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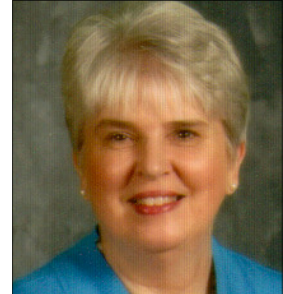
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Stipp, Houmes square off to represent Hoopeston Ward 3

Editor's note: Three of Hoopeston's four wards have aldermanic contests for the April 7 election. Candidates in contested races were sent questionnaires. Information from those will be used to profile the candidate and their positions on issues, starting today with Ward 3.

A long term incumbent and a newcomer are each hoping to represent Hoopeston's Ward 3 after the April 7 election.

Nancy Stipp has represented the ward for 14 years, while Alex Houmes hopes this will begin his first year on Hoopeston City Council.




STIPP

Stipp, 64, who has been employed by Hoopeston Area School District for 27 years, is the only woman on the council.

Employment is the major issue facing the city, Stipp said. "Hoopeston has made great strides towards with old businesses with new owners," she said. "Fresh ideas See WARD 3 on other side"

Tune in at 5 p.m. tonight
Hoopeston Happenings
 with Bob Westover and Vicki Haugen
 of Vermillion Advantage on WHPO!

Reason #6
why you should  **Vote NO**
City Sales Tax

The price of food has gone up.
 Healthcare costs have risen.
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 7 p.m. every Thursday
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 Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston
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Save the Lorraine Foundation presents
COMEDY NIGHT 
*Starring Tyler Snodgrass
 and Randy Shields*
 Saturday, March 28 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Hoopeston American Legion
 Food served 5-7 p.m.
 Tickets available at the American Legion, City Chef,
 Little Lorraine and Hoopeston Water Department.

 **Make it a Good Morning!**
 Masonic Lodge 709 AF & AM
Spring Breakfast
 5:30-11 a.m. Saturday, March 28
 Eggs cooked to order, toast, biscuits & gravy,
 sausage patties, coffee, milk, orange juice
\$5 per person - Carry outs available
 206 W. Orange, Hoopeston

Spring is bustin' out 

 New items arriving daily at
GLOBAL FASHIONS
 305 E. Main St. Hoopeston

A representative of Uptown Saloon, 306 E. Main, reported at 8:47 a.m. Tuesday that someone entered the building and damaged several items.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 1 p.m. Tuesday at First Ave. and West Maple. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1998 Ford F150.

A **28-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 5:28

Ward 3 continued from other side

are always good for growth.”

Going forward, she said Hoopeston has to maintain businesses already in the city. “New industries would be great, but small towns aren’t always on the radar for big business,” she said.

A second important issue is infrastructure. “We have an old water main system with areas that need to be replaced and old buildings that need to be removed,” she said.

While some are encouraging a one percent sales tax to fund such projects, Stipp is a bit reticent. “Having more money to work with is always a plus for new and existing projects,” she said. “Having to raise it through taxation is not always the best solution.”

Stipp and her husband, Rich, have been married nearly 44 years. They have two children and three grandchildren and are members of Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene.

Houmes, 22, is new to the political scene. A Hoopeston Area graduate, he is continuing his education through online studies while working as a materials supervisor at Watchfire Signs, where he has been employed for 3.5 years.

For Houmes, important issues include addressing long term problems, such as flooding, formerly beautiful homes which are falling into disrepair, deteriorating downtown storefronts with absentee owners and parks that need attention.

“My generation is about to inherit a community that has an accumulation of decades of issues and problems,”



Houmes

From the Blotter

p.m. Tuesday that someone broke into her apartment in the 200 block of North Fourth St. Various electronic items were reported missing.

A **20-year-old** Watseka woman reported at 5:47 p.m. Tuesday that someone stole her identity and used it to open services in her name.

Christopher Burton, 42, of Hoopeston, was arrested

Houmes said. “Plans have been made to address numerous issues, but the city needs a new generation of leaders to get involved and help plan for the future. I want to see a new age for the city where our officials are willing to work in unison, focused on results and dedicated to improve and rebuild our community.”

Unlike many young people, Houmes has chosen to remain in Hoopeston “because it is home.” He is very involved in the Save the Lorraine Foundation both as a way to bring the theater back to life in a new way and to use the theater as the foundation for rebuilding the downtown area.

He is also involved in Hoopeston Community Alliance, which spurred his interest in serving in an official capacity.

As for the sales tax, Houmes believes if it is used properly and officials are accountable to residents, the tax would provide additional revenue. “I hope that many of our citizens will take the time to make an informed decision and then come out to the polls to vote,” he said.

Obituaries

INMAN— Ronald Eugene Inman, 51, of Shelburn, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 9:01 a.m. Sunday, March 22, 2015, at home. A celebration of his life was at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, followed by a wake at 311 W. Church St., Cissna Park.

Weather

Slight chance of showers today. High 45. Tonight, cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 35, low 19.

after police were called at 11:56 p.m. for a disturbance in the 500 block of West Washington. He was charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from a 35-year-old Hoopeston woman and also with possession of a controlled substance.

Burton was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

HPL to hold spring cleaning sale

Hoopeston Public Library will hold a “Spring Cleaning” book sale beginning Monday, March 30. Everything is priced at \$2 per bag, and for every bag purchased, shoppers can get one bag free!

Hundreds of paperbacks will be available. There are also hardcover books (some new), teen and children’s fiction and non-fiction and some VHS movies.

The sale will be held in the lower level board room during regular library hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9:30 to 6, Friday; and 9:30 to 3 Saturday.

Classifieds

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Hoopeston Multi Agency has opening for Teen Reach director. Part time (25hrs./wk.) position. Bachelor’s degree or equivalent in social work, recreation or working with children. Please mail resume and cover letter to 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942, by April 8.

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