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Former Hoopeston Area educator sweeps local elections

A long-time educator will be serving the Hoopeston Area school district in another way.

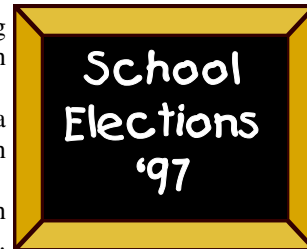
Larry Lobb, a retired Hoopeston Area math teacher, was the top vote-getter in Tuesday's local school board election.

"I'm overjoyed, happy," Lobb said in a telephone interview Tuesday night. "I'm very appreciative. I will do my best to try to live up to the voters' expectations."

"I'm thankful for all the people who voted for me and all the people who helped me with my campaign," he said. "I look forward to a productive four years."

Lobb captured 923 votes of approximately 1,000 ballots cast.

Lobb, who will represent the former Hoopeston School District, will be joined by Jeff Stipp, who received 631 votes.



Out-of-town winners were Duane Sheppard with 770 ballots and John Smiley with 422.

Other candidates from the old district and their tallies were Terry Beauvois, 218, and Scott Crose, 319.

Other out-of town candidates were Lisa Austin, 319; John Hott 156; Patti Roberts, 227; Arlyn Rudin, 247; and

Oscar Young, 246.

Rossville-Alvin candidates and their totals were: incumbent Bob Ray, 163; incumbent Gary Gernand, 163; incumbent Tim Thornsborough, 172; David Boyer, 120; Ed Perkins, 267; Roger Satterwhite, 232; Dennis Price, 378; and Lynndel Davan, 303.

A county-wide referendum to impose a one-quarter cent tax for public safety was defeated by a margin of 3,039 to 2,825.

Hoopeston officials allow holiday change for city workers

City workers will get changed Christmas and New Year's holidays this year, despite arguments from one city official.

Employees normally receive Christmas Eve day and Christmas Day, as well as New Year's Eve day and New Year's Day as days off.

Workers asked that they be off on Thursday and Friday, rather than Wednesday and Thursday, the actual holidays.

Mayor Bob Ault brought the request to Tuesday's city council meeting, saying "that would give a lot of people a four-day weekend, which would be nice."

Alderman Bill Goodwine disagreed. "Holidays are

just one more day off anymore,"he said. "It's just a vacation day. I think a holiday is more than a vacation day."

The council voted 6-0 to allow the change. "It was six Santa Clauses and one Scrooge," alderman Dave Borders said after the vote.

In unrelated action, alderman John Haughee said police officer Jim Goodrum resigned as the department's firearms instructor.

Chief Carl Valentine said Goodrum, who has held the position for several years, resigned to allow someone else a chance to "let someone else have a try at it."

Sgt. Danny Danner was named new firearms

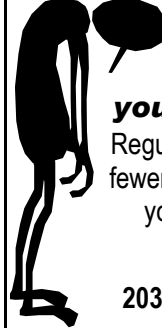
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Briefly

Yard decorating winners

Winners in the Hoopeston Jaycees Halloween Yard Decorating Contest were the Tyler family at 1013 W. Main, first place and the Merrill family, 807 S. Second Ave.

There was no third place winner in the contest.

Fan club meeting

The Elvis Taking Care of Business Fan Club of Hoopeston will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 at the Red Apple Restaurant.

For more information, call president Marilyn McGinley, (217) 283-6289.

Everyone is invited.

Performaces scheduled

The Hoopeston Area High School drama department will present "The Nitwits" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 15 in the high school auditorium.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$3 for children and free for those age 60 or older.

Thank You

for your support in the
election. It was truly
appreciated.

John Hott



Hoopeston fire chief, assistant chief list fire safety statistics, tips for holiday season

To keep from becoming a fire statistic, keep your butt out of bed.

Your cigarette butts, that is.

Most home fires are caused by careless smoking, said Hoopeston fire chief Brian Laird at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Laird and assistant chief/training officer Ross Johnson presented a program on fire safety and statistics.

Approximately 4,500 people in the U.S. die annually in fires, Laird said. Of those, most are senior citizens or children under five years old, he said.

Eighty percent of all fires occur in single family dwellings. Of those, 80 percent are caused by careless smoking and most of the rest result from children playing with matches, he said.

National statistics show that 29 percent of all fires start in the kitchen, followed by 13 percent starting in the bedroom; eight percent each in the living room/den area and chimneys and four percent begin in the laundry room. "The others are places you don't check all the time," Laird

said.

Taking a few precautions can keep local residents from becoming fire statistics.

"You never have enough outlets," Johnson said, suggesting residents check the number of appliances in each outlet to make sure they are not overloaded.

Avoiding overloading is especially important during the holiday season. "You're taking your living quarters higher than you normally would because you want your house to look pretty," Johnson said.

The men suggested not running extension cords under rugs because traffic on the cord can cause damage, leading to a smoldering cord and possible fire. "The dumb things never smolder at 2 in the morning," Johnson said. "It's always 2 in the morning."

Electric blankets, especially older models, are another potential danger. Laird said the department recently responded to a house fire caused by an electric blanket. The owner of the home "is now living somewhere else," he said.

While replacing blankets is not inexpensive, the cost is minimal compared to potential damage. "For \$40 - what a blanket costs - it's not worth losing a \$40,000 house," Laird said. "If it's frayed, get a new one."

Checking the furnace is another priority, Laird said, adding the Hoopeston department goes on six to 12 furnace fire calls annually.

Filters should be replaced both to assure heating efficiency and to eliminate the risk of fire. "Your furnace says 'I'm huffing and puffing putting out all I can and you want more,'" Johnson said of unclean heaters.

Supplemental heat sources, such as space heaters and kerosene heaters, can also present problems.

Such heaters should be placed away from walls and away from combustible materials, Laird said. Additionally, kerosene heaters should be filled outdoors and used in rooms with slightly open windows.

Chimneys are another danger area, Laird said. Chimneys to furnaces and wood stoves should be cleaned annually to prevent fires.

Having working smoke detectors is also important, Johnson said. Batteries should be tested regularly and replaced when needed. "Don't say 'I need a battery for my radio so I'll take it from the smoke detector,'" he said.

Both men urged residents to watch out for their neighbors. "If you see something that's not familiar, punch the numbers 9-1-1," Laird said. "Don't ever hesitate to call,



Police News



Pam S. Chandler, 39, of 715 S. Fifth St., was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid license following an accident at 3:53 p. m. Monday.

Chandler, in a 1990 Ford, was westbound in the 400 block of West Orange. Police said when she tried to stop, she slid into a 1996 Pontiac driven by Shirley J. Cornelius, 607 Trego Dr.

Matt D. Price, 570 E. Main, Wellington, reported Monday that someone took items from his vehicle. Taken were a Pioneer CD player, AM/FM radio,

speakers and a blue bag containing several books.

The theft occurred while Price's vehicle was parked at Hoopeston Area High School.

Julie Mullen, 214 Henderson, Rossville, reported Tuesday that someone took a youth's Illini starter jacket and a Motorola cellular phone from her vehicle while it was parked at 215 W. Washington.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Nov. 3, 1997

Admitted: Elizabeth Cannon, Carolyn Sue Dazey, Maurice Leigh, Virginia Songer and John "Boots" Rayls, Hoopeston; Frances Combs, Rossville.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Showers today. High 45. Tonight, continued showers. Low 35. Tomorrow, more rain. High 45,

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