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As incumbents leaving township roles, newcomers step up

Three Grant Township officials are stepping away from the positions they've had for the last several years. Two are retiring but a third is throwing his hat into the ring for a different township position.

Town Clerk Sharon Johnson and Road Commissioner Marty Mall are not seeking reelection. Trustee Dale Lithgow is not running for his current seat but is running to be the township's road commissioner.

A former teacher, Johnson was named town clerk in 2001, replacing Donna Lithgow, who resigned mid-term for health reasons. "After teaching 35 years, this part time position has been perfect for me and, I hope, the voters of Grant Township," she said.

As clerk, Johnson has been the "keeper of the records" for the township, including legal publications, election procedures and salaries. She is also responsible for taking minutes at township board meetings and making sure election caucus paperwork is complete and filed with the county clerk.

"Thank you, voters, for your support of me these past years," she said.

Maul began his tenure with Grant Township Road Department in 1988. He was named acting road commissioner on December 12, 2012, replacing Gary Weinard, who resigned from the post on December 11. "I wanted the position because I believed I was the best-qualified for the job," he said.

"Acting" was dropped from his title when Maul ran for his first full term in 2013. He ran and won again in 2017.

He decided not to seek reelection this time, due to a few health issues that will not allow him to perform his job at the level he believes is needed. "I'm not one to sit back and watch someone else work without jumping in to help," he said.

Also, Maul said he will be 67 before the end of his term. His wife, Patty, retired three years ago, and once Maul is retired, they plan to travel, "while we can still enjoy doing it."

I have enjoyed 33 years working on the roads for the

taxpayers of Grant Township and will miss the work and the people," he said.

Lithgow became a Grant Township trustee shortly before his family started Lithgow Automotive in 1997 and has served ever since. "I have really enjoyed being a trustee and have met a lot of great people because of it," he said.

The reason he is not running again is so he can run for a new position: Grant Township Road Commissioner. "As an office holder in the township, you cannot hold two positions at once," he said. The timing was right for me to take on additional responsibility as the road commissioner. It is a job that I have wanted to do for a long time."

The 60-year-old believes he is the right candidate for the job based on his time as trustee and because of his work. "I have learned a lot from starting and running my own business," Lithgow said, responding to a Just the Facts candidate questionnaire. "Money management, inventory management and personnel management are skills that are hard-learned."

The major issue currently facing Grant Township, he said, is money. Many of the hard roads were first "blacktopped" in the 1970s, he said. Since then, it has been an ongoing maintenance project to keep our blacktops. In the last 12 years, the department has started to rebuild roads and keep them blacktop. "This is my main goal: to keep the blacktops and to possibly add more," he said. "With a strict budget and help from Vermilion County, it is a goal that can be achieved."

Robert Pratt, Lithgow's challenger for the position, is running on the promise of being a full time road commissioner. Lithgow addressed that point as part of his questionnaire response.

"Some are worried about my dedication to the job of road commissioner and think that I need to be in the office from 8 to 5, five days a week. I would like to say that the road commissioner's job is not an 8-5 job. It is a 24/7,

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Obituaries

FRAZIER - Don Frazier, 70, of Hoopeston, died at 11:04 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2020, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

KAEB - Elmer W. Kaeb, 95, of Cissna Park, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at home. Private funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. The funeral will be livestreamed on YouTube at Cissna Park AC Church Live Stream and AC Central Sermons or by dialing (815) 714-8988. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Sunday School or Apostolic Christian Harvest Call. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

KRUEGER - Marilyn E. (Robinson) Krueger, 82, of Bagley, IA, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 in Bagley. Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. graveside service Monday at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

Township continued from other side

365-day job and if I get the job, my heart will be in it because I am proud of what we have and I want to make it better.”

On a personal level, Lithgow spent 23 years in the Illinois National Guard, serving in heavy maintenance. He rose to the rank of first sergeant, where he assisted the unit commander in overseeing 150 soldiers and successfully performed two overseas deployments.

Lithgow and his wife, Penny, have three grown children, sons Phillip and Matthew and daughter, Ashley. He is a lifelong rural member of Grant Township and said he “takes a lot of pride in being a member of this community.”

Pratt did not respond to the questionnaire by press time. Ginger Hall Grant has filed to run as the Republican candidate for town clerk in the April election, replacing Johnson.

For the town board, incumbents Dave Ervin and Rich Thompson are both seeking reelection. Also running for one of the three available seats are newcomers Karla Coon, Tonna Flint and Sherry Miller.

Township Supervisor Megan Deck and multi-township

MASON - Thelma Mason 87, of Hoopeston, died at 11:03 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, at Accolade Healthcare on Pells, Paxton. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

MATHEWSON - Norman “Christy” Mathewson 94, of Watseka, formerly of Milford, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at Watseka Rehab and Health Care. He was cremated. Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.baierfunneralhome.com.

MOORE - Sharon Kay Moore, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at home. Private graveside service will be held at Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

REED - Beulah M. (Zbinden) Reed, 84, of Cissna Park, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at home. Private graveside service will be held in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park United Methodist Church, Iroquois Memorial Hospice, or Country Theatre Workshop.

Assessor Susie Drollinger are running unopposed. Hopefuls will run in the Grant Township Republican caucuses this week.

The caucus for all positions but assessor will be held from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn.

Caucus for the assessor’s position will be held from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Legion.

Successful caucus candidates will be on the April 2021 ballot.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade School menu

MONDAY: Chicken patty, steamed broccoli, applesauce, cucumber slices, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Mini corn dog, baked beans, celery, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Taco, chips & salsa, salad, baby carrots, pineapple milk

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, fries, mixed fruit, Sunset Sip juice, milk

VOORHEES - Larry Donald Voorhees, 78, of Danville, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at home. He was a former choral director at Hoopeston Area High School and Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Due to Covid restrictions, services will be private. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.sunsetfuneralhome.com.

WATROUS - Dorothy I. (Hamilton) Watrous 99, of Rossville, died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Tuesday at Rossville United Methodist Church. Burial will fol-

low in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church, 116 Maple St., Rossville, IL 60963. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Weather

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