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Community hears action plan from mapping program work

The results of months of discussing and planning for the future of Hoopeston was unveiled Tuesday night.

Approximately 50 people attended the Town Hall Meeting to discuss the results of visioning sessions, part of the MAPPING the Future of Your Community's Health, sponsored by the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University.

Members of the mapping committee selected four areas they believe should be focused on: infrastructure,

Hoopeston Area sets dates, times for parent-teacher conferences

Hoopeston Area schools have set parent-teacher conferences for October 25 and 26.

Conferences will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 and 8 a.m.-noon on Friday, Oct. 26.

Due to numbers, parents of kindergarten-sixth grade students need to make appointments with their children's teachers to insure time available for their conferences.

Parents of students in grades 7-12 do not need to make appointments; conferences can be handled during the set times without necessarily making an appointment.

Any parent or guardian who cannot arrange their schedule for a conference during the set times are urged to call their's child's respective school and arrange an alternate time.

No grade reports will be sent home with any student. They must be picked up by the parents at their child's attendance center during the listed times. This applies to all students.

Students will be dismissed early on Oct. 25, with grade schools dismissing at 2:05 p.m. and high/middle school at 2:20 p.m. There will be no student attendance on Oct. 26.

business retention and expansion, housing and downtown revitalization. The larger committee was divided into smaller action teams to come up with subcategories in each of the areas that they think are most important.

The infrastructure committee's goals include investigating money to refurbish the ground and aerial water storage tanks to replace the ground tank aerator and work with the housing committee so surveys for the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) grant can be combined and avoid duplication of effort and to research funding to alleviate the city's flooding

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problem.

The business retention and expansion committee is researching the need for a small business incubator. A survey of home-based business owners will determine if there is a need for an incubator, where it might be located and how it would be funded.

The committee is also working on investigating types of learning centers and working to create a business retention and expansion program through business surveys.

The housing committee's goals are to help clarify con-



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demnation process for existing structures and ask the city council to annually allocate funds for the process and develop a work plan to provide accessible housing for all. The housing survey which many residents completed in August will be used to plan for future housing needs.

Results of the survey will appear in Just the Facts.

The downtown revitalization committee's top goal has been applying for the Illinois Main Street program. An extensive application has been completed. Communities selected are expected to be announced in mid-November



Tara Chenoweth, center back, of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, talks about the visioning program at Tuesday evening's Hoopeston Town Hall meeting. About 50 people attended the event at St. Anthony parish hall.

Obituaries

GUYNN - Larry "Joe" Guynn, 57, of Clarksville, Ind., formerly of the Watseka area, died Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007 in Indianapolis, Ind., of injuries from a motorcycle accident. Memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at Centennial Christian Church, South Third St., Watseka. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. EST, Saturday, Nov. 3, at Lakeside Reflection, Jeffersonville, Ind. A memorial fund has been established at Community Bank, 221 Bank St., Hoopeston IL 60942, to help defray medical and funeral expenses.

He is survived by his brother, Matthew Carl, of Hoopeston.

HEEREN - Harry A. Heeren, 93, of Milford died at 12:35 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007 at Hoopeston Com-

munity Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Schwer. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Schwer. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, and one hour before services Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church building fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 75. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 50. Tomorrow, sunny. High 76, low 49.

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

by Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn.

The committee also plans to develop a list of service businesses to fill vacant downtown buildings.

Police News

on a notice to appear.



Dennis E. Baker, 26, of 426 E. Honeywell #216, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of East Seminary. He was charged with domestic battery and resisting arrest on a complaint from a 25-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Baker was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville. **John Paul Smith**, 42, of 723 N. Seventh St., Apt. 5,

John Paul Smith, 42, of 723 N. Seventh St., Apt. 5, was arrested at 12:26 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of North Seventh St. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 36-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Smith was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville. **Tonya K. Irvin**, 30, of 503 N. Seventh Ave., was arrested at 3:35 a.m. Wednesday at Maple and Market. She was charged with driving on suspension and was released

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