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Local candidates file to get names on April 1 election ballot

Some local candidates wasted no time getting their petitions filed for the April 1 election.

Incumbent John Haughee filed four a four-year term representing voters in Ward 2. He was the only Hoopeston candidate to file by 2 p.m. Tuesday, said administrative assistant Loni Garman.

The seats of incumbents Ed Lotz of Ward 1 and Nancy Stipp in Ward 3 are up for re-election as is a two-year term in Ward 2. That seat is currently held by Carl Ankenbrand.

All incumbents and two others have picked up election packets.

One seat in Ward 4 is also up. That seat, formerly held by Don York, is currently vacant. No one from Ward 4 has filed.

Election packets may be picked up any time to meet the filing deadline at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21. Petitions included in the packets must contain signatures of percentages of registered voters in each of the wards, Garman said. In Ward 1, candidates must have between 21 and 71 signatures; in Ward 2, 16-66

signatures; in Ward 3, 14-64; and in Ward 4, 22-72.

Two candidates for Hoopeston Area School Board also filed Monday. Incumbents Steve Unger and Mike Pemberton filed for their seats in the former Hoopeston School District.

Incumbent Mark Eighner is also up for re-election outside the old district.

Two other candidates also picked up election packets.

Three Rossville Village Board candidates filed for three seats. Incumbents Vic Lackey and Mark Catron and newcomer Michael Henry filed for the four-year positions. Incumbent Kay Ritter did not file Monday.

Five people picked up petitions for the seats.

Two incumbents filed for seats on the Rossville-Alvin School Board. Incumbents Dale Lithgow and Ray Rice filed for four-year terms.

Bill Matthews is also up for re-election but had not filed by 2 p.m. Monday.

Three non-incumbents took election packets but had not filed.

Briefly

Compassion committee to meet

A Compassion Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Skater's Paradise. For more information, call Wanda at 283-7428.

Hunter Safety Course

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department will sponsor a hunter safety course from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 31 and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 1. The course will be held in the White Oak Nature Center at Kennekuk Cove County Park. Attendance is required on both days. Students should bring a sack lunch Saturday.

Student capacity is limited. To register or for more

information, call the sheriff's department at (217) 442-4080.

Deputies Erick Deck and Jeremiah Christian are course instructors.

Blood drive

The Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange, Hoopeston.

To schedule an appointment, call Denee Roberts, (217) 283-6366; Melissa Johnson, 283-4122 or Kit Davis, 283-9697.

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