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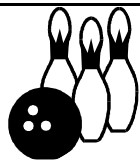
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Farming, education, healthcare key issues for GOP hopeful

Sam Ewing hopes he will be the second generation to represent the 15th district in the U.S. Congress.

Ewing, son of Congressman Tom Ewing, held a town hall meeting Monday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. The Republican candidate talked about his platform for the March 21 primary.

The younger Ewing said he is no stranger to politics, having helped his father with his first two campaigns.

Of different generations, Ewing said he adheres to his father's political ideals, including more opportunities for family farmers, less federal control of local education, prescription drug coverage for senior citizens on fixed incomes and sound fiscal management.

"There's no doubt, we're in a crisis stage," Ewing said about the agriculture situation. If elected, Ewing said he will push for more ethanol use, benefiting Illinois which produces half the nation's ethanol. "I've said ethanol is not an issue, it's a religion," he said.

Additionally, Ewing would like to see more tax and regulatory relief for farmers and the elimination of self-imposed sanctions. More than 60 countries are not allowed to purchase food and agriculture products, he said. "We need to open up those markets. I would trade with every country in the world when it comes to food and agricultural products...if we're not at war (with those countries)."

The U.S. policy of embargoes makes potential customer nations leery of buying American products, he said. "Why would a country want to buy from the U.S. when they can get shut off at any time," he asked.

He also favors reducing the capital gains tax and eliminating the inheritance tax as ways to help Illinois farm families.

Ewing does not see the federal government pulling out of agriculture but would like to see a more proactive policy of "don't bail them out in the end but help them help themselves," he said

As for education, Washington's "one size fits all approach" does not benefit local children, he said, adding 30 cents of each education dollar is wasted on bureaucracy. "It doesn't buy a single book, it doesn't help a single child," he said.

For senior citizens, Ewing supports prescription cards to offset the high cost of medication, as well as a patient's bill of rights to allow patients to seek satisfaction in disputes with doctors and health maintenance organizations.

On the fiscal front, Ewing supports reducing the national debt followed by meaningful tax cuts. "I really believe this is our only opportunity in a generation or two to put significant dollars towards balancing the budget," he said.

Although Ewing echoes his father in many areas, one difference between the two is their relationship with technology. "My dad's never been computer literate," he said. "Using the remote control was a big step for him."

If elected, Ewing hopes to bring technological growth to the district by forming a commission to attract "high-tech businesses to this corridor, the 15th district," he said. "I hope to emphasize technology, make that an important issue for central Illinois."

Ewing graduated from Millikin University with a degree in business administration. He works as a national catastrophe team manager for State Farm Insurance Companies.

He and his wife, Leslie, have two children, Chandler and Thomas and are expecting a third child.



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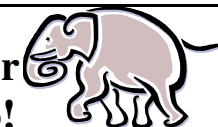
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3. Ross Electric	290½	234½
4. Gress Liquid Waste	283½	241½
5. Hoopston Weather Line	258	267
6. Danny's Sign Shop	255	270

7. Hummingbird Farms 255 270

High Team Game: R.A.D.D. 829; **High Team Series:** Gress Liquid Waste 3,134; **High Ind. Game:** Bob Bruens 257; **High Individual Series:** Todd Keith 902.

Games over 210: Roy Kohl 225, 218, John Lowe 315, Chris Coon 213, Dennis Gress 234, 235, Bob Bruens 257, Doug Wagoner 237, Randy Hiltz 244, 220, Joe Gaffney 235, Jeff Gaffney 210, Steve McKinny 224, Mike Dean 214, Kenny

McVicker 225, Dave Warf 225, Danny Simpson 248, Allan Wilson 214, 216, 211, Todd Keith 233, 246, 229, Tony Gress 211

Series over 800: Roy Kohl 809, John Lowe 809, Dennis Gress 865, Bob Bruens 812, Randy Hiltz 859, Allan Wilson 839, Todd Keith 902.

Hall of Shame: Jeff Gaffney 129.



Police News



A VCR was reported taken Sunday from a home in the 400 block of North Front St.

Hollie J. Mastin, 20, of 820 N. Fourth St., was arrested at 9:42 a.m. Sunday, charged with five counts of theft. She was charged after police said she used a 49-

year-old person's credit card.

Mastin was released on a notice to appear.

Spare tires were reported stolen Monday from two semi trucks parked in the 300 block of South Dixie Hwy.



New books at the library



Non-fiction:

- New York Times Almanac 2000
- A Great Wall by Patrick Tyler
- Life: Our Century in Pictures
- Route 66 by Thomas Arthur Repp
- The Teen Body Book by Judie Lewellen (youth)
- Wrightslaw by Peter W.D. Wright
- The Parent's Guide to Protecting Your Children in Cyberspace by Parry Aftab
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- Revolutions 2 by Chip Zielke
- The Mental Game by George Allen

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- The Complete Guide to Bowling Principles by George Allen
- Timberframe by Tedd Benson
- Lives of the Poets by Michael Schmidt

In the Hospital



Hoopston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 10

Nothing to report.

Feb. 11

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Oma Mott, Louis Danner.

Feb 12

Admitted: Pauline Prickett, Hoopston.

Discharged: none.

Feb. 13

Nothing to report.

Weather



Windy today. High 49. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 37. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 44, low 25.

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