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## Number of voters down at Tuesday's Republican caucus

Turnout for Tuesday night's Grant Township Republican caucus was down from four years ago.

A total of 420 voters cast ballots, said caucus chairman Rod Kaag. The number is down from more than 500 at the last caucus.

At press time, with nearly half the votes counted, Bill Boose was leading the race to be supervisor. Boose garnered 76 votes, followed by Teresa Sollars with 57, Sharon Johnson with 34 and Valarie Paulson with 18.

In the assessor's contest, incumbent Susie Sheppard narrowly led assistant Sandy McCord 100 to 97.

With 100 votes counted in the trustee race, incumbents Dale Lithgow and Connie Wilson led with 73 and 69 votes, followed by challenger Rich Thompson with 58 and incumbent Steve Willard with 50.

### Briefly

#### Retirement potluck

Friends of Marie Johnson are invited to a retirement potluck Sunday, Jan. 14, at the First Presbyterian Church. Marie will be honored during the 10:45 a.m. worship service for her 28 years of service as church organist. A potluck in her honor will be held following worship. Please join us to honor Marie.

#### From DACC

• Volunteer tutor training for the Reader's Route, the adult education literacy project, will be offered from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 and 27 at the Danville Public Library.

The 12-hour training sessions must be attended for potential volunteers.

For more information, call Louise Free at (217) 443-8868.

• The Small Business Development Center will hold

Challengers Charles Potter and Jean Minick rounded out the field with 39 and 38 votes, respectively.

In uncontested races, highway commissioner Jim Crouch had 92 votes at press time, while town clerk Donna Lithgow had 93.

Although nominations from the floor were to be allowed and treated as write-in candidates, none were made.

The lesser number of voters was apparent by the total ballots cast but not by the condition of the Hoopeston City Hall. The city council chambers was seated at capacity with many voters standing, some lined up outside the chambers and even outside the building, to cast their votes.

Final vote tallies will be in tomorrow's Just the Facts.

a workshop series for area residents considering going into business or who have recently started a business.

The workshops will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays between Feb. 7 and March 21 at the Danville Public Library, 319 N. Vermilion, Danville. The series is free but reservations are required.

Topics to be covered will include business plan preparations, budgeting, advertising and marketing, record keeping, tax and government compliance, personnel and legal matters, expanding the business, dealing with vendors, pricing goods and services and others. Those who complete the series will receive one hour of degree credit in the marketing mid-management program.

For more information, call Angie Craft at (217) 442-7232.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Hoopeston woman favors prison here

Editor:

I am in favor of a prison in Hoopeston.

I was born and reared in Chicago and have children and relatives who live in cities with prisons. I feel that a prison in Hoopeston is Not a threat to our community's security.

I can visualize jobs for Hoopestonites, who qualify to work at the prison, as well as economic growth. The growth won't be immediate, since we know that everything takes time to develop to its full potential.

A major worry for some people is if a prisoner escapes. Prison breaks are seldom and if one would occur, the prisoner(s) will not want to stay in the area

very long.

If anyone is worried about the "element" of people it will bring to the community, a percent of that "element" is already here.

The prison facility, its employees, as well as visitors to the prison, will share the needs of contractors and workers, motels, housing, medical services and drug stores, entertainment, food, clothing, fuel, quick lubes, auto purchases and repairs, hardware stores, newspapers, along with a wide variety of necessities and novelties, places to eat, etc.

Nothing ever stays the same. Hoopeston and Anytown, USA are not and never will be the communities the were 10 or 100 years ago. Living constantly changes for the good as well as the bad. A clean and neat prison is better than unkempt businesses and property.

Society has changed. I feel that abortion, porn and moral decay are much more of a threat to our community and society than a prison is. The rapidly increasing moral decay is encouraging crime and therefore creating the need for more prisons.

What Hoopeston needs is an attitude adjustment and out-of-towners constantly remind us of this. Let's develop the attitude that a prison can work in Hoopeston and then take the well-organized steps to make it work if we are fortunate enough to be chosen to develop the prison site.

Janet Haggerty

### Aerobics/Step/ Interval Training

Mon.-Wed.-Thurs.

Starts Jan. 8

5:15-6:15 p.m.

Betty Shaffer

(217) 283-5715

### Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:18 p.m. Monday at Casey's General Store, 1022 W. Penn.

Police said Paula J. James of Watseka, in a 1985 Ford van, backed into a parked 1989 Buick Park Avenue owned by Jeffrey A. Keith of Hoopeston.

Two boys, ages 13 and 14, were arrested at 11:52 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of South Market.

Each was charged with violation of a court order and truancy. Both were taken to the courthouse in Danville for a detention hearing.

### Bowling Scores

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League  
Standings 1/4/01

1 Pla-Mor Lanes	30½	14½
2. Crunch's	30	15
3. Knuth's	27	18
4. Rex's	26	19
5. Gress I	24½	20½
6. 4 MRS	23	22
7. H&R Block	17½	27½
8. Bye	1½	43½

High Team Game: Gress I 834; High Team Series: PlaRex's 2,365; High Individual Game: JoAnne Gress 203; High Individual Series: JoAnne Gress 520.

### Obituaries

GARMAN—Robert J. Garman, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 3:22 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2001, at his home. Arrangements are pending at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

### In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Jan. 8

Admitted: Ila Thrasher, Birdell Marie Schwartz, Hoopeston

Discharged: none.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High near 40. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 40, low 23.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

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