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Community input needed to help an old and ailing friend

Hoopeston is one of the most compassionate towns in which I've ever had the pleasure to live. If one of our own is in trouble or is sick, the whole town will turn out to lend a hand.

Maybe it's time we looked at our town the same way we would a friend or neighbor.

Hoopeston, like many small towns across the country, is ailing. You might say it's a chronic condition, spanning the 20 or so years I've lived here. Each year, it gets a little worse and a little worse and, compassionate people that we are, we need to do something about it.

We will have our chance at 6:30 p.m. Thursday when Peace Corps Fellow Shannon Ruh, as well as city and civic leaders, sponsor a meeting to discuss Hoopeston's economy now and where it might be. The meeting will be in the city council chambers at Hoopeston City Hall and I hope we have a good turnout.

The thrust of the meeting is to get input from you, and you and you, about what we can do to help ourselves and our economy.

Some people will tell you that we're spitting into the wind. Hoopeston's economy isn't going to get any better, they will say. Hoopeston's heyday was a long time ago and isn't coming back.

To some extent, that's true. Barring a stroke of very good fortune, the days of large factories locating here are pretty much over. But that doesn't mean we can't have something here, perhaps several small somethings, that would bring spark back to the city. All we need is one workable idea.

Personally, I like the concept of the '60s museum in the Willdon Building. Alderman Bill Goodwine has said the museum organizers believe that we need more activities so that city people can make a two-day trip out of

The
Second Cup

by LOURDINE FLOREK



it.

Some communities with a theme make that theme town-wide. Metropolis has Superman and Chester has Popeye. Why couldn't we have some 60s icon as our theme?

There are several 1960s-type spin-offs that could be done here. They might

seem dumb to us but if they would draw people here and boost our economy, why not? Think of the publicity we would generate if our police department drove Beetles with brightly-colored flowers painted on them or had uniforms that resembled Beatles' clothing.

Aside from the '60s idea, I think one activity that might draw people is for some local farmers to open their farms to city people, allowing them the opportunity to do what they do. A former city girl, I still remember the first time I milked a cow and gathered eggs. It might seem outrageous, but I believe city people would pay money for the privilege of doing farm chores.

Maybe my ideas aren't the best. Maybe yours are better. You might have THE idea that will turn Hoopeston around, but if you don't share it, we'll never know.

Remember when we thought we were in the running for a prison? The community pulled together in a way that was awesome to see. People still talk about that time—even those who didn't want the prison here—as a great moment in Hoopeston history. We need to do that again. We need to put aside our differences, find a way for Hoopeston to go and then all push in that direction.

If one of your friends was sick and you would be willing to bake a pie for a bake sale or help organize a benefit or make a few phone calls, I hope you will take the time to attend the meeting and offer not only your ideas but your time, as well.

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Hoopeston Women's Bowling League

1/23/06

	Won	Lost
1) R&R Body Shop	50	22
2) Olympic Hardware	49.5	22.5
3) Weber's	45.5	26.5
4) Adda Girls	41	31
5) The Fubars	38	34
6) Kratt	37	35
7) Gillins Oil	36.5	35.5
8) Unger's Jewelry	30	42
9) Ruby Nell's	25.5	46.5
10) Bye	7	65

High Team Handicap Game: Olympic Hardware 1137, R&R Body Shop 1129, Adda Girls 1031; **High Team Handicap Series:** Olympic Hardware 3202, R&R Body Shop 3051, Adda Girls 3050; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Laurie Murphy 258, Mona Birch 254, Barb Rethelford 212; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Mona Birch 646, Laurie Murphy 641, Barb Rethelford 606.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League

1/26/06

	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	31	26
2. Unger's	31	26
3. Knuth's	29.5	27.5
4. Bell Painting	29	28
5. Carolyn's	26	31
6. Tooth Fairies	24.5	32.5

High Team Handicap Game: Ungers 839, Tooth Fairies 838, Bell Painting 830; **High Team Handicap Series:** Unger's 2465, Tooth Fairies 2446, Bell Painting 2383; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Angie Bell 222, JoAnne Gress 191, Joan Leslie/Darlene Musk 181; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Angie Bell 562, JoAnne Gress 551, Darlene Musk 181.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League

2/2/06

	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	33	27

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Love" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4.

Bowling Scores

2. Unger's	32	28
3. Knuth's	31.5	28.5
4. Bell Painting	31	29
5. Carolyn's	27	33
6. Tooth Fairies	25.5	34.5

High Team Handicap Game: Ungers 869, Bell Painting 812, Carolyns 804; **High Team Handicap Series:** Ungers 2341, Carolyns 2321, Pla-Mor 2309; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Kathy Cox 200, Darlene Musk 198, Tammy Brtram 191; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Darlene Musk 526, Linda Van Burk 498, Kathy Cox 479.

Thursday Night Men's City League

2/2/05

	Won	Lost
1. Ross Electric	100	40
2. Lawson Products	100	40
3. Hooterville Broadcasting	85	55
4. Con-Agra Foods	76	64
5. Tax Service Plus	72	68
6. Pla-Mor Lanes	65	75
7. Ballz Deep	64	76
8. U-Need Construction	64	76
9. Noble House Construction	52	88
10. Bye	22	118

High Team Handicap Game: Ross Electric 884, Con-Agra Foods 857, Lawson Products 854; **High Team Handicap Series:** Con-Agra Foods 2513, Hooterville Broadcasting 2486, Lawson Products 2395; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Arik Bruens 279, Rich Cappellano 262, Dave Gaddis 248; **High Individual Scratch Series:**

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:17 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of West Penn. Police said Mardenna K. Beauvois of Hoopeston, in a 2001 Dodge Stratus, and Wanda J. Elliott, also of Hoopeston, in a 2002 Chrysler, backed from driveways on opposite sides of the street and collided.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 43. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of rain late. High 46, low 38.

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



Arik Bruens 731, Rich Cappellano 675, Dave Gaddis 649;
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