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Mark Wagoner to take seat on Hoopeston Area School Board

Incumbents won in most contested races in Tuesday's election but Hoopeston Area voters put a new face on the school board, according to unofficial results.

Challenger Mark Wagoner was the top vote-getter among residents of the old Hoopeston School District with 518. Incumbent Steve Unger was second highest with 509 votes. Incumbent Mike Pemberton was defeated with a total of 470.

Mark Eighner, running outside the old district, received 530 votes. He was running unopposed.

In Hoopeston City Council contests, incumbent Carl Ankenbrand will retain his seat for four years. He defeated Jean Minick 89-55. In the other contest,



in Ward 3 between incumbent Nancy Stipp and challenger Tom Garrison, Stipp beat Garrison nearly 3 to 1 with a 90-31 total.

Of incumbents running unopposed, incumbent John Haughee

garnered 130 votes in Ward 2. Ed Lotz received 109 in Ward 1 and Brandon Hamilton received 180 in Ward 4.

In Rossville village elections, incumbents Vic Lackey and Mark Catron received 151 and 139 votes respectively. Newcomer Mike Henry received 151 votes.

In Rossville-Alvin School board voting, incumbent Ray Rice received 267; incumbent Dale Lithgow 251; newcomer Eric Roberts 287; and Connie Huffman, 121.

Briefly

Utility bills

Rossville residents will receive utility bills in envelopes this month and one per quarter in the future to accommodate ICC-mandated consumer information forms.

Residents are asked to please remove their utility bills before throwing the envelopes away.

Neighborhood Watch

Mayor Chalmers Flint will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tiny Tots

"Dinner Time" is the theme of Tiny Tots at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Youngsters may bring a sack lunch.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accom-

panied by an adult.

Girls softball meeting

The Hoopeston Girls Softball Association will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. All interested people are asked to attend.

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City council hears resident's complaint about pit bulls

Residents of the 800 block of East Elm approached the Hoopeston City Council Tuesday about getting rid of pit bulls in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Wachi Garabedian, residents of the block, attended the meeting about the dogs.

"We can't go about our normal activities," Daniel said, adding a neighbor has four pit bulls and one other dog. "They're very dangerous animals," he said.

Daniel met with the council's police committee about the matter. Sergeant Jim DeWitt also attended the meeting and said pit pulls are easily provoked and attack to kill, Daniel said. "We're afraid in our own neighborhood."

Daniel would like the city's dangerous animals ordinance amended to either ban pit bulls or specify owners have adequate fencing and insurance to protect residents from the animals.

Police committee chairman Ed Lotz said the committee had no recommendation now but will meet at 6 p.m. April 8 to discuss the matter.

In unrelated business, the council:

- approved bids from Schuler's Flower Shop for cemetery urns. Urns with live greens will be \$35 each; urns filled with silk flowers will be \$50 each.
- accepted a bid from Read Chevrolet for a new water department truck. Read had originally bid \$16,589.70 but the bid was raised to \$17,187.40 for a V-8 engine.
- approved a six-month variance that allows semi trucks to be parked in the neighborhood of Centennial Manor. The trucks are being used for a \$1 million renovation project there.
- approved Russell Leigh & Associates to do the audit for \$4,300.
- are accepting bids for the city tree program, a mower for the street/alley department and repairs to the ambulance roof and flashing. Specifications are available at city hall.
- Lotz reminded residents that semis may not park on city streets.
- heard from resident Ray Stump who praised city services.



Police News



Roger R. Riddle, 49, of 41548 Cheneyville Rd., was arrested at 10:45 a.m. Monday in the 200 block of West Maple. He was charged with domestic battery in connection with an incident March 20 in the 300 block of West Washington.

Riddle was taken to the Public Safety Building in

Danville.

An employee of Hollywood Video, 204 E. Main, reported Monday that someone cut phone lines to the business.

Steven C. Bell, 18, of 618 E. Maple, was arrested at 2:49 p.m. Monday, charged with battery on a complaint from a 43-year-old Hoopeston man, who said the two had an altercation. The man was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

Bell was released on a notice to appear.

A 27-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that her 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the 500 block of East Thompson.

Weather



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