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Rossville trustees approve bids for work to vacant building

ROSSVILLE—Village officials will move ahead with plans to improve the structural integrity of 107 E. Attica.

The building, the former Sweet Dreams Confectionary, has been empty for several years.

Officials were seeking bids for both metal and membrane roofs, as well as masonry and carpentry work on the building.

At Monday evening's board meeting, officials unanimously approved a \$14,488 from C & C General Contractors of Momence for a metal roof.

The company also submitted two bids for mem-

brane roofs, one for \$12,589 and a second for \$12,838.

Sentry Roofing submitted a \$22,130 bid for a membrane roof.

Neither company submitted a bid for gutters. Mayor Terry Prillaman said the bids could be accepted without a guttering bid and that the village can opt to pay someone time and materials to do that part of the renovations.

Also accepted were two bids from Contois Masonry & Concrete Contractors of Donovan for the masonry, at \$37,952 and carpentry at \$26,351. The work will include fixing the parapets and tuck pointing on the exterior and replacing the floor on the interior, among other work.

Trustee Pete Gossett asked that, if at all possible, the contractor try to save an antique walnut bar in the building.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved purchasing a new copier from DTI in Danville for \$3,864.
- Approved a new 20-year franchise agreement with CIPS. Under the agreement, the company will rebate \$8,015 back to the village annually on the anniversary date. Prillaman said the previous 60-year agreement was signed in 1962 by then-mayor Dick Weber.
- Approved a one-year agreement with Integrys to purchase electricity at 3.919 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to the current 6.3 cents.
- Approved Rex Hackett and Michael List to the zoning board. They replace Phyllis Bell and Karen Young, respectively.
- Approved the annual July 4 parade, sponsored by Rossville American Legion but reminded that candy may be handed out but not thrown in a parade.

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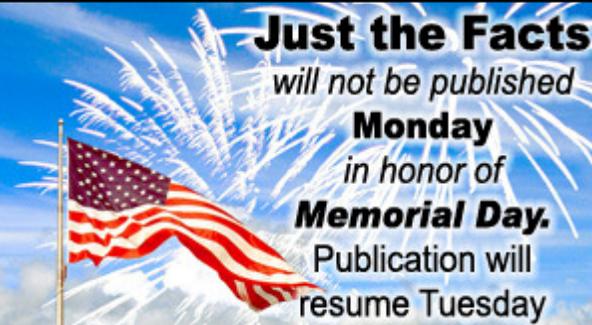
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Hoopeston Area government students tell about government class senior service projects

Hoopeston Area High School seniors in government class got involved in community issues as part of their class work this year. At Thursday's school board meet-

ing, two groups from the class presented their projects and findings.

The first group, including Sydney Clark, Ashleigh

Inda, Nick Delfino and Karino Montoya, chose railroad safety as their issue. Displaying a poster, "Saving Lives with Just a Stop," the students outlined the steps they did to gather information, including interviewing Rossville Mayor Terry Prillaman and corresponding with the Federal Railroad Administration.

What the students learned was that "for the most part, railroads are as safe as they can be," Delfino said. Also, safety comes at a cost - each set of combination lights and crossing arms costs about \$150,000.

The project has had impact on students. "Every time we cross (a railroad), I think about it," Inda said.

Corey Rudin and Erika Samet presented the second project, which they did with fellow student Lauren Houmes, who was at the state track meet and could not attend the meeting.

Samet said the group started out planning to come up with names for roads in Floral Hill Cemetery, making it easier to find graves, but then changed their project to the litter issue.

The group met with local people involved in keeping Hoopeston clean, including Brenda Crusinberry, head of the Hoopeston branch of Keep Vermilion County Beautiful. They also participated in the Great American Cleanup in Hoopeston. Their poster, Thou Shalt Not Litter, detailed the group's investigation and solutions to the problem, which include more trash receptacles, more cleanups, and more awareness, including possibly getting more information to grade school students encouraging them not to litter.

After the presentations, Honeywell Principal Linda Sheppard suggested that, in the future, Mathewson have students do the projects earlier so that groups can present the information to grade school students.



Hoopeston Area seniors, from left, Sydney Clark, Ashleigh Inda, Nick Delfino and Karina Montoya listen as Clinton Mathewson, high school government teacher, tells about senior service projects students did as part of his class. Two groups of students presented their projects at Thursday's Hoopeston Area school board meeting.

Obituaries

COX - Richard L. Cox, 73, of Hoopeston, died at 10:12 a.m. Sunday, May 20, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Chestnut Street Church of Christ, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, with Masonic rites conducted by Star Lodge #709. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or nursing home.

PRILLAMAN - Cleeta Prillaman, 95, of Rossville, died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

THOMPSON - Marie E. Thompson, 92, of Cissna Park, died Friday, May 18, 2012, at Heartland Health Care, Paxton. Visitation was 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial was in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice, Cissna Park Fire Protection District or Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

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