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Editor's note: This is the final segment in a series on candidates in the April 1 election. The series covers Hoopeston and Rossville city and school candi-

Rossville-Alvin voters today will elect three people to three seats on the Rossville-Alvin School board.

Incumbents Ray Rice and Dale Lithgow and newcomer Eric Roberts are running.

Incumbent Bruce Matthews' term was expiring but he did not seek re-election.

Rice, 50, has served on the board for four years. A Rossville-Alvin graduate, Rice also attended Danville Area Community College. He is a United

### Where to cast your ballot

Voters will cast their ballots Tuesday in county and Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. state races. Area polling places include: Butler 1 Village Hall, Rankin

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Assets Rice brings to the board include his experience. Also, "I consider myself to be very pragmatic with a lot of common

sense," he said. He also likes researching subjects thoroughly before making decisions.

Issues facing the district include declining enrollment and revenue and the ability to replace retiring teachers. "I think our community has come to the point where we seriously have to think about some kind of school reorganization," he said.

Rice does not see improvement in the situation facing school districts. "Additional mandates by the federal and state governments will be increasing burdens upon all school districts," he said. "In the end, I want to do what is best for our students, my community and our dedicated school employees."

Lithgow, 43, was appointed to the board and has served for eight months. He also serves as a Grant Township trustee and is self-employed at Lithgow Automotive. He is a college graduate.

Business experience is an asset Lithgow said he brings to the board, along with 24 years of military experience as a retired first sergeant with the Illinois Army National Guard.

School finance is the top issue facing the district, Lithgow said. "The state needs to change the way schools are financed," he said. "A lack of funding is hurting our quality of education.

Consolidation is another issue. "We need to do whatever is best for the students," he said.

Roberts, 39, attended Danville Area Community College and is a research associate for Pioneer Hi-Bred International. Inc.

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# Briefly

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Tuesday, Lafayette, IN. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., community potluck and men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Mar. 31, Terri Hurt; April 1, Lorraine Sinkuler, Warsaw, IN; April 2, Katie Kuntz; April 3, Betty Musk; April 4, Dana Burk, East Lynn.

### **Coach needed**

The Hoopeston Swim Team needs a coach for the 2003 season. Without a coach, the team is in danger of becoming extinct, leaving many youngsters with no summer sport to keep them occupied.

Interested people must be at least 18 years old and must have some knowledge of swim strokes. It is a



## Planning for a party

Members of the Hoopeston Fire Department, including retired firefighters, gathered recently to go over details for the annual Firemen's Ball. The 78th annual even will be held from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. April 12 at the McFerren Park Civic Center. "Hay Wire" will perform. Tickets are \$5 per person. Picture are, first row from left: John McCormick, Rodney Jackson, Chuck Fenwick, Gary Moore, Rod Gaddis, Harry Johnson, Jim Murdock; middle row: Ross Johnson, Allen Baker, Bruce Carlson, Greg Bertram, Joel Bird, Chad Yaden, Greg Shipman, Layton Seggebruch; back row: Steve Compton, Jon Rayls, Dave Hamilton, Terry Beauvois, Harold Michael, Cliff Crabtree and Jim Pajor. Not pictured are Tim Lane, Roy Borders and Brian Laird. paid position.

For more information, call Sandy Crothers at 283-9656 after 2 p.m.

### **T-Ball Meeting**

A Hoopeston T-Ball meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. All coaches, returning and new, need to attend. Returning coaches are asked to bring equipment. All assistants, volunteers and interested parents are welcome to attend.

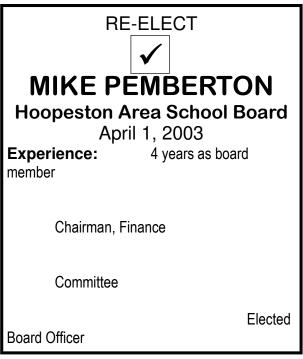
For more information, call Kevin Jett at 283-4422.

### Colt League deadline

The deadline for Pony / Colt summer baseball leagues will be Monday, April 7. To register please call Tom Spear at 283-9529 or Vickie Means at 283-6372. You may also contact leagues coaches, Allen Baker, Dan Silver, Ed Simpson or Rusty Franklin.

### DACC at HMA

Kevin Jett, Danville Area Community College coordinator for community education, will be at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., during business





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## Coroner's jury rules cause of woman's death 'undetermined'

A Vermilion County coroner's jury ruled that the cause of death for an area woman is undetermined.

The jury reached its decision at an inquest Thursday in the death of Kerstin Herron, 30, of rural Wellington.

Mrs. Herron died unexpectedly on Jan. 28 after food she swallowed went through a hole in her esophagus and into her lungs.

The hole was caused by a bruise in her esophagus, according to a pathology report. However, it is not known what caused the bruise: whether it was preexisting, was caused by trauma in an accident or from

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Roberts said he will bring "common sense" to the board and wants to keep the school system solvent. "We have to consider all avenues and remain openminded as we deal with a very difficult economic situalifesaving procedures performed after the accident. Mrs. Herron was injured in an accident at 9

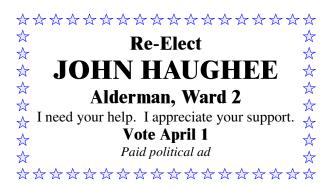
a.m. Jan. 13 on Iroquois County Road 2400 East at 100 North. She was northbound when she was struck by a pickup truck driven by James DeWitt, 34, of Hoopeston. He was ticketed for failure to stop or yield at an intersection.

After the accident, Mrs. Herron was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

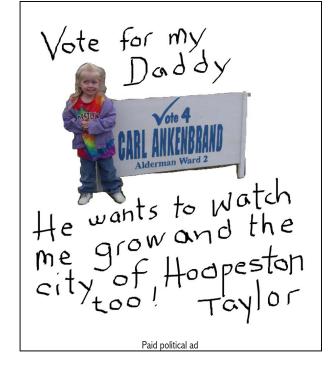
## Manion named to Who's Who

Hoopeston attorney Paul Manion will be included in the 57th edition of Who's Who in America, to be published later this year. This is the second consecutive year his biography has been included in the publication.

Manion is the senior partner of Manion, Devens, McFetridge, Spiros & Schum, Ltd., in Hoopeston









### Stolen flag draws ire

Sometime last Sunday or Monday, the flag we proudly fly in front of our home at 805 E. Lincoln was stolen. It was cut down from the pole and taken away. The person who did this displays no patriotism by being a thief.

I have heard a rumor in town that the flag was removed because it was flying upside down. Since we had just purchased the flag and put it up, while I certainly have no such recollection of this being true, I cannot believe that it would be any kind of an excuse for stealing the flag. Further, since I have lived in this town for 34 years and have been displaying my flag through all of the travails since the tragedy of September 11 (right side up, of course!) I would think that Pat and I would be entitled to a phone call from someone who would have said to us, "Did you mean to hang the flag upside down for any reason or is that a mistake?" It would have been changed in 20 seconds.

It should also be pointed out that the old flag

### **Obituaries**

ALLISON - Wendell D. Allison, 68, of Hoopeston died at 1 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 29, 2003 at home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

LACKEY - Thelma Lackey, 87, of Rossville, died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Mar. 27, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral arrangements were at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial was in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Rossville Emergency Medical Service or a charity of the donor's choice.

### **Police News**

A bowling ball in a duffle bag was found Sunday in the 1000 block of West Chestnut. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

## Letter to the Editor

had been flying right side up right up to the time we bought the new one, as the old one had become raggedy and dirty at the ends.

We make every effort to take our flag in when it rains or whenever it is otherwise appropriate for it not to fly.

Would the person who either made any wrong assumption or simply is a thief like to apologize at this time? If the flag was taken for the purpose of obtaining a

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flag for their display, as decent-size flags are somewhat hard to find right now, please have the courage to call and tell us so. If the purpose was to fly the flag for their own selves, they are certainly not proving themselves to be patriots, since patriots are not thieves. Sincerely yours,

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