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GOP selects woman to represent County Board District 1

A Hoopeston woman was expected to be sworn in Tuesday night at the new District 1 representative on the Vermilion County Board.

Pat Bailey of Hoopeston was chosen as the representative at a meeting Monday night of Republican precinct committeemen in Grant, Ross and Butler townships which comprise the district, said Rod Kaag, township Republican party chairman. Seven of the nine committeemen attended, as did State Rep. Bill Black, county party chairman.

The county board must approve the appointment before it becomes official.

Bailey was one of three people who expressed interest in representing the district in the seat vacated by Mark Drollinger's May 9 resignation.

Among the strengths Kaag said Bailey will bring to the board is her professionalism. "I think



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she's a good choice," Kaag said. "I think she'll be an asset to the party."

Bailey will join the board at a time when major issues are facing the group. "Pat's certainly got her work cut out for her," Kaag said.

Among the issues are funding Vermilion Manor Nursing Home and balancing the county budget.

Bailey hopes some of the skills she uses in her job as Hoopeston Regional Health Center director of development will help her deal with some of those issues and said she does not expect making tough decision on the board to have a negative impact on her job.

Active in the Republican party for more than 20 years, Bailey said she is "going to be on a learning process for some time" and is looking forward to the opportunity to "make Vermilion County a great place to live and a great place to work."

Bailey and her husband, Todd, live in rural



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After 20 years away in the service of our country I have returned to Hoopeston and have been a resident for one year now. I am asking these questions because this water issue is not normal throughout the rest of the country and we do not have to live with these water-related issues without questions and answers from our Elected City officials.

On 6 July 2005, after discovering a gross brownish/orange cold water supply in my household drinking water, I called the City of Hoopeston Water Department to inquire about the problem. I was informed that the City Fire Department is flushing Hydrants today and tomorrow while Friday the City Water Department will be flushing the city system. I was told not to wash clothes while the water is like this. I am also very concerned about the quality of the drinking water and the safe levels for bathing and showering.

The water supplied to my home does not represent a

New Books at the Library



Fiction

Life Expectancy by Dean R. Koontz
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ville.

Holly D. Robinson, 17, of 302 W. Penn was arrested at 8:27 p.m. Monday in the 300 block of West Penn. She was charged with battery on a complaint from

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good quality (my opinion only for now) even when the systems are not flushed. My family uses bought purified water for our drinking and cooking, and have noticed that we are not alone in that category. The city water is does not have a good drinkable quality. As an engineer for the National Defense Center for Environmental Excellence (NDCEE), I have taken it upon myself to take samples and have my current drinking water tested. In the interim, I used a simple on-hand swimming pool test kit to test the water coming out the faucet on 6 July 2005. The results were very interesting, total hardness (TH) level was 800 parts per million (ppm) (at the maximum level), the free chlorine (FC) was 1 ppm (very acceptable), the pH level was at 8.4 (at the maximum level for alkalinity), the total alkalinity (TA) was at 240 ppm (above maximum level), and the cyanuric acid (CYA) level was at 150 ppm (also above the maximum level), it would not be safe to swim in the water coming out of my facet on 6 July 2005 and yet we (as a city) are asked to bath, shower and drink this water. Now when is this going to change?

R. Pickett, Senior Engineer, NDCEE
Hoopeston

Water superintendent responds

Hoopeston water meets all U.S. E.P.A. and Illinois E.P.A. drinking water standards. We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. City water is tested by a laboratory that is certified by the E.P.A.

Why do we flush? The city of Hoopeston flushes to maintain a high level of water quality in the system. Over a period of time, iron and manganese will build up in our distribution system. The only way to alleviate this buildup is opening hydrants to clean out the water system.

According to the E.P.A., iron and manganese do not pose any health effects in our drinking

Weather



Chance of rain today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 80, low 66. Tomorrow, high 84, low 68.

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Steve Baker
Hoopeston Water Superintendent

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