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## Lithgow, Ervin, Miller, Hofer, Coon get nod from Grant voters

Grant Township voters chose their slate of candidates for the April election at Tuesday evening's Republican caucus.

In a two-man race for road commissioner, Dale Lithgow came out on top, defeating Robert Pratt, 108 to 63.

In the five-person contest for Grant Township trustees, incumbent Dave Ervin will be joined on the ticket by three women. Sherry Miller was the top vote-

getter, with 135, followed by Ervin with 117, Tonna Hofer with 103 and Karla Coon with 102. Rich Thompson, with 90 votes, did not make the cut.

In uncontested offices, Supervisor Megan Deck received 154 votes and Ginger Grant received 147 for town clerk.

A caucus for multi-township assessor was to be held Wednesday evening at Hoopeston American Legion. Incumbent Susie Ward Drollinger ran unopposed.

## Hoopeston to semi drivers: you can't get there from here

City officials kicked around several ideas to block semis trying to go down Lincoln St to Teasdale Foods but want to gather more information before making a decision.

"I've been catching a lot of flak" from people who live on Lincoln between Market and the railroad tracks, said Ald. Jeff Wise, street/alley committee chairman, at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Most recently, a Georgia truck driver was ticketed after he drove a semi down the street, clearly marked as closed to truck traffic. When the driver came to the dead end at the railroad tracks, he tried to make a right turn and damaged a concrete barrier.

Police ticket semi drivers found on the street, but officials would like a more permanent solution.

A height barrier was almost a go to be installed. Set to be 11' high, it would allow bigger vehicles, such as garbage and fire trucks and would have a flashing symbol for "no trucks." But Wise said truckers are choosing to break the law by going down the "no truck traffic" street and a barrier is unlikely to change that.

"I personally can't think of anything else we can do," Wise said, and residents, "Don't seem to be receptive to that being the only thing we're going to do."

Further discussion, however, brought up more concerns and possible solutions.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry suggested putting concrete

blocks in the middle of the street and bar parking on both sides. That would allow traffic in both directions and allow for bigger vehicles, such as fire trucks, but would block semis.

Fire Chief Joel Bird has voiced concerns about closing the street, as well as limiting the height of vehicles, which would preclude the department's ladder truck from getting through. Although he did not attend Tuesday's meeting, Ald. Robin Lawson relayed that Bird thinks changing traffic would not be fair to the residents who live there, and that the problem is Teasdale Foods' responsibility. He suggested officials should talk to company representatives and issue "hefty fines" if the issue is not resolved, said Lawson, who chairs the fire committee.

Brad Hardcastle, Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency director, suggested collapsible or removable bollards as another possible solution. Crusinberry suggested that option be investigated before a decision is made.

In 2018, when the council approved closing Lincoln from First Ave. to the rail tracks, it was suggested that Teasdale bills of lading include directions to the plant in light of the street closing. That suggestion was again raised at the meeting.

Wise said he has tried to get Google and other GPS maps changed but there are so many GPS companies that  
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Drivers continued from other side

he can't change them all. Additionally, he said, even when one is changed, a truck driver will go in and have it changed back.

"I think we're in a no-win situation here," he said. "You can't ask me to have to resolve people breaking the law."

Truck drivers coming in on Rt. 9 are asked to use Second Ave. to get to the plant, while those on Rt. 1 are asked to use Penn, Crusinberry said.

In other business, aldermen addressed complaints about garbage set out for Wednesday collection that wasn't.

Residents on the north side of 600 block of East Honeywell complained to officials and on social media that their garbage was not picked up Wednesday nor Friday, even though refuse on the south side of the street had been gathered.

Complaints about Republic Services' service in Hoopeston have been an ongoing issue, often caused by trucks breaking down. For a time, company representatives notified the city and media about delays, which was then passed on to residents, but that hasn't happened recently, said Ald. Lourdine Florek.

Aldermen discussed possible solutions, including looking at other service providers. Crusinberry and Ald. Bill Goodwine discussed the costs a smaller company would have, such as spending roughly \$500,000 for garbage containers and having to charge more to dump garbage at the landfill.

Florek asked why the company would have to provide containers when residents could provide their own and said other garbage companies have to dump their garbage somewhere, probably at the Hoopeston landfill, and al-

ready have set rates.

Goodwine suggested the city not rush in and make the problem worse. Company officials will be invited to attend a council meeting to hear residents' complaints and address the issues.

When that will happen is unclear, as Mike McMillan, operations supervisor at the Danville office, is leaving this week and Operations Manager Toby Wolfe left last week.

Last year, Hoopeston inked a five-year contract with Republic.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Unanimously approved final payment of \$5,132.68 to Donahue and Associates Engineering for engineering supervision and inspection of the Rt. 1 water/sewer extension.

- Heard from Wise that the street/alley department has finished leaf pickup for the season. Acknowledging there are still many trees with leaves that haven't fallen, he said rain and wind wreaked havoc. "Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate with us on this whole thing," he said.

From the Blotter

**Robin Irvin**, 40 of Rantoul, turned herself in to police at 2:25 a.m. Tuesday. Wanted on a Champaign County warrant, she was released on bond with a new court date.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 4:14 p.m. Tuesday at South Market and East

Briefly

Bulk garbage day

Hoopeston will hold its twice-monthly bulk garbage collection from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. This is for garbage too big to fit into the blue totes. Residents who have heavy or large items are asked to bring someone to help unload them.

This is for Hoopeston residents only. Identification will be checked.

Petition submission

Hoopeston City Clerk will accept petitions from those running for public offices at city Hall, 301 W. main St, on:

Monday, Dec. 14	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 18	8:30-11:20 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 21	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 22	8:30-11:30 a.m.

Candidates unable to bring their petitions during these hours are asked to call city hall at (217) 283-5833 or mail their petitions to City Clerk, 301 W. Main St. Hoopeston IL 60942.

Penn.

Police said Shirley Fell, 72, of Hoopeston, was westbound in a 2017 GMC Acadia. She stopped at the stop sign and proceeded through the intersection, striking a northbound 2020 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Emily Brown, 43, also of Hoopeston.

Toole: 134 new cases, four deaths

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole on Tuesday announced 134 new COVID-19 cases and the deaths of four county residents of Covid-related illness.

A woman in her 90s, two men in their 70s and a man in his 60s brings the total to 40 who had Covid-related deaths, he said.

Vermilion County has accumulated a total of 3,237 positive cases, of which 245 are active. Thirty-four are hospitalized and 104 were released from isolation Monday.

There have been 51,800 negative test results.

The mobile COVID-Testing Team will be at the health department parking lot on Sunday, Dec. 6, he said.

Weather

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