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## Lockport business owner buys former Burton Motors building

An old Hoopeston building has a new owner.

The former Burton Motors building at 701 E. Main was purchased by Mark and Christopher Shoudis, owner of The Honda Specialists in Lockport. The shop is a father and son effort focusing on Honda and Accura repairs, Mark Shoudis said.

The two are currently repairing the building, which included replacing window glass that had been broken out and repairing the roof. "We're working on it little by little, inch by inch," he said. When repairs are completed, the two plan to initially use the building for storing car parts and hope to eventually open a used car lot specializing in Hondas and Accuras.

The high cost of storage in the Chicago area caused Shoudis to look outside the city for a place to store parts. "I basically got tired of paying someone else's mortgage," Shoudis said. "If you deal with Honda parts on the Internet, it doesn't matter if they're stored in Chicago or Hoopeston."

Shoudis heard about Hoopeston from family members who moved to Claytonville. "I used to think 'why did they move to Claytonville,'" he said. After visiting several times and coming to Hoopeston on more than one occasion, "I kind of fell in love with the middle of nowhere," he said.



The former Burton Motors building at 701 W. Main, has a new owner and is undergoing repairs. It will initially be used for storage for a Lockport business.

Shoudis said people he has met here have been friendly. He also cited the low crime rate and low real estate values as pluses for the community.

Shoudis, 45, has spent nearly 20 years working on Hondas and Accords. About five years ago, he quit the job he had and with his son, opened The Honda Specialists. In the last five years, he said, they have worked to expand their customer base and, in the process, are running out of room in their Lockport location.

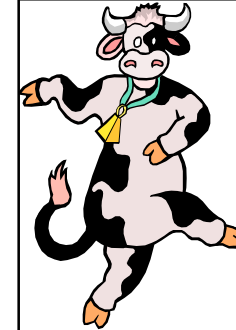
Shoudis hopes to be storing parts here within a year. Plans for the car lot are further down the road, he said.

The family also hopes to buy a home in Hoopeston. "You have a lot of nice homes here," he said. "Here, I would need \$200,000 just to get a cardboard house. There, you can get a really nice house for \$200,000."

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***Briefly***  
**Chili supper**

The FREEway Teen Center in Rossville will host a Chili Supper on December 3 at the Bobcats' first home boy's basketball game. The supper will begin at 5 p.m. through halftime of the varsity game in the high school cafeteria and will feature chili and homemade pie. The cost is \$2.50.

The FREEway is a ministry to junior high and high school students in the Rossville area.

The FREEway will also sponsor a “Shoot for Loot” at half time and an opportunity to win \$100. Also, “Live Strong” bracelets will be for sale at



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2.	Hoopeston Weather Service	5.	Gutter Gitters
	25		44
3.	27 KGB	6.	Foley's Followers
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**Guadalupe Hernandez**, 44, of #2 Parkview Court was ticketed after a hit-and-run accident at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday.

Police said Hernandez, in a 1995 Chevrolet, hit a fuel tank at Convenient Food Mart, 714 W. Orange. The tank hit the building and Hernandez allegedly left the scene.

He was found at Parkview Court and was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and failure to report an accident to police authority.

**Hoopeston Parks** Superintendent Eugene Warner reported Wednesday that an unknown vehicle damaged the chain link fence at McFerren Park. A metal post was knocked down causing a large

the game. For more information, call Andy Thomas at 748-4286 or Janell Sechriest at 748-6335.

## Free gift-wrapping

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) will offer free gift wrapping from noon-4 p.m. Friday at Pamida.

## Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library will accept items for the Grant Township Food Cupboard through the month of December. Personal care items are needed, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap and hand lotion. The library will also accept food and paper products.

## Obituaries

**CONRAD** - Mary Ann Conrad, 71, of Hoopeston died at 11:29 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004 at her daughter's home in Ludlow. Arrangements were incomplete at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

**NEWBURN** - Mabel E. Newburn, 94, of Hoopeston died at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Arrangements were incomplete at Brown-Alkire Funeral

## A photograph of a single, bare tree standing on a grassy hill. The background is a dense, white fog or mist, creating a somber and isolated atmosphere. The ground in the foreground appears to be covered in dry, brownish vegetation.

Patchy fog today. High 42. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 41, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeson Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

These items may be used to pay overdue fines.

## Birthday open house

A birthday open house for John Hanson, who will be celebrating his 90'th birthday, is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Sunday, December 5 at the Milford Methodist Church, 118 North Axtel St., Milford.

## Youth baseball meeting

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. Anyone interested in helping in any way with T-Ball, Instructional League (7- and 8-year olds) and/or Little League should attend this brief meeting. Contact Kevin Jett, HAYB President, 283-7703, with questions.

## Slab to close

Saturday, Dec. 4 is the last day the Hoopeston slab will be open this year. It will reopen again in the

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*We have names on our Miracle Tree*

# Classifieds

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avon Christmas Sale Dec. 3-4. Fri., 8-4, Sat., 8-2. 801 E. Main, Hoopeston. By Roxie Page and LeDene Sheagley

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