main was broken into early Tuesday morning.

Entry was gained through the back door. Money, a register and poker machine were taken.

A **resident of** the 200 block of East Seminary reported Tuesday that he found the front doors of his home open. Nothing appeared to be missing from the home, police said.

Co-op continued from other side

forward with plans for a co-op school because voters need more information to make an informed decision. “I’m afraid that here, if the public is not informed, it will shut this thing down forever,” Price said during the meeting. “If people don’t know what’s going on, there’s no way in the world it’s going to pass around here.”

A 1998 non-binding referendum on a combined school passed in the Rossville-Alvin district by only four votes, he said.

The co-op committee considered information on newly-constructed schools ranging in price from \$11.3 million to \$13.1 million. An additional \$1 million would be needed to purchase a site for the school, with an additional \$300,000 needed for sewer and water service, said Bismarck-Henning Superintendent Tim Musgrave.

A combination of local and state funds would be used to build a new school.

Superintendents of each of the districts will gather more detailed information on costs, including legal fees, before meeting again.

Obituaries

WILLIS – Jeanne Willis, 56, of rural Rossville, died at 9:34 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999 at St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel, Ind. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Antioch Church of Christ. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Antioch Church of Christ.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Sept. 27

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