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## Hoopeston Council hears of economic development progress

Hoopeston's efforts in economic development are not going unnoticed by those outside the community.

At Tuesday night's Hoopeston City Council meeting, economic development director Shannon Ruh talked about attending last week's Community Development Institute in Moline, where Hoopeston's efforts were noted by Tom Jacobs of Jacobs & Associates, TIF consultants, and a representative of Shaw Environmental. "People from the outside have a lot of positive things to say about Hoopeston," she said.

Also, Ruh said, Hoopeston was the most-represented community at the conference with its six-member contingent.

With Ruh, others attending were Jean Minick, city clerk Gail Lane, Connie Cain, Pat Fraley and Judi Benjamin.

In a presentation to the council, Ruh listed several things the group learned at the conference, including:

- Attitude has as much to do about development than anything else
- People from the outside are talking about progress in Hoopeston and have positive things to say – Hoopeston was used by many speakers as an example of a community making taking positive steps to revitalize the City.
- Having someone that can connect groups in the community is important in development – the economic development position has helped with this.
- Groups that sit around in the community and talk (and



Residents attending the Community Development Institute last week were, front from left, Gail Lane, Jean Minick and Connie Cain and back, Pat Fraley, Shannon Ruh and Judi Benjamin.

complain) need someone to work with them to highlight the positives.

- Site Selection – Hoopeston is not as prepared as it could be. More sites under option – infrastructure issues
- Community Development cannot be accomplished without the involvement and input of the citizens. If there is no vested interest they won't be on board.
- Everyone is a stakeholder in one form or another.
- Learn how to collaborate
- We have a lot CAVE (Citizens Against Virtually Everything) people

The conference sparked several ideas of things Hoopeston could do including:


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### Development continued from other side

- Paint the town fund (Rebuild Hoopeston)
- Citizens Advisory Committee – Would eliminate some of the complaints in front of the council by having the advisory council present complaints and deal with the smaller issues. This puts more of a positive light on Hoopeston in the paper.
- We have a lot of assets that we need to build on – asset based development. Need to focus on what we have and not on what we don’t have.
- Focus Groups
- Campaign – How is your attitude – check your attitude
- Community welcome center
- Meet for morning coffee with groups in town

### Police News



A **23-year-old** woman reported Tuesday that someone took change and a stereo from her vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of West Penn.

**Matthew S. Ray**, 24, of 715 E. Thompson was arrested after an incident at 5:35 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Court. He was charged with intimidation on a complaint from a 31-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Ray made intimidating statements to him regarding a previous encounter involving police. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Randy S. Dillon**, 24, of 14 Parkview Court was arrested at 11:50 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Court. He was charged with trespass to state-supported property and was released on a notice to appear.

**Joshua J. Edwards**, 29, of 200 E. Main was arrested after an incident at 8:09 p.m. Tuesday at Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market. Edwards was charged with aggravated battery and criminal trespass on a complaint from a 26-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Edwards struck him several times, then fled. Edwards was arrested Wednesday morning by Vermilion County Sheriff’s deputies at the county courthouse in Danville.

### Weather



Partly sunny today. High 93. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 73. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms late. High 92, low 70.

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

#### •Illinois Mainstreet Program

In related economic discussion, Ruh talked about the Illinois Mainstreet Program. Representatives of the program will tour Hoopeston Monday afternoon and will host a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting to learn what the Mainstreet Program has to offer Hoopeston. In general, the program provides know-how and technical assistance to communities for downtown revitalization.

The council unanimously approved a resolution supporting participation in the program.

In unrelated action, the council:

•Heard from Alderwoman Nancy Stipp that Jean Minick has been selected as the VISTA volunteer. She must still be approved by the VISTA Program. Minick “has quite the passion for Hoopeston,” Stipp said.

•Heard from Alderman Bill Crusinberry that Ameren CIPS will be doing remediation of some contaminated soil behind the former NAPA building on Market St.

•Tabled requests for liquor licenses from two Hoopeston businesses

## Classifieds

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### Seeking Health Center Board Nominations

The Hoopeston Regional Health Center Board of Directors is seeking nominations for three of the nine Board of Director positions. The Board of Directors plays a critical roll in the oversight and governance of Hoopeston Regional Health

Center and its success in meeting the mission and vision of the organization. Listed below are general outlines of the personal and professional qualifications for being a Board Member.

#### Personal Qualifications

Certain basic qualifications must be possessed by all Directors for the Board to function effectively. Those qualifications are:

- Honesty, Integrity, having a sense of justice, and of sound moral character.
- Availability to participate in Board and Community Activities
- Objective and deliberative approach to problems
- Experience translatable to Health Center Operations
- Commitment to community health
- Ability to conceptualize
- Respect for confidentiality
- Experience in group decision-making
- Understanding the role of the Board of Directors as related to the overall organization
- Acceptance of the Board policy relative to conflict of interest
- Willingness to accept responsibility of governance

#### Professional Qualifications

Since the Board of Directors is a composite of persons who have various professional backgrounds, nominees should have one or more of the competencies below:

- Health care competency
- Financial competency
- Education competency
- Knowledge of the civic community
- Managerial competency
- Legal competency
- Engineering competency
- Knowledge of legislative activity

If you are interested in nominating someone or you have a personal interest in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit your nominations in writing to:

**Hoopeston Regional Health Center, Attn. Board of Directors Nominating Committee**  
**701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942**

If you have questions regarding the nominating process, please call  
**David Elliott, Chief Executive Officer at (217) 283-8240.**

**Nominations must be received by September 4th, 2007 by 4 p.m.**