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Hoopeston resident Jo Beauvois prepares to vote Tuesday at St. Anthony Parish Hall.

Danville voters drive failure of school facilities sales tax

A 28 "yes" vote lead by county residents for a school facilities tax was wiped out by 667 "no" votes from Danville voters in Tuesday's primary election.

A referendum asking voters to approve a one percent school facilities tax fell by 639 votes, 5,103 to 4,464, according to unofficial results from Vermilion County and Danville election authorities.

Locally, the measure passed in Grant 4 by 13 votes and Ross 2 by 16. It failed in Grant 1,2,3,5 and 6, as

well as Ross 1, South Ross and Butler.


Had the measure passed, it would have provided new revenue to Vermilion County schools from a one percent sales tax on things like household items, dining out and gas. Food, drugs, licensed vehicles and farm implements and inputs were excluded.

Hoopeston Area officials estimated the tax would have generated \$436,000 for the district.

See TAX on other side

The family of Erma Cade would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food and prayers. Also, we would like to thank Anderson Funeral Home and Carle Hospice girls.

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Lady Cornjerkers lose opening softball game, win second

Hoopston Area High School's softball team opened its season on March 15.

The Lady Cornjerkers fell 7-3 to Rantoul in the season opener. Mercy Linder hit a double for HA and Payton Small scored a triple, with strong pitching from Regan Shor and Logan Robinson.

In JV action, the girls were down 12-5 in the final inning but with their batting and base-running abilities, came back to win, 12-11. Kayla Goble hit her first over-the-fence home run, followed by two dou-

bles. Ali Watson went 3 for 3, including a double and a triple.

Kayla Goble went 2 for 2 with a grand slam and double to help lead the ladies to a 16-3 win over Blue Ridge on March 16.

Ariel Reeves had two doubles for two RBIs. Linder also had 2 RBIs. Raven Rutherford added one to the RBI total and had one stolen base and Small went 3 for 3 with one double.

Robinson had nine strikeouts from the mound.

Briefly

The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a monthly get-together held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville First Station.

Maple Book Fair

Maple School will hold a book fair from 2:30-7 p.m. Thursday for students, parents and grandparents.

At the library

Tiny Tots, 10:20-11:30 Friday. For children ages 0-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Spring Book Sale, March 26-31. A fresh assortment of adult, youth and children's fiction and non-fiction books and a few surprises. \$2 per bag or three bags for \$5. Bring a bag or we'll provide.

The sale will be held during regular hours, 9:30-8 Mon.-Thurs., 9:30-6 Fri. and 9:30-3 Sat.

Tax continued from other side

Opponents of the proposal suggested the district find ways to trim expenses - in November, district auditor Russ Leigh said Hoopston's total per-pupil cost is more than \$11,000. Critics also cited a lack of transparency by officials on current spending.

The issue was defeated but may not be dead as a second try in November has not been ruled out, according to reports.

In state races, local residents voted with the majority of other Illinoisans in most cases, but in the Democrat race for governor, Chris Kennedy took Ross 2 with six votes, and Butler with nine.

JB Pritzker will be the Democrat nominee in November, facing incumbent Bruce Rauner, who defeated Jeanne Ives at the state and local levels.

Pat Quinn will be the Democrat nominee for attorney general and he led the eight-candidate field in all local precincts except Ross 1, where Kwame Raoul won with 8 votes.

On the Republican side, former Miss America Erika Harold won the state and local races over challenger Gary Grasso.

Weather

Sunny today. High 48. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of rain/snow late. High 48, low 32.

From the Blotter

Two people were arrested after a 59-year-old Hoopston woman learned people were in her home.

The woman reported at 8:34 p.m. Tuesday that unknown people were in her home in the 700 block of East Lincoln. Police entered the property and arrested Lucas Morgeson, 34, and Olivia Strawser, 24, both of Hoopston, charging each with criminal trespass to residence. Both were released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Morgeson was arrested again at 9:59 p.m., in the 500 block of East Penn. Preliminary charges included two counts of possession of a controlled substance, theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and credit card fraud. Police allege they found stolen items among Morgeson's belongings.

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