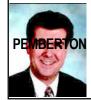
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#### Three incumbents run unopposed in Tuesday's election

Editor's note: This is the next in a series on candidates in the April 1 election. The series covers Hoopeston and Rossville city and school candidates.

Three incumbents are running unopposed for seats on the Hoopeston City Council.

In Ward 4, Brandon Hamilton, who was appointed to the council on Feb.4, is running to represent the ward for four years.

Hamilton, 29, is running because of encour-

agement and support from the community.

A senior buyer, Hamilton said his work experience with a global company is an asset he brings to the council, along with integrity, his education, youth and energy.

Regarding financial matters, Hamilton said maintaining the city's infra-



HAMILTON

structure is a key to igniting economic development, sustaining existing businesses and encouraging future growth. The city's purse must be monitored through effective budgeting, which Hamilton

said, should be viewed as a financial plan rather than a penny-pinching sacrifice.

In Ward 2, Alderman John Haughee is running unopposed. The 76-year-old has served on the council for 24 years. He received his BS and MS degrees from Indiana State University and was a 30-year teacher in Hoopeston Area schools.

"I have been interested in politics for several years," Haughee said. "(I) contracted the political virus and as yet have found no antidote."

Issues facing the city include keeping Hoopeston's water supply pure, both as a source of drinking water for residents and as an asset to draw more jobs here; strengthening the infrastructure; and encouraging business growth. However, Haughee said that, as a rule, he is opposed to offering new companies incentives to locate in Hoopeston because incentives for new companies will punish existing ones. "I prefer the level playing

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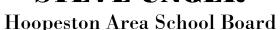
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**A 24-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Friday that the front door lock had been forced and someone entered her home. Nothing appeared to be taken. The burglary occurred in the 300 block of Front.

**Both drivers** were hospitalized after an accident at 4:12 p.m. Friday at South Fifth and East Orange.

David L. Hamilton, 33, of 616 S. Market and Carrie Bekkering of 425 E. Main, were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

#### See INCUMBENTS on other side

#### **Incumbents** continued from other side

field policy, thus treating all private enterprises equally and fairly, he said.

Alderman Ed Lotz, who has served for two years, is running unopposed for a four-year term in Ward 1. The 48-year-old is owner of Classique Sash and Door. Lotz said he is able to make decisions based on what is best for all, not just personal reasons.

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Martin was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Three teens** were charged with illegal consumption of alcohol at 11:20 p.m. Saturday at Rtes. 1 and 9.

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