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# Congressional candidate speaks at Neighborhood Watch

A chance to meet candidates for the 15th district U.S. Congressional race turned into a lopsided affair.

Republican Tim Johnson and Democrat Mike Kelleher were to be the featured speakers at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at Country Terrace.

Johnson attended the meeting but Kelleher did not. A representative said Wednesday the Kelleher office was unaware of the forum.

Instead, Paul Manion, Vermilion County State's Attorney candidate made remarks on Kelleher's behalf.

Manion called Johnson and Kelleher "two very honest, decent people. I don't remember a time when I've seen better-qualified candidates than in this election," he said.

Manion spoke about the need for Democratic leadership, saying eight years ago, America had a large deficit, high crime rate, "major problem" with the number of uninsured people and the Reagan tax cut, which saved him \$180 per week while his secretary saved \$2 each week.

Issues important to Kelleher include senior citizen concerns, education and healthcare. He favors prescription assistance, especially for senior citizens, Manion

Johnson, who represented Vermilion and Iroquois counties in the 1980s and early 1990s, spoke about issues he hopes to address if elected, including a "significant" budget surplus. Johnson would like to set aside the Social Security and Medicare programs and pay down the national debt. He would like to see remaining funds used to "strike a balance between excessive tax relief and excessive new programs."

Two taxes Johnson called "unconscionable" are the inheritance tax and the \$1,400 per year marriage tax."

Johnson would like to expand some programs, including law enforcement and national defense, including assuring the future of Veterans Administration hospitals. "There are some serious concerns about the future of Veterans Administration hospitals across the country,"

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# Area residents set new records at Tuscola powerlifting event

Hoopeston area residents set new records at the Son Light Power Open National Powerlifting Champtionships Sept. 23 in Tuscola.

Three women set records in all categories in their respective classes.

In the 123 lb, class, Donna Catron lifted 170 lbs, in the squat, 135 in the bench and 200 in the deadlift for a total of 505 lbs.

Suzi Blackwell, in the 132 lb, class, lifted 125 in the squat, 115 in the bench and 225 in the deadlift, totaling 465 lbs.

In the 148 lb. class, Barb Blackwell lifted 135 in the squat, 95 in the bench and 230 in the deadlift for a total of 460 lbs.

On the men's side, Gary Catron, in the 220 lb. class, set a new record for the SLP Open National Bench Press Championships with 360 lbs. in the bench. That was enough to earn first place. Fellow Hoopeston resident Ed Teran, in the 198 lb. class, took first in bench lifting 335.

Catron also took second place in powerlifting competiton with a squat of 510, 360 bench and 490 deadlift for a total of 1,360.

Scott Kellerhals of rural Hoopeston, in the 275 lb. class, took second with a squat of 525, bench of 405 and deadlift of 525 for a total of 1,455 lbs.



#### **Missions Revival**

Oct. 6 & 7 7 p.m. Oct. 8 10:30 a.m.

#### First Church of God

1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston Hear Sidney and Jean Johnson of Anderson, Ind., former missionaries to Asia, as they present " Children: God's Promise of a Future."

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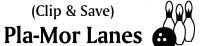
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# October Schedule of Events

Fri., Oct. 6	Karaoke 8:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	Junior League Signup
	Pee Wee League starts
1	Rock n Bowl 8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 13	Karaoke 8:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	Junior League starts
Sat. Oct. 21	5 Person Team
	9 Pin No Tap Tourney
Fri., Oct. 27	Karaoke 8:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28	2nd annual
1	Ghost Rally 4 p.m.
	Southern Justice 9 p.m.

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on any event

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#### **Tiny Tots**

"Farms and Animals" is the theme of Tiny Tots at a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program is open to children up to four years old who are accompanied by an adult.

#### **ABATE** meeting

The Hubbard Trail chapter of ABATE will meet at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Gary Gerber farm.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish for a cook out after the meeting.

#### **Head Start visits hospital**

Approximately 16 four-year-olds from the District 11 Head Start class visited Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Wednesday.

The children toured the physical therapy and emergency room departments as well as an ambulance from the Hoopeston Ambulance Service, when each student received a stuffed toy, stickers and bandages from the EMT staff.

Hospital representatives involved in the tour were Kathy Pickering, marketing/public relations director; physical therapist Nadine Day; nurse Kelly Eells, and Steve Margevich, director and Bill Nicholls, development chairman of the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation.

#### Civil War books

The Hoopeston Public Library has received a donation of several nice books on various aspects of the Civil War which are now available to the public.

#### Meet the candidates

A Republican "Meet the Candidates" night will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 at the Hoopeston



#### **Police News**

A 76-year-old woman reported Tuesday that someone took a jar of coins from a home in the 700 block of West Elm.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday in the Jerry's IGA parking lot.

An unidentified vehicle hit a parked 1982 Chevrolet owned by William W. Bogard of Hoopeston. An employee had left the car in the parking lot and discovered the damage when she left work.

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he said adding the government must "keep our promises to our veterans."

Other areas of concern include the state of agriculture, where Johnson would like to see markets expanded, increased ethanol use and a wider variety of non-traditional crops.

While national-level concerns are important, Johnson said the main job of a Congressman is to focus on the needs of local constituents. "The job of a Congressman, the job of a legislator, is to meet those individual concerns," he said. "After the election, feel free to call on me at anytime for anything," he said. "I'll be here before and after the election."

While Johnson said he would not "campaign in a negative way," he said Congress "is not an entry level job" and stressed his 28 years in office, including 24 years as a representative and four on the Urbana City Council.

Next month's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at Country Terrace. Peggy Johnson, incumbent Vermilion County Coroner and challenger Bruce Stark are expected to speak.

#### In the Hospital



#### **Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital** Oct. 3

Admitted: George Putnam, Hoopeston. **Discharged**: Ryan Tyler.

#### Weather



Windy, rain likely today. High 60. Tonight, windy. Low 42. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 48, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

American Legion. State and local candidates will be on hand to meet with voters.

## **Lightening from Wednesday** morning storm causes house fire

ROSSVILLE—A Rossville family was sent from their home Wednesday morning after a lightening strike started a fire.

The Harold Goble family of 204 Holmes was awakened at about 4:30 a.m. when lightening hit a bathroom water heater, said Rossville Fire Chief Lloyd Smith.

Firemen spent approximately 90 minutes containing flames to the bathroom and attic but the rest of the home sustained water and smoke damage, Smith said. A damage estimate was unavailable but Smith said the family will not be able to move back into the house until repairs are made. No injuries were reported.

The fire's cause was investigated by the Illinois & Indiana Mutual Aid Association.

## **Classifieds**

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Part time position. Food Service Department, day shift. Contact Beth Totheroh, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942, (217) 283-5531, ext. 200.

#### **RUMMAGE SALES**

Huge 2 family sale. 605 Judson. Friday & Saturday, 8 a.m.-late as possible. Rain or shine. Items too numerous to mention both

625 S. Second Ave., Hoopeston. Oct. 6 & 7, 8-? Rocking chair, buffet, crib, bike, Little Tykes toys, Barbies, knickknacks &

3 family sale, 706 E. Thompson, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-? Clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Unable to do Gordyville so selling all Christmas inventory—wreaths, swags, etc.

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