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County fails to pass sales tax, Miller wins Shimkus seat

For the second time in two years, taxpayers in Vermilion County said no to a one percent school facilities sales tax.

The measure passed by a slim margin - 4,212 to 4,133 - in the county, but was defeated by Danville voters, 2,259 to 1,343.

The total vote was 6,392 against the tax to 5,555 in favor, according to unofficial numbers. The 837-vote difference is a wider spread than in 2018, when the meas-

ure failed by 667 votes.

As in the 2018 referendum, Grant 4 was the only Hoopeston precinct to vote in favor of the tax, 73-70. The split was smaller than the 2018 total, when 13 votes separated the two.

The School Facilities Sales Tax would have put a one percent tax on many items and would have boosted Danville's sales tax to 10.25 percent.

Since the first time the tax was on the ballot, the law allowing the tax was modified, expanding how money could be used. Along with school improvements, funds also could have been used for mental health services and school security, such as resource officers.

In the race for 15th District congressional seat - to replace retiring John Shimkus - Mary Miller of Oakland

See COUNTY on other side

Bulk garbage collection nixed

Due to coronavirus concerns, Hoopeston's bulk garbage collection will not be held Saturday. The next one is set for April 2. Officials will announce before the date whether it will be held.

Pastor to take gift cards to victims of hometown tragedy

Adam Taubert, pastor at First Baptist Church in Hoopeston, has had his mind on his hometown lately.

His birthplace, Cookeville, Tenn., was in the news earlier this month after an EF-4 tornado ravaged the town in the early morning hours of March 3. Twenty-four Tennesseans died in tornados that day, 19 from Cookeville.

Taubert will be going back to Cookeville Sunday and hopes local residents will open their hearts to provide gift cards for families whose lives and homes were damaged on that morning. His dad was good friends with a man who died and Taubert knew of two of the families, as part of larger families.

He plans to leave after his live stream sermon - the church will not have Sunday services for two weeks because of coronavirus restrictions - and will go to Calvary Baptist Church of Cookeville. "I have preached revival services there," he said. The congregation at Calvary Baptist will also provide assistance. "God has burdened their hearts to try to match my donations."

A combination of six people and families directly af-

ected by the tornado have been identified to receive the cards. "They are either uninsured, injured, and/or suffered tremendous loss or family death," Taubert said.

He and others will meet with and provide Post Traumatic Stress Disorder counseling and the Taubert family will sing to the victims, as well.

The pastor described Cookeville as a thriving college town, home to Tennessee Tech. "It is more known for academics than athletics," Taubert said. "It is a very beautiful town with multiple waterfalls."

The area is not a concentrated coronavirus area and the family will practice social distancing with extremely limited interaction with the public.

If anyone would like to donate, prepaid VISA and Walmart cards are best. McDonald's gift cards are also welcome.

Anyone interested in helping people suffering from the devastation may drop off cards with Taubert or his wife, Jessica. Please call (217) 283-4248 or (217) 772-1390 before 10 a.m. Sunday.

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Mayor discusses details of three-phase response plan for nearby coronavirus outbreak

Hoopeston is about at Stage 1.5 of a three-stage coronavirus COVID-19 response plan.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry outlined the plan at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, where aldermen practiced social distancing by some sitting in their normal seats and others sitting at two long ta-

Obituaries

GOCKING—Betty Carol Gocking, 82, of Hoopeston, died at 2:05 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:32 p.m. Thursday at South Market and East Orange. Police said Kikals W. Boyne, 16, of Rossville, in a 2008 Pontiac, stuck the rear bumper of an westbound 2010 Chevrolet, driven by Ashley N. Simpson, 34, of Hoopeston.

Boyne was at fault for failure to reduce speed.

A **51-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 2:25 .m. Sunday that someone entered his garage in the 800 block of West Washington. Police are investigating.

Jared Zollar, 33, of Rossville, was arrested at 11:56 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of West Maple. Wanted on Vermilion and Macon county warrants, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:25 a.m. Sunday for a carbon monoxide alarm in the 600 block of West Penn. No injuries were reported.

County continued from other side

held off three challengers, including Darren Duncan, of Rossville. In unofficial totals, districtwide, Miller had 57 percent of the vote, with Duncan coming in second with 22 percent.

Miller also had the lead in Vermilion County, outpacing Duncan 4,206 to 2,935.

On the Democrat side, Erika Weaver fended off three competitors to win the Democrat nod.

In the county race for auditor county finance resources director Erika Briggs received 4,038 votes to Mary Tech-tow's 3,163.

bles.

The plan, developed by Crusinberry, police Chief Jim DeWitt, fire Chief Joel Bird and EMA Director Brad Hardcastle. Phase 1 was implemented last week. Points under Phase 1 include educating the public and employees on proper handwashing, hygiene and sanitation, making sure necessary sanitation supplies are available for city buildings, possibly reducing hours of public access at city buildings and others.

Phase 2 includes closing city buildings to public access, cleaning and sanitizing buildings, fire and police chiefs making reduction of response plans for nonemergency calls and plans to secure areas around

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Weather

Thunderstorms, breezy today. High 64. Tonight, showers, breezy. Low 47. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 50, low 26.

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healthcare facilities and food stores. The city attorney would be advised to draft an emergency declaration in case Phase 3 becomes necessary.

Phase 3 would be implemented if a case of COVID-19 is declared within 40 miles of Hoopeston. An emergency council meeting would be called to declare an emergency in the city, at which time, officials could: ban public gatherings larger than 10 people, implement a curfew during the emergency, if warranted; and declare, issue, enforce, modify and terminate orders for quarantine or isolation of people or animals posing a threat to the public.



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City of Hoopeston Swimming Pool is accepting applications for lifeguards and assistant manager for the 2020 season. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W. Main St. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

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Television recycling still a go

A television recycling event sponsored by Grant Township is still on for Saturday.

Organizer Mike Bane said Thursday that the event is set up so that there will be no large crowds and fewer than 10 people will be in a group at one time.

The event will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Township Garage, 1101 S. Seventh St., south of the school softball field.

Fees are \$10 for computer monitors, \$20 for TVs through 24 inches and \$30 for TVs larger than 24 inches. Cost for projection TVs and all wooden console models is \$50. Computer keyboards and components will be accepted at no charge.

Corona Closings

The Foodmobile scheduled to be at Rossville Church of Christ Saturday has been cancelled.

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