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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 ap-
pointed 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 educa-
tion, youth and energy.

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



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structure is a key to igniting eco-
nomic development, sustaining
existing businesses and encourag-
ing future growth. The city's purse
must be monitored through effec-
tive 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 Hoopes-
ton'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 compa-
nies will punish existing ones. "I prefer the level playing

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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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Police said Hamilton, in a 1995 Ford, was stopped to turn left on Fifth when he struck Bekkering's 2000 Pontiac.

He was ticketed for improper turning.

Gregory H. Martin, 47, of 925 E. Orange, was arrested at 9:05 p.m. Saturday in the 900 block of East Orange. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 44-year-old Hoopeston woman.

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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