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Letters to the Editor



Board president explains ballot

Dear Voters of the Rossville-Alvin School District:

On behalf of the Rossville-Alvin Board of Education we encourage you to vote in the April 7, 2009 school board election. There may be some confusion on the ballot. There will be four vacancies up for election and five people running. However, four of the candidates are running for one seat in the same congressional district.

Jason Miller, John Petersen, Angela Rome and Tim Walsh are all running for one vacancy. Only one of

them can be elected so you can only vote for one of them.

James Weston will run unopposed from his congressional district and there are two vacancies from congressional districts that do not have candidates. The Board of Education will have to fill those vacancies after the new board is established. Please read the ballot carefully.

Dennis R. Price, President
Rossville-Alvin Board of Education.

Bailouts, Budget and Education

Before you holler wolf, and ask why I always write about negative stuff, I want to say my opinions are just my opinions, I write them down for you to read, because what is important is your opinion, and that is something we all have in common. I cannot find anything positive to write about our economy. Maybe you can?

With the trillions of dollars our government has or is going to shell out to help our economy, I surely hope there is a lot of attention and support for our education programs across this nation. Most of the targeted support is for programs of a short nature and if this is all that is accomplished, would be no more than a band aid on the

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Hoopeston Area School Board Election
Tuesday, April 7, 2009

I would appreciate your vote for re-election

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big problems that will resurface again at a later time.

Education, however, is a long term project that will reap rewards for a lifetime. Some believe that those that do not receive a proper education just fall through the cracks. That is a myth! Those people don't go anywhere; they are us, or among us. If they cannot find adequate employment then they usually receive government assistance. Some turn to crime, stealing, selling illegal drugs, and end up in the penal system. All of this is right out of each tax payers pocket. So we all would benefit from everyone receiving a proper education.

We have just as much an education crisis as we do an economy crisis. In order for us to compete with foreign countries such as China and Japan, we are going to have to change the way education is managed. How can we compete with these countries when their government pays for their education and helps manage their progress throughout school to ensure they are qualified to fill the jobs that they are going to be doing?

Our schools are going to have to broaden their base and teach more than the basic academics. There must be some sort of training added to the education program that will teach our children how to do work that is available now and in the future. If we fail to do this, very few American children will be qualified to be employed in a post-capitalist world. Then this country will have failed to ensure that this country doesn't become a third world country. Today, even without the cutbacks in employment, what employment opportunities are there for your children? We have to reach the younger generation to ensure that they can legally support themselves.

Obituaries

GREEN - Glen Douglas Green, 83, of Nuremberg, Germany, formerly of Rossville, died Feb. 5, 2009 in Nuremberg. Memorial Mass was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston. Burial, with military honors by Rossville American Legion, was in Mann's Chapel Cemetery south of Rossville. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston, with Rosary at 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Rossville American Legion or Vermilion County Museum for the upkeep of Mann's Chapel.

There must be programs established to educate and train adults, so they can rejoin the work force, and become tax paying citizens. We have the schools, why not set up government supported night schools taught by qualified people in the fields of work that are now available.

One of the most important changes we must make is to value our educators and pay them what they should be receiving. Our state government must share the funding with the federal government, so unemployment costs and other state funded program costs can be reduced. Take all this money from over paid CEOs and pay the teachers with it. These teachers are more important to the future of this nation than all the upper management in the whole nation.

We also should set high standards for our teachers, and make sure they are doing the job that they are suppose to be doing. This would encourage more young people to become teachers, instead of other higher paying jobs. It would also help if parents managed the discipline of their children, so that teachers can do the job they were trained to do "teaching."

Instead of building more prisons, build special education schools that teach school dropouts and young prison inmates. We are going to have to do something different, if we want to reach these people. If we don't, they will continue going in and out of prison and they will have learned nothing positive.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:08 a.m. Monday in the 800 block of South Dixie Hwy. Police said Joyce Shore, in a 2009 Chevrolet, was exiting the Jerry' IGA parking lot onto Rt. 1 when she hit a southbound 1996 Oldsmobile, driven by Bill Henk, also of Hoopeston.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 54. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 38. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 57, low 34.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

There are 12-15 million non-citizens in this country that have caused many schools to be built to facilitate their children, and many hospitals to go bankrupt and close or discontinue emergency services. These non-citizens have also drained billions from government aide facilities. There has to be a way to eradicate this cancer from this nation.

The big word now is change. These are some of the changes that I would like to see, how about you?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

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