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## Incumbent, three challengers vie for Hoopeston mayor's seat

All four candidates seeking the top spot in Hoopeston government agree that jobs and economic development are among the top issues facing the city. Candidates and their platforms include:

**Russell "Drew"**

**Allen**, 63, a lifelong Hoopeston resident.

Allen attended East Lynn High School and Wayland Baptist College. He is retired from Stokely's and served as Ward 3 alderman for 10 years.

Assets Allen will bring to the job include city government experience, management and communications skills and wastewater management and engineering experience.

Priorities for Hoopeston include finding businesses, fixing the flooding problem on the city's north side and improving the downtown.

Allen said he has been working with organizing a planning committee to bring businesses to the city; has a workable solution to Front St. flooding; and is working with Hoopeston First to make the downtown more appealing.

**Bill DeWitt**, 76, a retired Stokely's farm superintendent and auctioneer.

DeWitt said assets he will bring to the position include "my determination to work energetically on all phases of community development."

Issues facing Hoopeston include limited employment, storm water drainage and empty homes and buildings.

DeWitt said he would approach small busi-

nesses - with 25-45 employees - to locate in Hoopeston and pursue the possibility of a factory locating here.

As for storm drainage, DeWitt said by getting financial help from other sources, Hoopeston can replace old sewers, clean out others and ease the problem, if not totally correct it. An adequate outlet for storm water is needed, he said.

Bringing employment to the city would help solve the abundance of empty buildings, as new families move to Hoopeston, thereby helping the school system.

"I'm a real people person," DeWitt said. "I talk to everyone and they talk to me. If you don't know what people think, you won't be able to represent them."

**Chalmers Flint**,

66, a 25-year Hoopeston resident and retired teacher and principal.

Flint, a former Hoopeston city clerk, was elected mayor in 2001. Flint had planned to be a one-term mayor but decided to seek reelection to "finish projects that I thought I would have finished the first four years," he said. "Because there are so many parties involved in various projects citywide, it takes longer to complete these projects than I had planned."

Employment opportunities, new housing and more retail businesses are Flint's top priorities, along with finding a motel for Hoopeston.

If reelected, Flint said he will keep in touch with various government agencies and real estate developers, as well as attending conferences, to help economic development.



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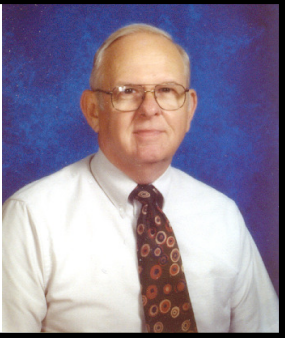
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# Model train buffs to hold weekend whistle stop at civic center

Train wheels will be turning and smoke curling at the McFerren Park Civic Center this weekend - at least on a small scale.

The civic center will be the site of Hoopeston’s first model train show, sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and organized by Lenard Compton.

The show will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free and door prizes will be awarded.

The idea for the show came after Compton, a model train fan, realized there were no events in the local area for collectors. “There are no major train shows for 100 miles,” he said, adding that shows are usually held in larger venues such as Springfield, Decatur and Terre Haute and Lafayette, Ind.

The Hoopeston area has several people who are into model trains. “They don’t have time to go to shows so we’re bringing the show to them,” he said.

Compton’s interest in trains began about six years ago as an activity to share with his grandchildren. It quickly grew from a hobby into a passion. His layout -

# Former resident pleads guilty

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—A former Hoopes-ton man has pleaded guilty to charges stemming from an Aug. 4, 2004, incident in which he took a lawyer hostage and threatened to blow up a building.

In a plea agreement, John Knight, 36, pleaded guilty last week to false imprisonment, aggravated assault, carrying a concealed weapon and perpetrating a bomb hoax, according to the Florida Times-Union. Under the agreement, Knight will be sentenced June 2 to between 5 and 20 years in prison.

Knight was angry because of a 1999 domestic violence case where he received a one-day jail sentence and fine. He pleaded no contest to a fighting charge.

News sources reported in August that Knight entered an office building, showed a home-made badge identifying him as a law enforcement officer and threatened an attorney with a gun.

The judge involved in the domestic violence

50 feet by 16 feet - will be on display during the show. While Compton purchased the train for the layout, most of the rest of it - including trees, mountains and other items - were made by him.

In the process of creating his layout, Compton met many others who, like him, are interested in model trains. “They’re a special breed of people,” he said. They’re like people from a small town like Hoopeston.

Six dealers are scheduled to attend the show, from areas such as Springfield, St. Joe-Ogden, Effing-ham and the Chicago area.

The show will be an opportunity for Hoop-eston to show off, another reason Compton decided to hold the event. “For the little bit of money that it costs to put this on, it’s an opportunity to bring peo-ple to Hoopeston,” he said. “If we’re going to bring factories here, we need to bring people here and show off what Hoopeston has.”

Compton hopes the event will become an annual staple. “I see this as turning out to be a great show,” he said. “Next year, I don’t see anything


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# Bill Crusinberry

# Ward 3 Alderman

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**Ross Township**  
**Road Commissioner**  
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## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

"Farms & Farmers" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children may dress as a farmer. Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### Sports signups

- Anyone interested in baseball or T-ball, Instructional, Minor & Major Leagues can still register until April 1. There will be a late fee after that date. Contact Kevin Jett, 283-7703; Kevin Moore, 283-6268; John Stewart, 283-9781; or Bob Brown, 283-5475.
- Hoopeston Girls Sports Association will hold signups from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and 12-3 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. The league is

Assets he brings to the job include "my belief in the residence of Hoopeston and the drive and dedication to keep things moving forward."

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Flint has a BS in education, an MS in education: counseling and Specialist in education: superintendency.

**Lourdine Florek**, 48, an 18-year Hoopeston resident and owner of Just the Facts, a job she would continue, if elected.

Like the others, she said jobs and economic development are priorities but believes the city needs to look within itself first. "It seems quite often one group is doing this and another is doing that," she said. "I would hope to bring these groups to the table to hammer out a united front for the direction in which Hoopeston should go and grow," she said. To do that, Florek said she would form a planning committee comprised of representatives of such groups as the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, Hoopeston Industrial Corporation, school district, hospital and other organizations. "It's hard to get anything done if you



**FLOREK**

for girls 8-18. Cost is \$30 for one daughter and \$20 for a second daughter.

The association will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Multi Agency. A secretary, treasurer, one major, 2 middle and one minor league coaches are needed. Call John Fowler, 283-7563 or John Hardcastle, 283-7456 for information.

### Candidates' forum to air

The Hoopeston Area media class was expected to tape Thursday night's Hoopeston candidates' forum at the Civic Center. The tape is scheduled to air at 7 p.m. Friday and again at 7 p.m. Monday.

### Blood drive

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will hold a Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday. For appointments, call Diane at 283-5531, ext.

don't have the community behind you," she said. "I would like to see us pull together as a community the way we did when we were in the running for a new prison."

Florek would also like to participate in the Peace Corps Fellows Program to bring someone to Hoopeston to assist with economic development and grant writing for areas such as replacing infrastructure, especially aging sewer and water lines.

Strengths she would bring to the office include managerial experience, good communication and listening skills and her involvement in the community. "A large part of what a mayor does - talking to people, attending activities and knowing what is going on in the



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Saturday, April 2

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WEDNESDAY Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, bread, oleo peaches.

THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, animal crackers, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter & jelly, tator tots, pudding cup fruit cocktail.

### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, potato wedges, cheese sauce, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears, cookie.

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, hot roll, peaches.

THURSDAY: Chicken quesadilla, salad, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich, pasta salad, crackers, fruit cocktail.

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MONDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, pears, cheesy breadstick.

TUESDAY: Corn dog, fries, pineapple, apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza squares, salad, banana, cookie.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, peaches, bread, butter.

FRIDAY: Turkey & cheese sandwich, carrots/dip, mixed fruit, chips/salsa.

All meals include milk

### CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Beef & noodles, broccoli, applesauce, white bread, blueberry bar.

TUESDAY: BBQ chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, seasoned green beans, wheat bread, orange.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet po-

## New Books at the Library



### Non-fiction:

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Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship by Jon Meacham

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tato casserole, peas, raisins, white bread .

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