

B I N G O

every Thursday
7 p.m.
Hoopeston American Legion
502 E. Penn



Lowell Null's Halloween Birthday Party
at the VFW
Saturday, Oct. 30
Dress up, have fun & dance to Yesterday's Country band
8:30-12:30

Biggest Italian Charm Sale in 6 months today-Friday in Global Fashions

10,000 charms regular \$2.50 each now just
\$2 each or 3 for \$5
Including laser, enamel, names, danglers, birthstones
We've got to make room for holiday styles.
Think gifts for friends, family, co-workers, secret pals
Most charms gone Saturday

Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 30
9-1
Maui Club-Costume Contest
No cover



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Deactivation goes to R-A voters after final board info session

ROSSVILLE—Dona Simpson wants better for her children than she had when it comes to education.

Simpson was one of several Rossville-Alvin residents addressing the board at the final public hearing before the Nov. 2 vote on whether the district high school should be deactivated.

Simpson graduated from Rossville-Alvin 15 years ago and thought at the time that it was a good school. "When I got to college, I realized how much I missed out on," she said. "I want better for my kids than I had. Just remember it's all about the kids."

Voters will decide Nov. 2 whether Rossville-Alvin High School should deactivate and its students tuitioned to Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning high schools. Tuesday's session was the last of five informational meetings the board held to tell voters why deactivation is necessary.



Rossville-Alvin School Board president Dennis Price makes a point Tuesday night at a public hearing on deactivating the district high school. Also pictured are front, board members Ray Rice, Craig Potter and Dale Lithgow and back, auditor Russ Leigh and superintendent Carl Sartwell.

Board president Dennis Price said the board considered other options, such as a cooperative high school, but because co-oping is considered a temporary form of reorganization, got little support from Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning.

Price and auditor Russ Leigh reviewed district finances, which show Rossville-Alvin will have a \$485,4000 deficit in its education fund. The fund is used to pay salaries and other costs of educating students. Whether the referendum passes or not, the district will still have to borrow money to pay that debt, Leigh said.

Price reviewed the tuition rate of \$6,072 per student, based on an average of Bismarck-Henning and Hoopeston Area rates, and said the district would save nearly \$450,000 over Rossville-Alvin's cost-per-pupil of \$9,957.

If the referendum passes, Price said the savings to the



Re-
Elect

Fish Fry



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Start your Christmas shopping

& let us do the driving!
Community Bank Bus Trip
Greenwood Mall, Indianapolis
Thursday, Nov. 11 \$20 per person



Re-Elect
Susan Ponder Miller
Vermilion County
Circuit Clerk
Vote November 2
Paid for by Committee To Re-Elect



Thursday is \$1 beer night at V.F.W.

Corner of Fourth Ave. & Orange, Hoopeston

PRICE-LESS FOODS

Daily Deli Specials

Monday:

Lasagna or Spaghetti \$2.99

Tuesday:

Beef or Chicken & Noodles \$2.99

Wednesday:

Meatloaf \$2.99

Thursday:

Italian Beef \$3.99

Friday:

Catfish & Cod fish
\$3.29 \$2.99

Each dinner comes with 2 sides

Choice of hot or
cold sides available

Soup of the day

Monday: Cream of Potato

Tuesday: Cream of Potato or Broccoli

Wednesday: Cream of Broccoli

Thursday: Chili

Friday: Clam Chowder

All soups \$2.99/lb.

Biscuits & Gravy

Monday-Saturday

1/2 order \$1.69 Full order \$2.89

317 S. Market, Hoopeston

(217) 283-9224

See VOTERS on other side

Voters continued from other side

district could be used to make improvements to the grade school building and course selections to younger students.

If the referendum fails, the board will have to consider cuts, including all extra-curriculars, the grade school principal and two teachers, all district aides, both libraries and vocational courses, Price said. "What needs to be said is if you vote no on the referendum, you have to vote yes on a tax increase," he said.

Leigh told the audience the district must do something. "Leaving things as they are, on June 30, 2005, I'm going to shut them down," he said. On that

Obituaries

BOHNER - Helen I. Bohner, 81, of Milford died at 2:10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford and will be 9-10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to Church Radio Ministry, Milford Ambulance Service or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 67. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 59. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 74, low 57.

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

Huge Body Jewelry Sale this week in Global Fashions

All body jewelry \$5 each. QZ, dangle, biker, plugs, tongue, titanium, large gauge.
Great Christmas gifts for your teen
Tanning Lotion 1 oz. cup just \$1
This week only
Italian Charms back

date, the district will be out of approximately \$18,000 in reserves and have no way to pay its bills. The state will not allow districts to operate under those conditions, he said.

Not all board members support the referendum. Member Craig Potter got a round of applause when he referred to himself as the "lone dissenter."

Potter is against the referendum because he said the board should have asked for a tax increase before putting deactivation on the ballot. "I think it would have been a lot easier for us to swallow if we had a referendum on the tax rate," he said.

A residents' survey last year showed residents did not favor a tax increase. The same survey showed

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:44 p.m. Tuesday to a tractor on fire in a field on Rt. 9 and 1300 E Rd., just west

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 bedroom apt. \$300/mo, \$300 deposit. Lease required. (217) 283-7698.

292-303

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Joe Watson wishes to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits, food, prayers and memorials during the tragic loss of our son and brother. A special thank you to Rob, Barb Pratt and family for being there with Joe until help arrived. Also to the Hoopeston Ambulance and Fire Dept., Dr. Garber, the ER staff at Hoopeston Hospital, Ryan Anderson, the staff at Hamilton-Orr, and Rev. Wally Waite. Also the Hooterville Iron Car Club and everyone who helped with the dinner. A special thank you to the Hoopeston Fire Dept. for the use of the station.

God Bless each of you
Tim, Donna and Jamie Watson

HELP WANTED

Part time or full time delivery, spray makers at Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert

HOUSES FOR RENT

2 bedroom house close to McFerren Park, newly remodeled. 4 car garage, basement. \$400/mo. + deposit. No pets. (217) 304-

residents wanted to retain their grade school and were evenly divided on choosing between Hoopeston and Bis-

Police News



A 37-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone took Halloween decorations from her yard in the 500 block of East Young.



Paid political ad

Do you think it's time we got tougher on meth and other crimes that destroy our communities?

Then vote

DONAHUE

for State's Attorney

Nov. 2.

3477.

2 bedroom house. Great location. Detached garage. References + deposit. No pets. (217) 283-6025 299-310
Very clean 2 bedroom house. Built-in stove, oven, dishwasher. New carpet & paint. \$250 deposit, \$425/mo. (217) 748-4287

LEGAL NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston is taking bids on a 1993 Ford ambulance in "as is" condition. The ambulance may be viewed at 415 W. Main St., Hoopeston, in alley. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2004 at City Hall. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Gail Lane, City Clerk

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

150,000 BTU Reddy Torpedo Heater. Like new. \$125. (217) 283-7921 (leave message).
Kitchen cabinets, wood grain finish; stainless steel sink; butcher block counter top. \$300 OBO. (217) 283-5072.
12' steel garage door. All installation materials included. Good condition. \$250. (217) 283-6323.
Fridigaire washer \$75; computer desk \$40; girl's 10-speed bike \$20. (217) 748-6937

VEHICLES FOR SALE

2001 Chevy Blazer LT. 4WD, loaded (including OnStar),