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Auction to sell Witchschool on E-bay abruptly ends early

An auction to sell WitchSchool on the Internet site E-bay was abruptly pulled from the site late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The auction, which began Wednesday, was scheduled to end at 1 p.m. (PDT) Friday, April 20.

WitchSchool chairman Ed Hubbard did not immediately return telephone calls; however, in an email Sunday, he included a transcript of a chat

session with E-bay account and security representatives. In the transcript, Hubbard said the auction of WitchSchool, along with two other auctions, had been cancelled by someone other than himself. In the email, Hubbard said he planned to report the incident to the police.

Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger said Monday that Hubbard completed a report. He is in the process of contacting E-bay to confirm details of the report. The perpetrator faces charges of computer fraud, he said.

Hubbard was quoted on online sites saying he was selling the school because while it is doing well online, Hoopeston was not doing well. He said the school would not survive in Hoopeston and that his health would not survive moving it.

Since the auction of the school began, a coalition



WitchSchool chairman Ed Hubbard put the business up for auction on E-bay last week. On Sunday, the auction was closed after Hubbard claimed someone hacked his E-bay account. The auction did not include the building in the 100 block of West Main that houses the school.

of WitchSchool students and other interested people has been working to raise money to buy the school. In an email to the coalition Sunday, Hubbard said he would sell the school to the group for \$50,000 cash plus another \$200,000 on a 10-year promissory note at two percent interest.

During the E-bay auction Friday, 47 bids had been made with a maximum of a little over \$20,000.

See AUCTION on other side

County road to be closed

Hoopeston police reported Monday that County Road 4200 N between 470 and 570 E will be closed beginning Wednesday.

The closing is expected to last approximately 45 days while a bridge is repaired.

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Tiny Tots

“Breakfast with Corduroy” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopston Public Library children’s room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Free screening

A free preschool screening for all 3-5-year-olds will be Tuesday, April 17 at First Presbyterian Church, 815 E. Orange, Hoopeston. This will determine each child's knowledge of general concepts, hearing and vision and speech, language and motor skills. Bring child's Social Security number, updated shot record and certified birth certificate. Birth-3 screenings available on the same day.

To schedule an appointment, call 283-6668.

Kindergarten pre-registration

Kindergarten pre-registration will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday at Maple School, 55 S. Fourth St. Please bring birth certificates, shot records and Social Security numbers for each student. This is for parents only.

Remembrances of Mary Rhae McBride

Items made by the late Mary Rhae McBride will be available free to friends and those who knew her. Items will be given to people from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Mrs. McBride's former home at 109 Henderson, Ross-

Voters will cast their ballots Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Area polling places include:

Butler 1	Village Hall, Rankin
Butler 3	Fire Station, East Lynn
Grant 1	Hoopeston Fire Station
Grant 2	City Hall, 301 W. Main,
Grant 3	Masonic Temple, 206 W. Orange
Grant 4	St. Anthony Parish Hall, 313 E. Lincoln
Grant 5	St. Anthony Parish Hall, 313 E. Lincoln
Grant 6*	Chestnut St. Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut
Ross 1	Rossville Church of Christ, 514 N. Attica
Ross 2	Rossville Church of Christ, 514 N. Attica
Ross 3	Rossville Church of Christ, 514 N. Attica
S. Ross 1	Township Garage, Alvin
S. Ross 2	Village Hall, Henning
*Formerly Grant 7 and Grant 8	

Mrs. McBride's daughter, Rusty Harrell, is donating the items to friends. Items include ceramics, oil paintings, Christmas ornaments and more. "I just want to get it to people who knew her," Harrell said.

Donations wanted

The Multi Agency is now accepting good, used, clean furniture, toys, dishes, accessories and small appliances for the annual street sale. Donations will be accepted through April 20. For more information, call (217) 283-5544.

Alley cleanup to begin

City of Hoopeson spring alley cleanup was set to begin Monday, April 16, for yard waste and brush only.

New Books at the Library

Children's Room

Fiction

Jungle Bullies by Steven Kroll
The Little Drummer Mouse: a Christmas Story by
Mercer Mayer
Marco? Polo by Jon Scieska
My Mom's Wedding by Eve Bunting
The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke
Moore
Peter Pan in Scarlet by Geraldine McCaughrean
The Search for Dead Man's Chest by Tisha Hamilton

As of Sunday evening, the coalition had recorded cash donations of \$2,320 and a \$100 pledge.

Hubbard, who resigned at WitchSchool's CEO at the end of 2007, is currently CEO of Illiana Web, an internet service provider.

Weather

Partly cloudy today. High 67. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 40. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 54, low 34.

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

Few incumbents seek reelection in Rossville school, village

ROSSVILLE—The local school board will have three new members after the April 17 election.

What started as a four-person race for three seats turned into no contest as one candidate, Joe Krilcich, has withdrawn from the race, although his name will appear on the ballot.

The three remaining candidates - Darren Duncan, Donna White and Kyle Zarate - are guaranteed seats since incumbents Ray Rice, Dale Lithgow and Eric Roberts opted not to seek reelection.

All three candidates said keeping a grade school in the community is among their top priorities.

Rossville-Alvin deactivated its high school, sending students to Hoopeson Area and Bismarck-Henning. The grade school remains open.

Budgetary concerns are also a priority of the candidates. For Rossville Village Board, incumbents Vic Lackey, Mark Catron and Scott Sprague did not seek reelection.

Incumbent Bunny Tweedy is running for two years and Mary Beth Rhodes is running for one of the four-year seats.

After the election, Mayor Terry Prillaman will have to appoint trustees to the board.

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