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Yonkers, Phillips square off for Ward 2 city council seat

Editor's Note: This is the first in a multi-part series detailing candidates for the April 17 General Election. Information for the series is based on answers to a questionnaire sent to the candidates. For most Hoopeston voters, the April

17 election will present few choices for city government. Only voters in Ward 2 have a choice to make.

That choice is between two-year incumbent Jerry Yonkers and challenger Nathaniel "Nathan" Phillips.

Phillips, 19, is seeking his first elected office. "I will bring a fresh, new approach to all ideas as well as go out of my way to better this great community," he said. "I will be the voice of the people."

Phillips' priority, if elected, will be safety and transportation for children - especially in snowy weather - as well as those with handicaps.

If elected, Phillips said he will make U.S. history by being the youngest alderman since the inception of the law requiring office-seekers to be legal and registered voters.

Phillips is a graduate of Hoopeston Area High School and is currently employed at Lifetime Doors in Watseka Yonkers, like Phillips, is a product of the local school

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system. The 65-year-old is retired and is running for the four-year term because "I want to do something in the form of service to the community."

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Keeping spending in line and providing more jobs are the two biggest issues

Yonkers said are facing Hoopeston. To deal with them, he said officials must be prudent about spending. "I am not afraid to question and investigate ways to cut costs and make sure we are getting the most benefit out of the tax dollars that are spent to run our community." he said. As for more jobs, Yonkers said supporting the local economic development group, which works closely with the council, will eventually bring jobs to Hoopeston.

Yonkers said in the two years he's been on the council, he's learned how to improve his job performance. Additionally, he said Hoopeston is in a "pivotal point" and that "we can either improve our community by aggressively promoting growth and more jobs or we can do the same things we've done in the past and sink into despair. My dream is for the prosperity that the community had when I was growing up here. I believe that with hard work and the right leadership, dreams can become

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Pony League signup

Pony League Summer Baseball (ages 13 & 14), deadline to sign up is April 16. Please hand in your registration to Coach Haley at the high school or contact Tom Spear, 283-9529. Upcoming meeting to be announced.

RCO carnival set

Rossville Community Organization will host its annual Spring Carnival from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Rossville-Alvin High School gym. The event will

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Softball signups still on

It's not too late to sign up! Hoopeston Area Girls Softball applications for players and coaches can be picked

Police News

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported Sunday. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2005 Dodge owned by Barbara A. Park of Hoopeston. The incident occurred after 11:30 p.m. Saturday in the 800 block of East McCracken.

Weather

Showers today. High 52. Tonight, cloudy. Low 35. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 53, low 40. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

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reality."

Also on the April 17 ballot are incumbents Ed Lotz in Ward 1, Nancy Stipp in Ward 3 and Brandon Hamilton in Ward 4. Each of those candidates is running unopposed.



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