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Voters defeat schools' request for sales tax for third time

The third time was not the charm for Vermilion County schools' request for a new sales tax.

Asked to approve a one percent sales tax, voters said no, 5,648 to 3,732, in Tuesday's consolidated election. Danville voters gave the request a thumbs down, 2,779 to 1,564 in favor, while the rest of Vermilion County said no, 2,869 to 2,168.

All election totals are unofficial until certified later this month.

Because part of the Hoopeston Area district extends into Iroquois County, voters in that area had their say, upvoting the tax, 54-42.

The district also extends into Ford County, where no

votes were cast on the tax.

The 1,916-vote difference in Vermilion County is the largest spread between sides since the issue was brought to voters in 2018. In its maiden appearance, the measure lost by 642 votes countywide. In 2020, the difference increased to 873 votes.

A second measure, to allow Hoopeston Area school board members to be elected at large, rather than by congressional townships, was approved, 326-237, by voters in all three counties.

In the vote-for-two contest for Hoopeston Area School Board, incumbent Lee Cox, who ran on opposing tax increases, was the top vote-getter, with 396. Incumbent

See **VOTERS** on other side

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HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY

To a couple of crazy kids!

Briefly

At the library
 Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Builders Club**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages who like Legos. Free building, challenges, buddy builds and more!

HPL Seed Library is open for the season. Stop by and “check out” a few packets of seeds as you make plans for your flower and vegetable gardens. Donations of leftover packaged seeds are still being accepted.

Mary Dickinson, of the Ford-Iroquois Master Gardeners, will present a program at 1 p.m. Monday, April 17, on how gardeners can attract more butterflies to their gardens by planting annuals, perennials and herbs.

Preregistration is recommended, by calling (217) 283-6711 or visiting the library at 110 N. Fourth St.

Road closing
 Hoopeston officials are advising residents that demolition of the former Bzzz Bar will be happening in the near future. The intersection of East Main and

Voters continued from other side

board President Dave McFadden received 341 votes and newcomer April Jones got 327 votes.

Will Clayton, running for the area outside of the original Hoopeston School District, received 525 votes in Vermilion County and 87 in Iroquois County.

In Hoopeston City Council’s only race, Michael Ferrell squeezed out incumbent Rachele Miller by three votes, 41-38, to represent Hoopeston Ward 2.

Miller was appointed to the council in January, replacing Carl Ankenbrand, who moved out of his ward.

Ferrell will join his wife, Kellie, in representing the ward.

All other city candidates ran unopposed. In other area races:

Vernon Lee Hofer was the top vote-getter for a four-year term as Rankin Village Trustee. Larry Palomo and Alyssa Duncan rounded out winners in the four candidate, vote-for-three contest.

Jeremy Deck topped the list of five candidates for four slots on the Rossville-Alvin School District, followed by Robert Danner, Christopher M. Quick and Stephen Kelemenic.

While some races had more candidates than openings, Wellington had the opposite in village trustee elections. Three openings for for-year terms saw only two candidates, Samuel Vires and William Bruens, while two two-year unexpired terms had one contender, Kenneth Case.

North Market will be closed periodically over the next several weeks.

Please avoid the area, if possible.

Alley cleanup
 Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin Monday, April 17, weather permitting. Cleanup is for yard waste and tree limbs only. Piles that contain plastic, concrete or other materials will not be picked up.

From the Blotter

A **white, blue and black** BMX-style bicycle was found Tuesday in the 100 block of West Lincoln by the railroad tracks. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **16-year-old boy** was arrested after police were called at 8:19 p.m. Tuesday to the 200 block of North Market for a report of a male flashing what appeared to be a gun.

Police located the boy and talked to him. After an investigation, he was arrested on preliminary charges of unlawful use of a weapon, criminal damage to state supported property and resisting/obstructing a peace officer.

The youth was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center to await arraignment.

Iroquois County Sheriff’s Police reported that on April 2, two people were injured in a single-vehicle accident on County Road 750 N near 2274 E.

A vehicle driven by James G. Birch, 21, of Milford, was eastbound on 750 N, when for unknown reasons, it entered the north ditch and continued east for about 100 yards before striking a culvert and overturning, landing on the passenger side.

According to police reports, Birch and an unidentified passenger were trapped in the vehicle and were extricated by Milford Fire/EMS, then taken to Carle Hoopeston Hospital. Both were later airlifted to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, for serious suspected injuries.

The accident is still under investigation.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 52. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, breezy, showers likely, then thunderstorms. High 58, low 36.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

For those who have no alley, yard debris may be placed at curbside. Residents are asked not to place the yard waste in the gutter.

Obituaries

GONZALEZ - Dennis Lee Gonzalez, 68, of Rossville, died at 9:47 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, at home. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mann’s Chapel Cemetery in rural Rossville. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-hom.com

Classifieds

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for the following position: Substitute Cafeteria Worker (7:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m) Applications are available online at Hoopeston Area CUSD’s website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

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