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Local, county citizens' votes different than state counterparts

November races would be much different if voters statewide had cast ballots similar to those cast in Grant Township.

In unofficial results, incumbent Gov. Pat Quinn received 71.8 of the vote, handily defeating Democrat challenger Tio Hardiman.

Quinn will face Republican winner Bruce Rauner, who defeated nearest competitor Kirk Dillard, 40.1 percent to 37.3 percent.

Quinn lost among local voters, getting 46 total votes in Grant wards, compared to Hardiman's 51. He also lost among county voters, with 615 votes to Hardiman's

773.

Rauner also lost in local voting, in third place behind the frontrunner, Dillard, with 173 and Dan Rutherford with 123. Bill Brady, who ran against Quinn in the last gubernatorial race, came in last with 81 votes.

Rauner was not the lead vote-getting in the county. His 1,145 votes put him second to Dillard, with 1,577. County-wide, Brady picked up 675 votes and Rutherford trailed with 516.

County totals exclude Danville.

In the Republican race for treasurer, Tom Cross
See VOTES on other side

Hoopeston Area, Schlarman to co-op football for two years

Hoopeston Area will host Schlarman Academy of Danville in a two-year football co-op starting next year.

Hoopeston Area School Board approved the agreement at Tuesday's monthly meeting.

Hoopeston Area will take the lead in the co-op. HA head coach Michl Kearney will retain that post, with an assistant coach provided by Schlarman, said Kevin Root, district athletic director.

The Schlarman coach will bus athletes to Hoopeston for practice and for the first year, two home games will be held in Danville and three at Hoopeston, allowing both schools to have a senior night and homecoming. The second year, Schlarman will host one home game with the remainder in Hoopeston, Root said.

The combined team will have new jerseys but will still be Hoopeston Area Cornjerkers, said Root.

HA's marching band will play at all games in Hoopeston and Danville and local cheerleaders will cheer at Hoopeston-based games and take turns with their Schlarman counterparts by quarters, in Danville, said Supt. Hank Hornbeck.

Two years ago, Schlarman started its football season but quit after a few games. Last year, the school did not field a team.

Next year, Schlarman officials are estimating that about 20 athletes will play football, while Hoopeston Area will have about 30, Root said. With that many players, officials hope to get a JV schedule, as well, he added.

In other business, the board heard from officials about whether a "no pass/no play" policy is needed in the district.

Such a plan was approved in 2012 as part of the high school restructuring plan. It was to begin in 2014, with weekly eligibility checks starting in the 2013-14 year.

No Pass, No Play was delayed to allow implementation of the ASAP (After School Assistance Program). Any athlete failing a class must attend ASAP to work on bringing the grade up.

ASAP's success has officials wondering now if No Pass, No Play is even needed.

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Football continued from other side

"The model we have now is working pretty well," said high school principal Larry Maynard, adding that a decision needs to be made whether to maintain the current level or "move to a stronger level."

Suzi Root, Response to Intervention coordinator, told the board that ASAP meets after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Teachers and National Honor Society members tutor athletes, which also includes cheerleaders and team managers.

Citing winter sports statistics, Root said 28 percent of winter athletes attended at least once during the 10-week session. Of those athletes, 70 percent did not have to return and four had to attend for only one week.

Board president Russell Walder said he had heard differing opinions on the No Pass, No Play. One school of thought said student would step up to the bar, while the other was that the policy would eliminate students who are already at a disadvantage.

Maynard said the school's restructuring committee felt strongly about the policy but that officials must also look at how programs could be affected by small district with small participation numbers.

Also, he said, the policy may have a negative effect on youth athletes. He said ninth grade is the most difficult and that if a student in transition fails a test or paper, "he won't regain his footing until three weeks later" under No Pass, No Play.

Kevin Root added that the school is trying to add more honors courses and that No Pass/No Play might discourage students from taking those classes and possibly failing.

Votes continued from other side

defeated Bob Grogan.

In the three-way race for two open District 1 seats on the Vermilion County Board, incumbent Todd Johnson led with 409 votes, followed by Larry Baughn, with 384 in Grant only. Darrell Cambron came in third with 75 Grant votes.

Countywide, Johnson had 664, Baughn 627 and Cambron 136.

In the Democrat race for Fifth Circuit Judge, associate Judge Karen Wall defeated attorneys Edwin Barney and Daniel Brown. Wall received 1,002 votes; Brown was a distant second with 359 and Barney with 272.

The board took no action after the discussion.

In personnel matters, a local man will return to his school roots.

Scotland Vogel has been hired as middle school dean of students and district athletic director for the 2014-15 school year. Vogel graduated from Hoopeston Area in 1994 and is currently head football coach for the Paxton-Buckley Loda district.

In other personnel business, the board:

- Approved employment of certified, non-tenured teachers, building principals and Tim Hillard, mark Eighner, Rodney Comstock and Curt Spaur for the 2014-15 year.
- Approved Darrin Martin as volunteer high school

Briefly

Coaches needed

Hoopeston Youth Football Association is looking for football and cheer coaches for the 2014 season. Applicants must be 21 for head coach and 18 for assistant coaches. Apply at Razor's Edge 708 W Orange, Hoopeston.

Applications will be accepted through April 30.

Softball signups

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will hold sign ups from noon-2 p.m. March 22 and 23 at Hoopeston City Hall. Ages are 5-7 instructional, 8-10 minor, 11-14 major

Senior freeze papers coming

From Assessor Susie Sheppard, Senior Freeze papers will be mailed out at the end of this month and should be received by the first week of April.

Obituaries

MARCOTT - Diana (York) Marcott, 64, of Rossville, died march 17, 2014. An informal gathering will start at 11 a.m. Saturday at her home at 102 Gilbert St., Rossville. Sunset Funeral Home, Danville, is in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 53. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 36. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 62, low 35.

softball coach for the spring 2014 season.

• Approved resignations from high school teacher Kristen Baldwin; Kara Eisenmann, Maple part time music teacher; and Maple teacher Jodi Koester.

• Approved immediate resignations of Clinton Mathewson and Eric Zorns, high school girls basketball coach and assistant coach, respectively.

• Approved the intent to retire of Esther Bundy-Pfefferle and the end of the 2015-16 year.

Police News



Two Hoopeston men were arrested after a traffic stop at 5:27 p.m. Tuesday at Penn and Third St.

Ethan Ervin, 21, was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and Robert Smith, 34, was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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