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All Grant precincts' voting to be at St. Anthony Parish Hall

Hoopeston's newest one stop shop for voting will get its first trial Tuesday.

Voters in Grant 1-6 will all cast ballots at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 313 E. Lincoln, Hoopeston.

The parish hall, along with other polling places, was eliminated when Vermilion County Clerk Cathy Jenkins combined voting in one location in time for the March 2016 primary. In March and the 2016 presidential election, voters converged on McFerren Park Civic Center to cast ballots.


Area Polling Places			
BUTLER 1	Rankin Village Hall	121 S. Main	Rankin
BUTLER 2	East Lynn Fire Station	41501 Main	East Lynn
GRANT 1-6	St. Anthony Parish Hall	313 E. Lincoln	Hoopeston
ROSS 1-2	Rossville Church of Christ	514 E. Attica	Rossville
SOUTH ROSS 1	Henning Village Hall	4 S. Main	Henning

After experiencing some difficulties there, with the building not meeting state standards for polling places, mostly related to handicapped-accessibility, and parking issues, Jenkins announced in July that voting would be See VOTING on other side

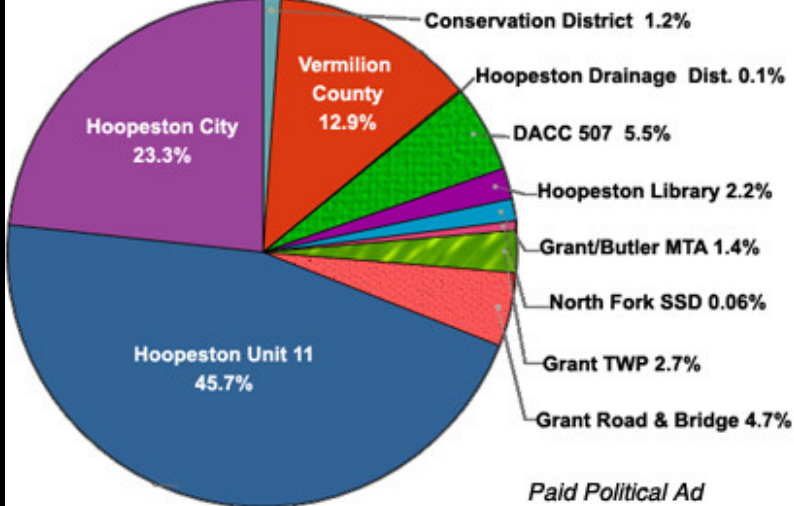
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Citizens for Education

Letters to the Editor

There are low-lives among us!

My family and I can talk through many acts of kindness that we have received through our years in Hoopeston. There are no greater people to live around than the kind caring people in our great little city.

However, you must be aware that there are low-lives that lurk in the shadows awaiting their chance to take advantage of you. The problem is they are difficult to spot because they look like everyday people, they just have no morals or ethics.

Tuesday afternoon I went to the Hoopeston Post Office. When I entered the lobby was empty and I went to the window on the left that was open. The clerk was tied up on the phone. I took off my hat and placed it on the counter and arranged my papers to be ready when she got free. A man came into the lobby and waited a few feet behind me. After a while the other window was opened and I was motioned over.

I moved to the window with my stuff, turned a bit to my left and suggested the man behind me go ahead. I did not take a long look at him. He moved to the counter and asked for a book of stamps, paid the clerk and left.

With that I was able to finish my transaction, pay the

bill and get ready to leave. As I turned toward the door I felt I needed my hat. I looked up and down the counter and did not see it so I assumed I had left it in the car. Not there, so I returned home thinking that I may have left the house in haste and not worn it. My wife assured me I put it on when I left. I went back to the post office, went in and looked in every nook and cranny. It was not there. The guy I flagged through stole my hat! Can you believe it?

What a miserable existence this low-life must enjoy if the high point of his day is helping himself to someone else's property. I don't understand where there can be any pride or joy in using something you stole from someone. But that's just me.

Marty Parsons
Hoopeston

Picture of student was heartwarming

It was very heartwarming to see the photo of student Clayton Hankins kneeling in prayer in Thursday's issue of Just the Facts. It is always so but in this case and occasion, he stepped up to the plate and did the right thing, as hopefully, a few other Hoopeston students did.

It was a request by a father who lost his child in that senseless murder in Florida to "walk-up" to a student eating alone, walk up to one they know is bullied, befriend them, let them know someone cares.

These troubled students, our children, grandchildren need to know someone cares! Guide them to a trusted teacher, counselor if they feel they can't talk to a parent. Maybe a parent is abusive at home. Unless they open up,

no one may ever know what is in their troubled mind and heart until the pain gets to be too much. Is there a pastor they would speak with? Yes!

The world may scoff, but "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avail much." (which includes gals, too.)

Alice Lawrence Fink
Hoopeston

From the Blotter

Coty Morgeson, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 10:55 a.m. Thursday for a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of East Lincoln. Found to be wanted on a Champaign County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Champaign County.

Voting continued from other side

moved to the parish hall.

While better-suited for those with handicaps, parking may still be an issue as Maple School staff use the parking lot on school days. In making the announcement last July, Jenkins said she would work with St. Anthony's in dealing with the concern.

Voters Tuesday will select party candidates who will face off in the November general election. Democrats have six gubernatorial hopefuls while on the Republican side, incumbent Bruce Rauner is being challenged by Jeanne Ives.

With Attorney General Lisa Madigan's decision to not run again, it's a wide open field with two Republicans and seven Democrat candidates.

County Republicans are running unopposed at the county and local level but Democrats have two candidates running to face Jenkins in November.

The biggest local issue of interest is the request from Vermilion County schools for taxpayers to implement a one percent school facilities sales tax. If passed, the tax will provide funds for capital improvements for such things as new buildings, safety improvements and technology upgrades. Money may also be used to pay off building-related bond issues and to lower property taxes.

Weather

Partly sunny today, tomorrow. High today, 41, low 26. Tomorrow, high 42, low 25.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9:25 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of East McCracken. Police said Cameron M. Brotherton, 27, in a 1999 Dodge van, backed into a parked 2002 Chevrolet pickup owned by Nichole Hansen, also of Hoopeston.

Tonya Edwards, 42, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after an incident at 9:08 a.m. Friday in the 400 block of South Market. She was cited for restraint of dog by owner on a complaint from the U.S. Postal Service, alleging Edwards' brindle pit bull left her property, charging and barking from the middle of South Market until Edwards came outside and yelled for the dog to return. The dog was then taken inside.

Edwards was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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