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Resident questions aspect of township building construction

A Hoopeston resident questioned the wisdom of using an out-of-state concrete finisher at the new township garage.

Mark Wagoner attended Tuesday afternoon's regular Grant Township Board meeting to ask why a contractor from Indiana was used to finish the garage floor. "I think that's bad business," he said.

Road Commissioner Gary Weinard explained that since the cost of the work was under \$20,000, officials did not have to seek bids. Weinard said he took project specs to four concrete companies seeking prices. Included in the four was Silver Brothers, a Hoopeston company, which did not submit a price quote by the deadline but did supply the concrete.

In fact, Weinard said, Chauncy Taylor of Taylor Concrete in Attica, Ind., was the only out-of-area contractor on the project. Dave Nelson of Hoopeston was the lead man for FBI Builders and building crew members were from Hoopeston and Rossville, he said. Local companies involved in the project included Sheridan's, Musk Plumbing and Ross Electric. When water and sewer lines are put in, Voyles Construction of Wellington is expected to do the job.

In related discussion, Weinard said he has received several compliments on the new garage building, located behind Hoopeston Area High School. Construction is expected to be completed by mid-May and an open house is being planned.

What will happen to the existing garage at 702 E. Orange is undecided. Weinard looked at the cost of moving it near the new garage, estimated to cost approximately \$10,000. Another option is to sell it. Some parties have expressed interest in purchasing it, he said.

In other action, by a 3-2 vote, trustees approved a \$100 donation towards a planter as part of Hoopeston's beautification project.

The planter project is being overseen by Hoopeston First Lady Claudia DeWitt who hopes local businesses will contribute to the cost of placing 30"x30 planters throughout the city.

Trustees Rich Thompson and Dale Lithgow voted against the contribution with Dave Ervin, Mike Eckersley and Bill Boose voting in favor. "I don't think

See TOWNSHIP on other side

Grant declares surplus property

If a local resident needs a computer monitor, desk, credenza, rolling file, office chairs or a building, Grant Township has what you're looking for.

At Tuesday's Grant Township annual meeting, officials declared the items as surplus, which means they may be sold or donated.

The list, minus the building, is the same as it was at last year's annual meeting.

In other business, township finances were reviewed and all action taken by the board of trustees during the year was ratified.

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Hoopeston boy takes second in Prairielands Pinewood Derby

Going up against nine counties and approximately 160 cars, Christopher Webb didn't lose a race until the finals of the Prairielands Council Pinewood Derby on Saturday, April 8.

The derby was held at Market Place Mall in Champaign as four tracks were running derby cars from several Cub Scout packs in the Prairieland area. Webb from Pack 118, Hoopeston, outran every car he raced, up until the final eight. He then proceeded to make it to the final four where it came down to the last race for first and second.

Dexter Lipps of Champaign and Webb had both lost only one race, and that was to each other. It then came down to the very end as it was double elimination. Webb couldn't outrun him this time, but still prevailed with second place overall. Webb had taken first place this year and last at the Pack 118 Derby in Hoopeston and decided to try his luck at the big race this year and it paid off. He hoped to win at least a few, but continued

to keep winning and then began to shoot for the final four. His second place win came even after an adjustment had to be made on the car for it to qualify.

Webb's Den Leader is Terri Hurt. He is the son of Mike and Delaine Webb.

Christopher Webb displays his second place trophy and the car raced in the Prairielands Council Pinewood Derby.

Photo contributed



Police News



The cell phone found Sunday in the 600 block of East Thompson was claimed by the owner Tuesday.

Brock C. Pennington, 16, of 410 W. Washington was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Pennington, in a 2004 Pontiac, was talking on a cell phone and struck a 2000 Buick driven by Vernon L. Laird of Rankin who was turning north onto Third Ave. from West Penn.

A **16-year-old** Hoopeston boy was arrested at 2:10 p.m. at Hoopeston Area High School. The boy was

charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 43-year-old woman and was released on a notice to appear.

Michael A. Brost, 27, of 108 E. Maple, Ambia, Ind. Was arrested at 11:29 p.m. Wednesday at West Penn and South Sixth Ave.

Brost was charged under a city ordinance for possession of cannabis and was released on a notice to appear.

Township continued from other side

tax dollars should be paying for it," Thompson said.

In other business, the board:

- Learned the annual education conference will be Nov. 12-15 in Peoria.
- Chose not to contribute to the Hoopeston Area Sports Booster golf outing.
- Will hold a budget hearing at the next meeting, May 9.
- Approved a new contract with township attorney William Nelson for \$1,750. The amount has been the same for many years.

Obituaries

RETHELFORD—Edna Mae Rethelford, 70, of Hoopeston died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2—6 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Briefly

Water tower work

Cleaning and inspection of Hoopeston's water tower and ground storage tank will begin Monday, April 17. Residents should expect rusty water while work is being done. The project is expected to take all week.

Alley cleanup

Alley clean up in Hoopeston will begin on or about April 24, weather permitting. Yard waste and tree limbs are the only things which will be picked up.

Weather



Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 80, low 58. Tomorrow's high 76, low 55.

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

4th annual

Pajama Party

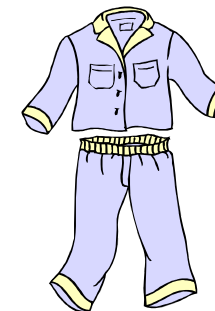
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