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## Three candidates run for three seats on R-A school board

*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 candidates.*



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

States Postal Service mail carrier in Hoopeston.

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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## Where to cast your ballot

Voters will cast their ballots Tuesday in county and state races. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Area polling places include:


- Butler 1
- Village Hall, Rankin
- Butler 2
- Fire Station, Rankin
- Butler 3
- Fire Station, East Lynn
- Grant 1
- Hoopeston Fire Station
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- City Hall, 301 W. Main,
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**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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April 1, 2003

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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 pre-existing, 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 open-minded as we deal with a very difficult economic situa-

- Across

1. Floated through the air

7. Baby buggies, in London

12. Personal magnetism

13. Stand for hot utensils

14. Adult insects

15. Faraway

16. Make edging

17. A toast

19. 'All \_\_\_\_', wrong

20. Rage

22. Pope's name

24. Of planes

26. Bon voyage galas: hyph. word

30. Straight man

32. Spookier

33. Skillet-cooked: hyph. word

35. Very: French

36. \_\_\_\_ up, judge
- Down

1. Be ready or at hand

2. \_\_\_\_ mater

3. Tailor's need

4. Pull (at)

5. Jagged

6. Office piece

7. Introduction

8. Wheel part

9. Declare

10. Apportion

11. Printer's instruction

13. Housebroken

18. Ajar: poetic

21. Housetops

23. Varieties

24. Viper

25. Greek letter

26. Attack

27. Adam and sons: 2 words

28. Charge

29. Upperclassmen: abbr.

31. Make a wry face

34. Snaky fish

37. Fall flower

38. Side post

39. Elliptical

40. Fiesta

42. Bringing up the rear

44. Outer layer

45. Hot-day treats

47. Dickens' 'Tiny' one

49. Iron in the rough

lifesaving 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

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