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Candidates respond to issues facing Hoopeston schools

School Elections '97

Editor's Note: Eleven people are running for four seats on the Hoopeston Area school board in the Nov. 4 election. Candidates were asked why they chose to run, what issues face the district, and their opinions on consolidation and drug testing.

Arlyn Rudin, 39, of rural Hoopeston, was encouraged by friends to become a candidate. "I thought with that encouragement, it would be a good time to serve the community and the district," Rudin said.

The Hoopeston graduate has three children in the school system and another set to enter.

Rudin had high praise for past school boards, adding because of their leadership, the district is faced with no major issues currently. "I appreciate what they've done

to keep the district in good academic standing," he said.

Regarding consolidation, Rudin said the district should "continue what we're doing and it'll take care of itself. If we have a good, sound school system and it's proven

See CANDIDATES on other side

Ross-Al education association to host candidates' night

The Rossville-Alvin Education Association will host a Meet the Candidates forum from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Rossville-Alvin Grade School Library.

Eight candidates are running for four seats in the Nov. 4 election.

Candidates include incumbents Bob Ray, Gary Gernand and Tim Thornsborough and newcomers David Boyer, Ed Perkins, Roger Satterwhite, Dennis Price and Lynndel Davan.

Residents make huge difference in WHPO food pantry drive

Area residents made a huge difference Friday during WHPO radio's drive for the Grant Township Food Cupboard, part of Make a Difference Day

Becky Buss spent 13 hours on the air at approximately 25 Hoopeston businesses, encouraging people to donate food and personal items in return for discounts at the stores.

A total of 9,385 pounds of food - more than double the original goal - was collected, said Sheree Bussard, WHPO news director. "We were just blown away by the response," she said.

Buss had hoped to collect 4,000 pounds of food. That goal, reached by 1 p.m., was then upped to

6,000 pounds, Bussard said.

Along with canned and bagged food, the station collected \$2,354 in cash donations, she said.

The overwhelming response created one small problem - unloading a bus used to hold the food.

Buss put out a request on the air, and the community again responded. "We had boy scouts, girl scouts, policemen, young people, old people helping unload that bus," Bussard said.

The new supply should help the food cupboard get through the next few months. Bussard said the pantry distributes approximately 1,000 pounds of food monthly.

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academically fit, they'll want to migrate towards us," he said.

A drug testing policy is something Rudin would be interested in. "I would not have a real problem with that," he said. "That's part of the real world. It's an important issue for the students to learn at a young age.

Rudin is a farmer and has also worked at Gulbransen in Hoopeston, Sorenson in Paxton and Time-O-Matic in Danville.

Lisa Austin, 31, a six-year Rankin resident, wants to be on the board to represent the Rankin area. "I felt someone from Rankin should represent the town," she said, citing current board member Vickie Ellis' decision not to seek re-election.

Austin has one child in the school system and twins who will enter it in the next couple years. "I'll be dealing with the Hoopeston school system for the next 13 years," she said. "I want to know what's going on."

Austin, who has attended board meetings, said the current board has "done a very good job," leaving no major issues for a new board to deal with. "I've agreed

with all the decisions and conclusions that they've come to," she said.

Austin would like to see more activities added in the schools, but is unsure if the current financial situation would support those additions.

Austin said consolidation would benefit Hoopeston.



Police News



Bridgett Maple, 308 N. Eighth Ave., reported Monday that her rear license plate, C35189, is missing.

Jeffrey E. Maple, 33, of 308 N. Eighth Ave., was arrested at 9:15 a.m. Monday on a Vermilion County

traffic warrant.

He was released on \$95 cash bond.

Court Dispositions



Oct. 16: Ricky Coffey, paid \$50 in full.

Jerry Matthews, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty, leash law, license required, \$75 each; failure to inoculate, nolle pros.

Wanda Storm, Hoopeston, deceptive practice; nolle

Obituaries

SMITH - Caroline Kellogg Smith, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 9:07 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Monday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston Historical Society, c/o James A. Miller, president, 843 E. Washington,

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 23, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Mildred Weger, Delbert Lamar

Oct. 24, 1997

Admitted: A Chi Yu, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none

Oct. 25, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Oct. 26, 1997

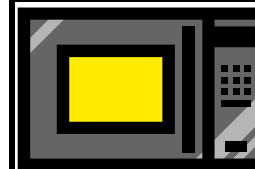
Admitted: none

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Weather



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