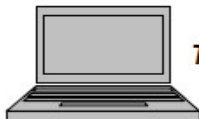


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Hoopeston Area, contractor will try to trim lowest bid

Hoopeston Area School Board and a Hoopeston contractor are set to meet Tuesday night to try to cut construction costs on a new district office/bus garage.

The school board was set to approve Ervin Construction's \$698,439 bid at Thursday evening's meeting but tabled action until after both parties meet Tuesday night, said Superintendent Hank Hornbeck.

Ervin Construction also was low bidder, at \$6,154, to deal with water runoff at the site to assure it complies with city standards.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved moving April's meeting to Tuesday, April 17 at Maple. The April 19 original date conflicted with the annual Golden Ruler dinner to honor area school personnel. Hoopeston Area award recipients are Christy Hott, Pam Goble, Deanna Lohnes, Russ Walder and Lori Eells.

- Approved hiring Mayra Paredes, John Greer personal aide, and tammy Latawicz, part time Maple personal aide, until the end of the year.

- Accepted resignations from Denise Caparula, eighth grade volleyball coach; Ashley Gondzur, high school cheerleading sponsor; and Margo Legan, kindergarten teacher.

- Did not renew the contracts of Tricia Freeland, second grade teacher, and Ryan Morehouse, high school speech/media teacher.

- Approved retirements of Gail Barnes, fourth grade teacher, and Christina Hott, Title I teacher at Maple and Honeywell, at the end of the this year.

- Heard a presentation from high school Principal Larry Maynard about summer school.

- Approved Title I plans for Maple, Honeywell, John Greer and the middle school.

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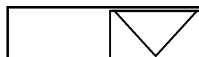

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To residents of Rossville & neighbors in Hoopeston:

Remember the tragic, devastating fire in Rossville's downtown business district in February of 2004. It was Shane Cultra and Dan Rutherford who came to our rescue in the cleanup effort. Their advice and assistance

Obituaries

GILBERT - Donald Gilbert, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 1:33 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012, at home. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Hoopeston.

HAMILTON - Myrna Kay (Bewsey) Hamilton, 69, formerly of Loda, died Thursday, March 15, 2012, at home. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

LANE - Ronald Everett Lane, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 6:35 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 N. Laird Lane, Watseka IL 60970 or Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

NEWTON - Nancy Lou (Foster) Newton, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 6:22 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at home. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Rankin Union Cemetery. Visitation was 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family.

PETERSON - Charles A. "Pete" Peterson, 82, of Chrisman, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 5:56 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at Pleasant Meadows Christian Village, Chrisman. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Macoupin Center for Developmentally Disabled, 700 E. Elm St., Carlinville IL 62626.

Letters to the Editor



were what we so desperately needed.

Dan Rutherford is now the State Treasurer, but Shane Cultra is still representing us in Springfield as if Rossville were his own home town. Senator Cultra was also very instrumental in helping me obtain three grants for Rossville's water system.

We need Shane Cultra in Springfield to continue representing us. Experience and friendship can not be replaced.

Vote Shane Cultra, State Senator, 53rd District on March 20, 2012.

Mayor Terry Prillaman
Rossville

Cultra supports ag, small business

As a resident of Illinois and a member of the agricultural and small business community, I know times are tough. As state senator and representative, Shane Cultra has fought against Chicago politicians to stand up for fiscal responsibility and protect ag interests.

Shane Cultra voted to protect small business and farmers when he supported Senate Bill 397. That bill contained important credits for ethanol, bio diesel, and research and development. Mr. Cultra's opponent claims that he is a champion of the Illinois farmer – yet Cultra's opponent voted against SB 397 and as a result, said "No" to every farmer.

Senator Cultra supported a bill favorable to farmers and small business owners in regard to the State's inheritance tax. Cultra's opponent voted against increasing the inheritance tax bill – again saying "No" to every farmer. Illinois also reinstated the death tax with last year's massive tax increase, which Shane Cultra voted against.

Representative Barickman "wanted to work with Governor Quinn and the Democrats" and voted "Yes" to a budget that increased state spending and increased the state's debt. Senator Cultra voted against that DEFICIT

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budget.

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