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## U.S. Rep. Timothy Johnson announces bid for fourth term

CHAMPAIGN, IL – U.S. Rep. Timothy V. Johnson today announced his reelection bid for a fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Johnson made the announcement at a meeting of the Active Senior Republicans at the GOP headquarters in Champaign.

"I've done my best to represent the broad and diverse interests of the 15th Congressional District," Rep. Johnson said. "After six years in Congress and 24 years in the state Legislature, I like to think I'm getting a little better all the time. But that's up to the people who put me here. There are close to 700,000 of them in this district and I'll do my best to serve them as I have throughout my career.

"Whether it's farming interests, higher education, labor, the business community or most importantly, citizens' individual needs, there are many concerns deserving of attention. I've attempted to represent the district and the people who put me here to the best of my ability.



**JOHNSON**

It is my hope that citizens will look at my record and conclude that my work and my votes have served them well," Rep. Johnson said.

Johnson, 59, was first elected to Congress in 2000 following 24 years in the Illinois Legislature. The 15th Congressional District that he represents encompasses 22 counties, some 10,000 square miles, three major public universities, eight community colleges and more than 100,000 farms.

"If you will permit me a conceit, I am proud of my district. I'm proud of the contributions our district makes in terms of agricultural productivity, in terms of its universities' research efforts, and in terms of the work ethic

**See JOHNSON on other side**

## Power blitz to be held for energy assistance at Multi Agency

Low-income families who need help with winter heating bills may sign up for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) Wednesday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Representatives of East Central Illinois Community Action Agency will be on hand to take applications from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

To qualify for the program, households must:

Meet eligibility requirements of 150 percent of the federal poverty level. A single person household can qualify with a monthly income of up to \$1,196; two-person households up to \$1,604 and a family of four up to \$2,420.

Contain a member aged 60 or over

Contain children aged two or younger

Contain a member receiving social security disability benefits or with a pending determination case at the Social Security Administration or required documentation (must bring when applying) must include a letter of determination from the Social Security Administration or receipt of social security disability benefit statement.

Applicants must bring:

Pay stubs or other documentation for most recent 30-day income.

Social security cards for all household members

Most recent electric bill.

Applications will be taken on a first-come, first served basis at the Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

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Briefly

**Tiny Tots**  
“The Little Drummer Boy” is the theme for this week’s Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.


**Toys for Kids**  
Toys for Kids donation boxes are located at the following Hoopeston businesses: Brown's Cash & Carry, Global Fashions, The Chronicle, Rod's Home and Auto,


**Johnson** continued from other side  
of its citizens. It is my intent to bolster those efforts whenever and wherever I can. This is the kind of district that is emblematic of the backbone that keeps our country strong," Rep Johnson said. "It is these people - the mayors, the postmasters, the Legion commanders, the coaches, the moms and the mentors or our young people - who provide the marching orders with which I govern. It is to them that I owe my allegiance."  
Among the highlights of the 109th Congress that Rep. Johnson has been involved in include:  
• Passage of the Energy Bill, the first comprehensive energy legislation to pass Congress in 13 years. This legislation creates important new incentives and requirements for the development of alternative energy and weaning ourselves from dependence on foreign oil. With higher production requirements for ethanol and biodiesel fuels, which Rep. Johnson worked for, this legislation will help maintain or create 100,000 full-time and part-time jobs in Illinois. The bill requires that 7.5 billion gallons of ethanol be blended with the U.S. fuel supply by 2012.  
• Passage of the new Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, a 6-year, \$284 billion plan to restore and rebuild highways, bridges and other transportation needs of our citizens and economy. The 15th District and the state of Illinois did exceptionally well in this legislation that we've negotiated over three years. Illinois received a 30 percent increase over funding secured in the previous transportation authorization known as TEA-21. We secured some  
• \$30 million for projects in this district alone, vital projects that will serve practical and critical needs.

**Christmas tour of lights**  
The Hoopeston Multi Agency annual Christmas Tour of Lights will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. The tour is for senior citizens and the disabled. The Multi Agency van will take participants around Hoopeston. Reservations are on a first come-first served basis. Call 283-5544 to reserve a seat.


IGA, Pamida and CVS Pharmacy. Donations of new and gently used toys will be accepted through Dec. 14.  
The program is sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees.

**Weather**  
Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 20, low 9. Tomorrow, high 20, low 10.  
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.



**Police News**  


**Marilyn L. Pickett**, 41, of Hoopeston was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after an accident at 5:47 p.m. Sunday at Floral Hill Cemetery.  
Police said Pickett, in a 2001 Ford Windstar, was northbound on 1510 E. when she lost control of her vehicle on ice at the curve. The vehicle struck several tombstones on the edge of the cemetery, police said.  
No injuries were reported.  
**Selda Cardenas**, 36, of 602 E. Main, was arrested after an incident at 9:20 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of South First Ave.  
She was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 30-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Cardenas struck him several times.  
She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Fire Calls**  


The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:28 a.m. Monday to the 500 block of West Penn for a report of a house filling with smoke. Police were also sent to the scene.  
No injuries were reported.

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