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## **Hoopeston's history as artwork to grace downtown business**

Pretty soon, residents will be able to see a farmer sitting on the side of Rod's Home and Auto at 300 E. Main. Not sitting by the building but rather, on it.

The farmer, along with a barn scene, is a mural that volunteers are painting on the building, part of the downtown beautification effort.



Gina Acosta, in foreground, watches as Alex Lugo and Julie Lopez paint a line for the start of a mural on the Market St. side of Rod's Home & Auto.

Work on the mural began Saturday morning as volunteers, armed with paint brushes and rulers, took the first steps of turning the white-washed area into a canvas.

The scene was drawn by Hoopeston resident Shelly Henk, who watched over Saturday's efforts to bring "Harvest Time" to the wall.

The bottom portion of the barn is expected to be completed in time for Drivin' the Dixie Days June 17 and 18, Henk said. The upper portion, depicting a haymow, is scheduled to be done afterwards, she said. How soon afterwards will depend on help from the public as Henk

**See ART on other side**

### **Briefly**

#### **Music Booster meeting**

Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the chorus room. All parents of music students are encouraged to attend.

#### **Tiny Tots**

"Picnic" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Children make bring a sack lunch.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

This will be the last Tiny Tots of the season.

#### **Flag burning ceremony**

Hoopeston American Legion will hold a flag-burning ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14 at the post home, 502 E. Penn.

Flags that need to be retired may be brought to the post home after 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday or the day of the ceremony.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

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the U.S. Army by Kayla Williams  
Born to Lose: Memoirs of a Compulsive Gambler by  
Bill Lee  
When Winning Costs Too Much: Steroids, Supplements,

and Scandal in Today's Sports by John McCloskey  
Phishing: Cutting the Identity Theft Line by Rachel Lin-  
inger  
**Fiction**  
Paris Encore by Bodie & Brock Thoene (inspirational)  
Footprints on the Horizon by Stephanie Grace Whitson  
(inspirational)  
The Time of the Uprooted: a Novel by Elie Wiesel

The Birdcage by Marcia Willett  
Pay the Piper by Jane Yolen (young adult)

## Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:15 p.m.  
Sunday to a report of pallets on fire at 215 W. Wash-  
ington. Police also responded.

## Art continued from other side

hopes a local business will offer use of scaffolding to  
make the project easier.

Saturday's efforts drew looks from passing motorists  
and several residents stopped to comment while walking  
in the area.

Rod's Home and Auto is not the only building that will  
get an artistic treatment. The swimming pool building at  
McFerren Park is slated to be covered in art of Hoopes-  
ton's history in time for the National Sweetcorn Festival  
on Labor Day weekend and other buildings are expected  
to be decorated with window murals.

Henk said residents with artistic talent are needed to help  
complete the projects and donations for materials are also  
being accepted.

Anyone who can contribute time and talent or money is  
asked to call Pat Fraley, project coordinator, at (217) 283-  
7246.

## Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow.  
High today 70, low 58. Tomorrow, high 71, low 53.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather  
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Shelly Henk's drawing celebrating Hoopeston's history will grace the Market Street side of Rod's Home & Auto.