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## City officials plan to crack down on abandoned houses

Hoopeston officials hope to crack down on abandoned buildings and out-of-town owners who fail to keep up their buildings.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Alderwoman Susan Comstock, chairman of the civic improvement committee, had "probably 20 pictures" of empty houses with no utility service to them. All have been vacant for at least one year and many for more years. One house has a tree growing in the middle of it and has been that way for several years, she said.

Comstock has been working with compliance officer John Holt and city attorney Paul Manion to come up

with solutions. She has set a civic committee meeting for 6:30 p.m. September 10 at Hoopeston City Hall. Manion and Holt plan to attend and the public is invited.

"We, as a city, have got to do something now," she said. "We will go aggressively after out-of-town owners who don't take care of their property."

In other business, Vista volunteer Jean Minick is looking for volunteers to conduct an income survey in Hoopeston. Training will be held at 10 a.m. September 10 at city hall. Volunteers will then go throughout the city conducting short interviews. The results of the survey will allow the city to receive infrastructure grants.

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:00 pm	Gates Open (\$2 Admission) Display Area Opens Midway Opens
5-12	Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
6:30 pm	National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)
7-10:00 pm	Raffle (Legion Shelter)
7:00 pm	Truck/Tractor Pull II (Annex)
11:00 pm	Midway Closes
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</b>	
6:00 am	Flea Market Opens
7:30 am	1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Honeywell School)
8:00 am	Sweetcorn 5 K Run (Honeywell School)
8:45 am	Little Corn Eaters Run (Honeywell School)
9:00 am	Gates Open (\$2 Admission)
9:00 am	Custom Car Show (South End) River Valley Mopar Club
10:30 am	Grand Parade
Noon	Midway, Display Area Open Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter) Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides
1:00	Jenni DeMarco (Jaycee Shelter)
1-4:00 pm	Raffle (Legion Shelter)
1:30 pm	Beer Tent Opens (Annex)
1:30-5:00 pm	<b>FREE SWEETCORN</b>
2:00	*Greg Rhodes (Jaycee Shelter)
3:00 pm	Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
4:00	*Greg Rhodes (Jaycee Shelter)
5:00 pm	Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)
6:00 pm	Demo Derby I (Annex) Jenni DeMarco (Jaycee Shelter)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
5:00 pm Gates Open  
\$1 Admission  
Display Area Opens  
Beer Tent Opens (Annex)  
5-10:00 pm Ride Special\*\*  
Bracelet Night  
7:00 pm Truck/Tractor Pull I (Annex)  
11:00 pm Midway & Beer Tent Close

6:30 pm National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary (CC)  
7-10:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
11:00 pm Midway Closes  
12:00 am Beer Tent Closes  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
8:00 am Flea Market Opens  
9:00 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)  
11:00 am Children Fishing Derby Sign Up  
Noon Midway, Display Area Open  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
Children's Fishing Derby  
12:00 pm **FREE SWEETCORN**  
12-4:00 pm Beer Tent Opens (Annex)  
12-10:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)  
1:00 pm Autograph Session (CC)  
1:15-2:15 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
1-4:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)  
3:00 pm Sweetcorn Eating Contest  
3:00 pm MyPsalter (Jaycee Shelter)  
4:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)  
5:00 pm National Sweetheart Pageant Finals (CC)  
6:30 pm Demo Derby II (Annex)  
7:00 pm Midway, Beer Tent Close  
10:00 pm Pageant Reception

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am Flea Market Opens  
9:00 am Gates Open (\$2 Admission)  
9:30 am Antique Auto Car Show (South end of Park)  
Display Area Opens  
10:00 am Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest (CC)  
Noon Midway Opens  
Beer Tent Opens (Annex)  
Petting Zoo, Pony & Camel Rides  
Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)  
12-4:00 pm **FREE SWEETCORN**  
1-4:00 pm Raffle (Legion Shelter)  
2:00 pm Chili Cook Off (Beer Tent)  
Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)  
3-8:00 pm Last Blast Rideathon \*\* Bracelet Day  
4:00 pm Rob Thompson Magic (Jaycee Shelter)  
9:00 pm Midway and Beer Tent Closes

\*Sponsored by Hoopeston Regional Health Center  
JAYCEES HAVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER THIS SCHEDULE

## Indoors and Outdoors

By Molly Culbert

The tomato contest just might have been our best yet, and that, after so many reports that this just wasn't a good tomato year, was a little bit of a surprise. First, there were lots of entries; second, they were big, beautiful and very good flavor. The Heirlooms, both the Old Irish and Old German, did really well. Of the two, I think the Old Irish was the largest, most sold, best color and taste, but the Old Germans brought in several firsts and would have been the "pick" of many. What impressed me most was that the Heirlooms seemed to outdo the hybrids in this year that most considered to be not a great tomato year. I want you to remember these Heirlooms all came from tomatoes grown from seed that wee and the gardeners saved from last year's crop.

The Hybrids did good, too, especially among them Super Sonic and Burpee Big Early. Some new ones, like Gurney Girl and Burgermaster, I'd grow in a minute.

Maybe the biggest news is how we've become a tomato show, well over 100, with a nice big "garden" show growing all around it. There were peppers of all kinds, colors and sizes, onions, green beans, cantaloupe, watermelon, beets potatoes, carrots, leeks and even celery.

The home canned vegetables and homemade jams, jellies, relishes and that delicious and popular newcomer, salsa. Who wants to be a "tasting" judge next year?

## Obituaries

**TAFLINGER** - Rylan Taflinger, infant daughter of Whitney Kingdon and James "J.T." Taflinger, died at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Private family graveside service will be held Thursday. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Carle Development Foundation, c/o Neo-Natal Unit, 611 W. Park St., Urbana IL 61801

## Weather



Sunny today. High 79. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 79, low 57.

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

The entries were out for display all day Saturday and Sunday until 2:30. We hosted a get-together for all the contestants and mostly, they came early and stayed late, talking and sharing experiences among the bounty of their gardens. Some had made "arrangements," using their vegetables; some had told little stories like "Banana Split." We had entries from Danville, Alvin, Rossville, Henning, Milford, Watseka, Woodland, and Indiana towns, as well as Hoopeston.

I can't thank you all enough. Together we've got a good thing going and learn from each other the pleasures and skills of growing.

Need to tell you, we had some great organically grown vegetables just one of the many subjects I hear discussed.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

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