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## Incumbent, three challengers seek Hoopeston Ward 3 seat

Four people want to be the one to represent Hoopeston's Third Ward voters after the April 5 election.

Incumbent Kevin Davis is being challenged by Bill Crusinberry, Tom Garrison and Penny Blakely.

Crusinberry, 55, is seeking public office for the first time. The lifetime Hoopeston area resident attended Wellington schools, graduated from Hoopeston High School and earned an associate's degree in mechanical engineering from then-Danville Junior College. He is currently employed at Crop Production Services.

"Being a life resident of Hoopeston area, I feel that I have a good knowledge of Hoopeston's history," he said. "We should consider Hoopeston's past, both successes and failures, as we plan for the future of our city. I feel that I will evaluate all available information before making decisions that not only will be good for the present but will reach into the future of Hoopeston."

Three main issues face Hoopeston, he said, including maintaining city services, jobs and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) income.

He believes the city must use projected reve-

nues to formulate a balanced budget to maintain services and create jobs by promoting neighboring communities and promoting Hoopeston as a quality place to raise a family, focusing on its pluses, including schools, hospital, library, parks, locally-owned retail and affordable cost of living.

Garrison, 67, attended high school for two years and is retired from General Motors where he served on the bargaining committee for 13 years and as a United Auto Workers trustee for 12 years.

He has previously run for Ward 3 alderman.

If elected, Garrison said he would "work with city council members and with senators and congressmen to get jobs to want to come to Hoopeston and keep what businesses we already have. I am readily available and willing to meet with people on any reasonable complaint."

Top issues facing the city include sewer and water problems, especially on the northeast side of town. He would apply for grants to replace the existing sewer system with much larger sewers to carry excess water.

Davis and Blakely did not respond to question-

## HA drama, music departments to present *Bells are Ringing*

Hoopeston Area High school drama and music departments will present the lighthearted 1950s musical *Bells are Ringing*. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Written by Betty Comden and Adolph Green with music by Jule Styne, *Bells are Ringing* tells the story of Ella Peterson, who works for a telephone answering service called Susanswerphone, and how she helps a down-and-out playwright, Jeffrey Moss, write his biggest musical yet. Ella also helps a dentist write the music and a Marlon-Brando-wannabe play the lead.

Meantime, the FBI is looking into Susanswerphone for "illegal practices, not realizing a bookie ring is being run from the service, right under their noses! The show includes memorable standards like "The Party's Over," and "Just in Time."

The production stars Brittany Slack as Ella and Michael Conolly as Jeffrey. Also featured are Elizabeth Leigh, Travis Dean, Samantha Johnson and Sean Martin, with a supporting cast of more than 30 students.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and free for senior citizens aged 60 and older.

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### Coffee, Tea or Thee

The Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., will hold a Wednesday morning coffee starting March 30. Becky Hill, Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home administrator will speak on the "pioneering philosophy" at the nursing home. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m.

### Sports signups

- Anyone interested in baseball or T-ball can still register until Friday, April 1. There will be a late fee after that date. Contact Kevin Jett, 283-7703; Kevin Moore, 283-6268; John Stewart, 283-9781; or Bob Brown, 283-5475.
- Hoopeston Girls Sports Association will hold

signups from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 2 and 12-3 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The league is for girls 8-18. Cost is \$30 for one daughter and \$20 for a second daughter.

The association will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Multi Agency. A secretary, treasurer, one major, 2 middle and one minor league coaches are needed. Call John Fowler, 283-7563 or John Hardcastle, 283-7456 for information.

### Blood drive

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will hold a Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. High school students who donate will receive a free t-shirt. To schedule an appointment, call

Diane at (217) 283-5531, ext. 262.

### Candidates' forum

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce will host a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Thursday at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Mayoral candidates, as well as alderman and school board candidates will be featured.

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## Obituaries

**LINGLEY** - Douglas A. Lingley, 49, of Hoopeston died Friday, March 25, 2005 at Riverside Hospital, Kankakee. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial was in

Rankin Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

**ZIEBART** - Donald R. Ziebart, 88, of Hoopeston died at 6:36 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2005 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Chestnut Street Church of Christ. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery, Danville. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brown-Alkire

## Weather



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