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Voters in Hoopeston's Ward 3 to have choice in election

Editor's note: Today begins a series on candidates in the April 1, 2003 election. The series will cover Hoopeston and Rossville city and school candidates.

When voters in Hoopeston's Ward 3 go to the polls April 1, they will have a choice of who will represent them on the city council.

Incumbent Nancy Stipp is being challenged by Tom Garrison for a four-year seat on the Hoopeston City Council.

Stipp, 52, was appointed to the council two years ago, filling the unexpired term of former member Susan Comstock.

A bookkeeper for the Hoopeston Area School District, Stipp graduated from Wellington High School and attended Illinois State University and Olivet Nazarene University.



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Stipp sees two issues facing the city, "employment or the lack thereof," and balancing the budget.

"I would like to see new business come to town or a present business grown and hire on more employees," she said. "I have found that trying to find a new industry is a very hard job."

Regarding the budget "there is no easy way (to balance it)," she said. "Raising rates is something no one likes to do. Not giving the city employees a raise for a job well done is not good either."

Listening skills and accessibility are skills Stipp said she brings to her seat. "If there is a problem in the ward, I hope that people feel they can contact me," she said. Also, "I try to think for myself and now be swayed by others' opinions," she said. "However, I am open to changing my ideas."

Garrison, 65, is retired from General Motors in Tilton and currently is head trustee for the United Auto Workers and served on the bargaining committee for 14 years.

He sees several issues in Hoopeston, including the need for new businesses, raises for police, updated equipment, better employee insurance, improvements in the sewer system, the need to apply for federal grants and a sidewalk repair program with costs split between the city and the homeowner.

"We need jobs brought here," Garrison said. "I will go to other towns and talk to council members and see their strategies on getting businesses in."

Garrison, who attended school to 10th grade, said skills he will bring to the office were honed in his former job. "I've been involved in negotiations in the union, keeping jobs, helping with insurance improve-

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2.	Knuth's	40.5	34.5
3.	Gress I	40	35
4.	Iron House Gym	37.5	3 7 . 5
5.	Pla-Mor	35.5	39.5
6.	H&R Block		

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High Team Handicap Game: Iron House Gym 869, Gress 1 852, Pla-Mor Lanes 828; **High Team Handicap Series:** Iron House Gym 2,489, Gress 2 2,397, Pla-mor Lanes 2,372; **High Individual Scratch Game:** JoAnne Gress 216, Judy Clark 199, Debbie Swartz/Ramona Birch 185; **High Individual Scratch Series:** JoAnne Gress 534, Darlene Musk 529, Linda VanBurk 501.

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Standings 3/8/03

1.	World Wild Strikers	36.5	26.5
2.	The Gutter Gals	35	
3.	Champion 4	28	34.5
4.	Wild Ones		28.5

34

29

RVs

33.5

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Lord of the Pins

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Ball & Chain

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Ultimate Bowlers

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High Team Handicap Game: The Gutter Gals 859, World Wild Strikers 826, Ball & Chain 811; **High Team Handicap Series:** The Gutter Gals 2,401, Ball & Chain 2,372, Champion 4 2,353; **High Boys Scratch Game:** Tyler Brown 157, Josh Birch 149, Zach Puralewski 132; **High Boys Scratch Series:** Josh Birch 369, Tyler Brown 367,

Briefly

Township receives dividend
Grant Township was one of many townships in Illinois to receive a dividend from the Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association.

The group is a self-funded intergovernmental pool established to provide coverages for Township Officials of Illinois members. The dividend is

applied to the township's annual contribution.

Tiny Tots
"Curious George" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. It is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Obituaries

SCOTT - Thomas G. Scott, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 5:55 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2003 at Hoopes-ton Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Burial with military rites will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange, or Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopes-ton, IL 60942.

Police News

The red bowling ball found March 8 on Rt. 9 was claimed by the owner Sunday.

Weather

Chance of showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 62, low 48. Tomorrow's high 65, low 48.

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Bingo change
Bingo dates have changed for the Active Seniors group at Country Terrace. Bingo will be held at 1:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. It is

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