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## Council approves demolition bid for Market St. eyesore

The low bid to tear down the building at 202/204 N. Market drew some questions from aldermen at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

At \$6,970, Silver Brothers, of Hoopeston, was the winning bidder, significantly lower than three other bids received: \$10,000 from Meuser Construction and Excavating, Paxton; \$24,500 from ARD of Wellington; and \$24,950 from All Industrial Group, Springfield.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry, who attended Monday's bid opening, said he questioned the amount as well, but Deanna Silver, who attended the bid opening, said owner David Silver will do most of the work himself, saving the cost of additional labor.

Crusinberry said all bids were to include destruction of the building and hauling contents to the landfill. Dumping fees will be paid by the city.

Bricks from the building are expected to be buried on-site before the excavation is backfilled. The project will be finished off with one foot of fill dirt. The finished landscape must be less than one foot higher than surrounding properties, he said.

With the bid accepted, officials may now purchase the property from the county tax trustees for \$800.

Crusinberry said he has concerns about a gas line that runs down Seminary Ave. to the site and wants to make sure that is secure before work starts.

## Court Dispositions

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of East Thompson.

Police said Heather Cloud, 39, of Hoopeston, backed a 2009 Buick from a driveway into a 2010 Buick, owned by Jessica Ybarra, of Hoopeston. Ybarra's car was parked unoccupied in the wrong direction in a no parking area.

Timothy Schroeder, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday to a do-

mestic issue in the 700 block of East Young.

Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Jacquelyn Rife, 38, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:34 p.m. Tuesday to CVS, 805 S. Dixie Hwy. Rife was located, charged and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

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By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Be Merry and Bright

Are you ready for my favorite time of year, Christmas? For me it is all about the warm loving feeling when I look at our tree and the others around town. We have one ornament dated the first year we were married! We were in Lawton, OK, as my husband was in the Army. We had three rooms and a bath. Our live tree was a stick with a few branches with only four or five ornaments. It was so beautiful with the packages that arrived from home. No matter how tall or fat or decorated our trees have been, that skinny first tree was the best! It made us Merry and Bright!

I bet each of you has a story of a favorite Christmas, a special time with family, many who are no longer here, but made Christmas Merry and Bright. For me, it brings memories of my Mother, who loved Christmas. She liked celebrating Jesus' birthday with cake and ice cream and reading the bible. She liked lots of little gifts wrapped in recycled paper and last year's bows.

My Mother-in-law raised nine children. Their Christmas was an orange, maybe a new pair of socks. She wasn't keen on me at first, but soon realized I loved her favorite son and found I was a pretty good wife and mother. She loved baking for Christmas, that was her gift to us. It

sure made us Merry and Bright and fat.

Let's not go crazy on shopping, but let's go delirious with hope for the future. When we see a lighted tree let it remind us that every light in us can show the way for some. Showing the joy you feel inside can be a wonderful gift to someone all alone, or to your wife, husband or significant other. Joy is meant to be shared. Scatter it all around you!

Do you still believe in the magic of Christmas? Do you still believe in Santa Claus, cookies left by the tree and getting that special gift you wanted? Do you believe in Merry and Bright this year?

I do believe in magic! Of course, my family thinks I'm crazy and a few close friends actually agree. I may be crazy but I'm lovin' it! If being crazy is sharing joy with others; being cheerful and Merry and Bright, I'm all in! Finding hope in the future, love of family, opening that gift that say's "from Santa" and smiling.

It's about our attitude of shining brightly and being Merry all year! Don't stop the most wonderful feeling of the year! You! Be Merry and Bright!

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It is good to be children sometimes,  
and never better than at Christmas,  
when its Founder was a child Himself.

Charles Dickens

## Briefly

### Christmas celebration

First Free Will Baptist Church of Hoopeston is inviting everyone to its Christmas celebration starting at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 522 N. Tenth Ave. The service will be at 11 a.m., followed by a free dinner from 12-1:30 p.m. and "Celebrate Christmas" program at 2 p.m.

For more information, call (219) 659-4967.

### Blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30 in the multi purpose room at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.

From December 19-January 5, donors will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved t-shirt, while supplies last.

### Obituaries

**BAIRD** - Gregory Joe "Greg" Baird, 71, of Henning, died at 2:25 p.m. Monday, Dec 16, 2019, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384. He will be cremated and burial held at a later date in Mann's Chapel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Rossville United Methodist Church local outreach program c/o Rossville United Methodist Church 116 Maple St. Rossville, IL 60963.

**MUSK** - Brian D. Musk, 50, of Milford, died December 14, 2019 at home. Memorial visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials are suggested to family wishes.

**SCHULER** - William "Bill" Schuler, 62, of St. Charles, Mo., formerly of Hoopeston, died suddenly Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at home. Visitation will be from noon to the 3 p.m. memorial service Saturday at Hutchens-Stygar Funeral and Cremation Center, St. Charles, Mo. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association. Condolences may be made at [hutchensfuneralhomes.com/obituary/william-schuler/](http://hutchensfuneralhomes.com/obituary/william-schuler/).

### Weather

Sunny today. High 36. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 39, low 27.

### WMD winners

December winners in the Hoopeston Area Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$50, Jon Witvoet, Auctioneer, Rossville; \$30, Linda Lee, Rossville; and \$20, Cierra Herron, Rossville.

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