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Sales tax defeated for second time, new aldermen chosen

There were fewer votes this time around, but a greater percentage of voters said no to a sales tax in Hoopeston.

In unofficial totals, Hoopeston voters defeated the sales tax issue, 473-336 in Tuesday's election.

The numbers were down from November's vote, when 591 voted against and 568 voted for, but the percentage of no votes rose from 50.99% in November to 58.47 on Tuesday.

A big question on social media after results were announced Tuesday night is whether pro-tax organizers would ask voters a third time to pass a sales tax.

Alderman Randy Carter answered that question at a March 31 pro-sales tax meeting, saying "If it doesn't pass on the ballot this time, you won't see it on a ballot again, as far as I'm concerned."

Mayor Bill Crusinberry, who ran for reelection promising to put the sales tax before the voters, said at last week's meeting that "whether it passes or not, let's all try to pull together to make Hoopeston a great community."

In a statement after the election, Alderman Bill Goodwine, who was against the sales tax, said "I am happy the sales tax did not pass. In the same breath, I will say that those on both sides of the issue were sincere

and lobbied for what each thought was best. I think a spirited debate such as we had was good for Hoopeston. It represented democracy at its best."

Voters also voted out two incumbent city council members on Tuesday, with Ward 1 voters choosing Chad Yaden, with 120 votes, over incumbent Joe Fell, 64 votes, and challenger Dustin Tarter, with 48.

Ward 3 residents gave the nod to Alex Houmes, with 95 votes, over incumbent Nancy Stipp, with 62 ballots.

Ward 4 incumbent Brandon Hamilton retained his seat with 165 votes, defeating challengers Jeremy Dobkins, who had 97 votes, and Russell Hibma, with 13.

Also running unopposed were Randy Carter, Hoopeston Ward 2 alderman, all members of Hoopeston Area School Board, Rossville Village Board and Rossville-Alvin School Board.

In other races of local interest:

- Scott Eisenhauer won his fourth term as mayor, defeating Jim McMahon, former Vermilion County Board chairman.

- Milford and Sheldon voters approved, 672-450, building a new \$17.5 million Milford high school as an addition to the existing grade school. The cost is to be repaid over 25 years.

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Blessings

By BERTHA PARSONS

Have you ever sat down and thought about or even made a list of all your blessings? Blessings for me are something I take for granted, something that is a complete surprise. I find it to be a wonderful gift, maybe small, maybe large, maybe several at one time.

Perhaps you're not sure about your blessings. Well let me share with you a few of mine.

In the church I attend we have many great young people. A beautiful girl in confirmation, who I love a lot, always has a big smile and hug for me. A blessing!

Also a couple of fine young men who I happen to be their prayer partner, I send them cards and notes. One Sunday they thanked me, they said I was a "cool" lady. A blessing!

Like many of you I have fantastic grandchildren. My oldest is fourteen, when he was asked at a get-together to tell something about his grandmother, he said, "She is the craziest lady I've ever known." Now I'm not only a cool lady but I'm crazy too. A blessing - I think?

Just the other day at my favorite hair dresser, who makes me look beautiful with what she has to work with is a miracle. She is really awesome and I call her my friend. A blessing!

You may be thinking I don't have those kinds of blessings. Well, if you woke up today and are reading this article, you have a place to call home, some food to eat, clothes to wear, that's a good start.

Then add a friend or two, family that calls now and then and loves you, a loving Pastor preaching the word, going for a walk without boots, coat or gloves, standing in line at many pancake breakfasts with my mouth watering. These are just a few of our everyday blessings.

Now the fun begins. It's up to you to look and find your blessings. You may want to make a list or just sit and think about them. I know for me I've already started my list and YOU are in the top three of my blessings!

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Obituaries

ANDERSON - Carl E. Anderson, 99, of rural Rankin, died at 9:18 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in East Lynn Cemetery.

BURGE - Hale F. Burge, 92, of Sherman, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Villa Health Care East, Sherman. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Hoopeston American Legion Color Guard, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

WILCOX - Dorothy A. (Beall) Wilcox, 96, of Stockland, died Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Westminster Village, West Lafayette, Ind. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Stockland United Methodist Church. Burial

was in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

Weather

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