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Rossville-Alvin to put reactivation measure on April ballot

ROSSVILLE—Voters in the Rossville-Alvin school district will vote in April on whether to reactivate the district's high school.

The school board approved the referendum at a special meeting Thursday night. A second special meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night to discuss how to proceed with the ballot referendum.

"Our goal in placing this on the ballot is to determine the goals of our community," said Darren Duncan, R-A board President. "If the community is generally in favor of reopening the high school and passes the referendum, the board will explore this issue further and determine whether reactivation would be in the best interests of the district."

Under the state school code, favorable referendum vote is required before a school district has the authority reactivate a deactivated school facility.

In Illinois, no deactivated school has reactivated in more than 20 years.

Rossville-Alvin deactivated its high school in 2006, based on declining numbers of students and financial issues. Since then, the district has paid for students to attend Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning high schools.

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ALT - Mary Lou (Peterson) Alt, 90, of rural Hoopeston, died at 12:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to East Lynn United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 146, East Lynn IL 60932 or Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

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Obituaries

KNOLL - Richard Eugene "Dick" Knoll, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 3:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

LOCKHART - Robert M. Lockhart, 86, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Wellington, died at 5:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at Ovow Hospice House - Georgeson, in Naples. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW

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Historical society meeting

Hoopeston Historical Society kicks off its 2011 program schedule with a presentation by Ann Rhoades on the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) on Monday, January 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Hoopeston Public Library. Public and area historical societies are invited to attend.

Police News



Leslie L. Crabtree, 55, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 7:15 p.m. Friday. He was found to be wanted on an Iroquois County warrant and was additionally charged with no valid driver's license. Crabtree was released on \$500 bash bond for the warrant and a notice to appear on the traffic charge.

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes,

peaches, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, orange, apple juice

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham Y cheese, green beans, applesauce, cookie

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy or pancake & sausage nuggets, scrambled eggs, pears, juice

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese or fish sandwich, chili, mixed fruit, juice.

All meals include milk.

Crochet club forming

A free crochet club is forming in Hoopeston. It will meet from 2-4 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Avenue. The first meeting will be held January 19.

Steam engine trip contest

Union Pacific is holding a steam engine trip contest that could send the engine west of East Lynn. Part of the "Tuscola Turn," that possible winner is just points behind the Little Rock Express. To vote, go to http://upexcursion.com/#votenow. Voting ends Monday.

Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office
- •Rossville-Alvin School Board, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, grade school library
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall
- Hoopeston Area School Board, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:06 a.m. Saturday to the 300 block of Front for a report of smoking and electrical arcing coming from a fuse panel. No injuries were reported.

Weather



Mix of snow, rain, freezing rain and sleet today. High 35. Tonight, snow likely. Low 30. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 33, low 15.

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

color guard. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

TUGGLE - Ian Wayne Tuggle, 36, of Rossville, died at

5:17 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Visitation was 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to a trust account at Bank of Rossville, for his son, Mason Tuggle.

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