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**School district to court local contractors for construction**

Every effort is being made to use local contractors for Hoopeston Area's district office/bus garage. At Thursday evening's school board meeting, the group unanimously approved construction documents and authorized seeking bids on the project, with special emphasis given to local providers. Mike Sneddon, with architectural firm Upchurch Group, said he had identified 35 possible providers with Hoopeston addresses. Letters will be sent to those firms, encouraging them to submit bids for contracting, subcontracting or supplies. General contracting bids will also be sought outside Hoopeston, he said.

In other business, the board is reviewing a new Tri Party Deactivation Agreement, which is also under review by Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning boards. The agreement covers Rossville-Alvin's high school students, who attend either Hoopeston Area or Bismarck-Henning, following R-A's 2005 deactivation of the high school. The one year contract has a few changes, Superintendent Hank Hornbeck told the board. The first is that parents and students will have until March 1 to choose which high school their students will attend. That is later than the January 15 date that has been in effect. Board member Chris Elliott said Rossville-Alvin officials requested the change, allowing RA parents to get through the Christmas break without stressing about a decision. The new agreement also changes how much Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning will receive in tuition for RA students. Next year, each district will receive 95 percent of its tuition rate, based on the fiscal year 2012 audit. This is a change from 100 percent of the combined average of Hoopeston and Bismarck rates, Hornbeck said. The contract is valid from July 1, 2012 to June 20, 2013 and will automatically renew unless any of the parties provides written notice of nonrenewal by January 1, 2013, according to the agreement. In 2011, Rossville voters approved allowing the school board to look into reactivating the high school, estimated to cost about \$1 million. The Rossville-Alvin board has not taken any action towards reactivation.

 **Hoopeston Area Awards Night**  
**Wednesday, January 25**  
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**Obituaries**

**BLANKENSHIP** - Garnetta Edith (Tucker) Blankenship, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 4:12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m.

Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the nursing home,

701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

**MALDONADO** - Mary Elizabeth (Clayborn) Maldonado, 70, of Brownsburg, Ind., died at 11:34 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, at home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family, c/o Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

**SCHULER** - William E. Schuler, 85, of Hoopeston, died at 8:42 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at Illiana Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

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**Police News**

**Rory R. Kempen Jr.**, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:38 p.m. Friday at the Downtown Motel, 200 E. Main. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for escape, he waived extradition and was taken to Iroquois County by an Iroquois County Sheriff's deputy.

**Jarrod C. Burton**, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 7:54 p.m. Saturday at Honeywell and Sixth Avenue. Charged with driving while

license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle, he was released on bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

**Regina Ervin**, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:21 p.m. Saturday at West Penn and Ninth Avenue. She was charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle and was released on bond with a date in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

**Fire Calls**



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:33 p.m. Friday to a fire in an apartment in the 300 block of South Third Street. No injuries were reported.

**Lunch Menus**



**Hoopeston Area grade schools**

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, applesauce, cookie, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Spaghetti, salad, Max stick, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger/bun, tator tots, mixed fruit, milk

**Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools**

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun or ham & cheese, corn, applesauce, pudding milk

TUESDAY: Mini corndog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheese quesadilla or BBQ rib, salad, pears, chips & salsa, milk

THURSDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple, hot roll, milk

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit, milk

**Weather**



Chance of rain/snow today. High 40. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, sunny. High 36, low 24.

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