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Candidates set for Hoopeston, Rossville in April 1 election

Some Hoopeston and Rossville city officials will see competition in the April 1 election.

Tuesday was the last day to file petitions to run in the election.

In Hoopeston, Mayor Bob Ault is being challenged for his seat by first ward alderman Dave Borders.

The only other contest is in ward three, where incumbent Drew Allen is being challenged by Cliff Witty.

Incumbents Mike Eckersley and Bill Goodwine, in wards two and four, are running unopposed.

City clerk Don Dean will not seek re-election. His seat is being sought by Chalmers Flint, executive director of the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Treasurer Vicki Johnson is running unopposed.

In Rossville, Mayor Merv Smith and village clerk Kathy Roark are running unopposed, but competition abounds for trustee seats.

Incumbents Tom Mills, Richard Comstock and Mick Braddock, as well as newcomers William Galloway, William Yoho, and former trustee Richard Birkey are

running for the three at-large seats.

In the Hoopeston Public Library District election, incumbents Lary Jahn and Tony Hasbargen are running

Signing method questioned

The method used to gain signatures for one alderman's candidacy petition is questionable under state election laws.

At the Jan. 14 Republican caucus, Kathy Noland stood by the exit door, seeking signatures on a mayoral petition for Alderman Dave Borders. Noland was asked twice to stop before finally leaving the caucus.

"It's an unusual practice," said Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster. "The actual practice is not illegal, but we couldn't say it's definitively legal, either."

Foster said there is no attorney general's opinion on the matter, "but it was bad practice."

Borders said he was unaware of Noland's actions. "If I'd known what she did, I would've told her to stop," he said.

Hoopeston Jaycees, Chronicle, teachers honor residents at fete

Dedication to the community was rewarded Wednesday night as the Hoopeston Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce and Chronicle awarded some local residents at the annual Distinguished Service Award banquet.

Jaycee Don Kaeb took home the night's top honor, the Distinguished Service Award, based on accomplishments in his profession, as well as community and church involvement.

Kaeb, 37, a farmer, was a charter member of the Cissna Park Jaycees in 1984 and in 1991, he joined the Hoopeston Jaycees. He has served as district director for the East region, state recruitment chairman, National

Sweetcorn Festival chairman, Hoopeston Jaycee of the Year, and in 1992, was named Jaycee Senator, the top honor in the Jaycee organization.

He is a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, he also volunteers at his wife, Martha's, church, teaching Sunday school and serving as youth group leader.

Kaeb is currently involved in a project with the Hoopeston Multi Agency, developing a before- and after-school program for Hoopeston Area students, giving children a place to go when their parents are not at home.

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Another honoree is working on the same program. The "Citizen of the Year" award, presented by the Chronicle, was presented this year to Chalmers Flint, executive director of the Hoopeston Multi Agency. Flint was born and raised in Macomb, earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Illinois University and advanced certificates from Eastern Illinois University, all while working and raising six children. He came to Hoopeston in 1979 and served as principal of Maple, Honeywell and John Greer schools and the founder of the Drugbusters program before retiring from education in 1994. After retirement, Flint worked in insurance sales for two years before becoming executive director last year. The second Chronicle-sponsored award, for the Hoopeston Hall of Fame, is given to someone who, over a lifetime, has dedicated much to the community. This year's winner has done just that. Orval Kaag, recently-retired police chief, is this year's winner. Kaag, born and raised in Hoopeston, graduated from Hoopeston High School. He has spent his entire life, except for a three-year stint in the Army, in the community, serving for the past 35 years as police chief. The Hoopeston Education Association announced their 1997 Teacher of the Year, Donna Brown. Brown has worked in the Hoopeston Area district for 24 years, teaching grade school art and serving on various education association committees. She has spent additional time working with gifted students. Other winners announced at the banquet were: ☐Gene Polson, Jaycee Associate of the Year, who joined the group in 1974.

Court dispositions

Jan. 2: Matthew Terrell, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, rule to show cause issued.

Michael Thompson, Rossville, to pay \$45 and costs, continued to Feb. 6.

Donna Cannon, Hoopeston, battery, nolle pros.

Donald Cunningham, Hoopeston, parked in handicapped space, nolle pros.

Anthony Farrar, Danville, foreign license suspended, pleaded not guilty, speeding; public defender denied.

Jerry Lindsey, Hoopeston, status check on payments, continued to Feb. 6.

Curtis Miller, Hoopeston, DUI, improper lane usage, pleaded not guilty.

Severo Torres, Hoopeston, reckless driving, pleaded not guilty.

Police News

The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:11 p.m. Wednesday to Hollywood Video, 204 E. Main, for smoke coming out of a sign.

Obituaries

GARMON - Mary R. Garmon, 88, of Rossville, died at 3:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 1997, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Rossville Church of Christ or charity of the donor's choice.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 21, 1997

Admitted: Randy Pratt and Beverly Hurt, Hoopeston; Anna Nichols, Cissna Park.

Discharged: Randy Pratt, Hoopeston.

Weather

Partly sunny, colder today. High in the low 30s. Tonight, chance of snow. Low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High in the mid 30s, low in the upper 20s.

Hoopeston Lions Club

Pancake & Sausage Day

Saturday, Feb. 1 6 a.m-2 p.m.

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

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☐Teresa Pickett, Jaycee Rookie of the Year, a new award given to someone who has been a member for less than one year who shows strong leadership qualities.
 ☐Connie Caldwell of Milford, Jaycee Boss of the Year. The award is given to a direct supervisor who supports an employee in his or her Jaycee efforts.
 ☐Karen Polson, Jaycee of the Year, for her work with

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