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Hoopeston woman takes Ward 3 vote but can't accept win

Comstock does not meet residency requirement to run for office

Susan Comstock could have had a victory celebration last night but the write-in candidate for Hoopeston's Ward 3 said Monday that she is ineligible to run for election because she does not meet the state's residency requirement.

Comstock received 27 write-in votes in Tuesday's election while her opponent, write-in candidate Tony Hasbargen, received one vote, according to information provided by the Vermilion County Clerk's office.

Comstock, who previously represented Ward 3, moved from the area for a few years before returning last year, but not early enough to meet the 12-month residency requirement.

In another issue, Rossville voters reversed themselves from the November election and approved a referendum to pay for the new fire station.

The measure passed, 345-254, according to unofficial vote totals.

The measure was defeated by 13 votes last November, leaving the Rossville Area Fire Protection District without a way to repay the U.S. Department of Agriculture loan that funded the construction.

The district had planned to use a special tax levy to repay part of the loan but learned that state law bans using a special tax levy to pay a mortgage.

Had the referendum failed, fire officials had said the U.S.D.A. could have foreclosed on the building.

Another result of Tuesday's election is a new member on the Hoopeston Area School Board.

Lisa Leigh unseated incumbent Sara Johnson for one of two seats outside the old Hoopeston School District. Leigh's unofficial tally of 521 put her behind incumbent Russell Walder's 525 but ahead of Johnson's 460.

Incumbent Larry Jahn and newcomer Steve Highfill were elected from the area inside the former Hoopeston School District. Neither was opposed.

Ballots were counted from voters in Vermilion, Iroquois and Ford counties.

The school board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. April 30 to seat new board members and elect officers.

John Peterson was the winner of a four-way race for one seat on the Rossville-Alvin School Board. Peterson received 336 votes, followed by Jason Miller with 215, Tim Walsh with 171 and Angela Rome with 83.

Jim Weston ran unopposed in his congressional township but two others had no candidates.

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All in our community are invited worship on Good Friday, April 10, at noon at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St.

Organized by the Hoopeston Area Ministerial Association, the service will include Communion, prayers for God's redemption of the world, hymns of lament, and the gospel story of Jesus' crucifixion.


Kindergarten preregistration
Maple Grade School, 500 S. Fourth St., will hold kindergarten preregistration from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15. Please bring birth certificates, shot records and Social Security numbers.

Preregistration is for parents only.

Film at library
Hoopeston Public Library will show a movie at 2 p.m. Monday. The G-rated Disney movie is about an over-achieving high school student with dreams of being a public defender. She decides to travel around the country to choose the perfect college. Her father decides to accompany her in order to keep her on the straight and narrow in this road comedy.

The movie is for kids ages eight and older and for families.

For more information, call the library, (217) 283-6711.

Weather 

Showers today and tonight. High 57, low 37. Tomorrow, breezy. High 52, low 36.

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

B I N G O

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Preschool screening
A free preschool screening for all three-, four-, and five-year-olds will be held Thursday, April 30 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston. The screening determines each child's knowledge of general concepts, speech, language and motor skills.

Birth to three screenings are available the same day.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (217) 283-6668. Please bring child's Social Security number.

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Lisa Leigh

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