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D118 board looks at renovation plans

Sets early-morning meeting to discuss South View Middle School project

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DANVILLE — District 118 School Board members will meet early Tuesday to decide whether to move forward with plans to renovate South View Middle School.

Last Tuesday, the board was supposed to vote on whether to award a contract to Glesco Electric of Urbana, which was the lone bidder for Phase 2 of the renovation work at South View.

Board member Dan Brown, along with fellow board members Frank

COMING UP
The District 118 School Board will meet at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Jackson Building, 516 N. Jackson St.

Young and Gina McGuire, said they were uncomfortable having only one bid to consider.

Denman said he hopes the board can reach an agreement Tuesday morning on how to proceed.

and they want to discuss it more," he said of the board. "They are going to discuss and consider Phase 2 and the alternates."

"I'm hopeful we'll come up with a direction to take."

The cost for Phase 2 came in at \$5.7 million, which includes Glesco's

base bid of \$4.8 million for heating, plumbing and electrical work, plus another \$7.5 million for the construction of a 12,000-square-foot cafeteria, creating two classrooms from a commons area and painting.

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'Hat-making machines'



Top: The hands of Rosann Goodwin are pictured as she knits during the Stitch & Sew group meeting at First Church of Christ in Georgetown. Above: Stitch & Sew members work together making knitted items during a recent meeting at the church.

Liquor store on council agenda

Aldermen also will consider road work

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DANVILLE — The returning request to operate an east-side packaged liquor store is on the agenda for Tuesday's city council meeting.

The Danville Area Planning & Zoning Commission voted 4-3 earlier this month to approve a special-use permit requested by Sam Haziri to operate a packaged liquor store at 3164 E. Main St. in the B2 highway business zoning district, with screening provided on the east side.

COMING UP
The Danville City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main St.

Commissioner Dennis Faith pointed out the commission looks at the business being proposed and if the site is an acceptable use, not moral issues concerning a liquor store. He put it upon aldermen to look at their conscience.

The site is outside the city, near Brewer Road, where the former Bluebird Inn tavern was located. The property is within the city's 1.5-mile zoning jurisdiction.

It would employ up to eight full- and part-time employees, and be open 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. seven days a week, under a county liquor license. After 7 p.m., the doors will be locked and only the drive-up window will be open.

Also, there will not be a bar, but only packaged liquor sold.

Those who spoke against the permit, including neighbors and a Mervis Industries representative, are concerned about increased trash and traffic and the area becoming more dangerous.

Haziri's attorney, Frank Young, focused on the jobs and tax revenue for the county.

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Women help others with knitting skills

STORY BY MARY WICOFF • PHOTOS BY MATT HUBER

The idea started over a cup of coffee in Georgetown and has grown into a project touching people on the East Coast and Puerto Rico.

In September 2009, Barb Stultz confided in Linda Cook that she'd like to start a sewing club and make items for people in need. The two women put their heads together, asked permission to meet at their church, First Church of Christ, and launched the Stitch & Sew.

Since then, they've made hundreds of hats and head bands for infants and for people undergoing cancer treatment, as well as booties, scarves, teddy bears, dish towels and bags for walkers and wheelchairs.

Their products have been sent to Massachusetts to help cancer patients, and in summer, a shipment will go to Puerto Rico.

"It was something Barb wanted to do — and look how it's blossomed," Cook said.

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FYI

The Stitch & Sew group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Monday of each month at the First Church of Christ ministry center in Georgetown. The center is located on Main Street, across from McDonald's.

For more information, call Linda Cook at 247-2686 or the church. Yarn and other material would be appreciated.

Cabaret Night at DHS stars student performers

Event set for Tuesday night

BY MARY KAY SWEIKAR
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DANVILLE — Danville High School's award-winning show choirs will present their annual Cabaret Night, which is

free and open to the public, on Tuesday in the DHS auditorium.

Senior students will perform their special music from 6-7 p.m. Performances by the Contemporaires (all girls) and Delegation (mixed) choirs will begin at 7 p.m.

"This concert is an opportunity to come out and see the show choirs per-

form one last time this year," said Marty Lindvahl, DHS choral director. "I think that everyone will enjoy the music, and the ballads that both groups are performing are especially beautiful."

The Contemporaires will sing "I'm Just Here for the Music," "Ain't Nobody"

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Danville High School Delegation member Chase Thurston sings as the show choirs practice for the upcoming Cabaret Night, set for Tuesday at Danville High School.

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