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Grant voters to converge on civic center as sole polling place

Touch screen machine expected to debut, too

With contested races from the national to the county level, voter turnout for Tuesday's primary is expected to be higher than that of most primaries.

That could create a trial by fire for voters and election judges at all Grant precincts since, for the first time, all voters will cast ballots at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

After winning election in 2014, Vermilion County Clerk Cathy Jenkins looked at ways to save money in her office. One of those ways was to consolidate some polling places in the county. In July, Jenkins announced Grant's six precincts would, effective with the March primary, vote at the civic center.

The change caused concern among some election

judges so in October, Jenkins met with two judges, Vicki Gaddis and Carol Hicks, to allay concerns about accessibility, parking and other issues.

Seven handicapped parking spaces are expected to be available at the park, which, Jenkins said, could be used by senior citizens and those without handicapped parking placards during the day.

Other steps will be taken to assure that voters in wheelchairs and power chairs are able to get in civic center doors.

Once voters are in the civic center, each precinct is expected to be clearly marked to streamline the voting process. Residents will see many familiar faces and some new ones, as the number of judges needed for Grant's popula-

See VOTERS on other side



Photo by James Eyrich

Ticket to ride

Staff of Dependable Auto perform inspections of residents' gators and golf carts Saturday in the Hoopston City Hall parking lot. Hoopston allows the vehicles on city streets but requires an annual inspection and permit. A second inspection will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, also at city hall. Cost is \$5 for the inspection and \$30 for the permit.

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tion has not changed.

Jenkins also told the women that Tuesday's primary would be the premier of two touch screen voting ma-

From the Blotter

Tonya Edwards, 39, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for two counts of no proof of rabies vaccines and two counts of nuisance dogs running at large after two pit bulls allegedly owned by her were caught running loose at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of East Orange.

Edwards will be mailed citations and will appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Seth Gredy, 30 of Glasgow, Ky., was arrested after a traffic stop at noon Sunday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy.

Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear at pretrial for driving while license suspended, he was released on bond with a new court date.

An employee of Casey's General Store, 115 E. Orange, reported at 8:19 p.m. that someone in a white pickup drove off without paying for gas.

chines that allow voters to push the screen to select their candidates. Tallies are kept on a component of the system, which will be removed and taken to Danville for counting.

Hoopeston is not the only place to have voting location changes. Butler Township formerly had two polling places but now has one, the Rankin Fire Station, 511 S. Main. South Ross Township was also cut to one polling place, Henning Village Hall, 4 S. Main.

No changes were made to Ross 1 and 2, where voters will cast ballots at Rossville Church of Christ, 514 E. Attica.

In races of local interest, Rep. John Shimkus (R-15) is being challenged by Kyle McCarter, who was a state senator from Lebanon.

On the county level, the most closely-watched race will be that for state's attorney, where Republicans Jac-

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 70, low 44. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, breezy. High 61, low 39.

quelyn Lacy, currently head of the public defender's office, and Chuck Mockbee IV, currently an assistant state's attorney, hope to win the seat.

Two people are running for a District 1 seat on the county board. Incumbent Darren Duncan, of Rossville, is being challenged by Darrell Cambron, of Rankin.

On the other side of the aisle, retired Hoopeston attorney Paul Manion is running unopposed for District 1 on the Democrat ballot.

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