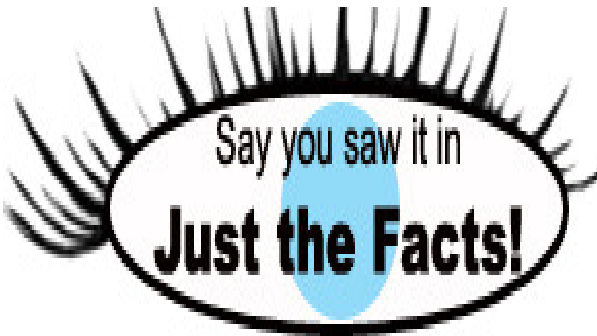


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**9-11**

A flag and fire coat mark 9-11 at Tim and Robin Lane's Hoopeston home.



Keith Catron makes a point at the head table of a meeting of residents working to save the Lorraine Theatres. The August 29 meeting was the first public meeting of the group.

## Group works to get donations, save Lorraine

"Save me. Save me."

Some residents believe if the Lorraine Theatre could talk, that's what it would be saying, and in fact, that's what the marquee recently said.

The theater, which opened March 6, 1922 and closed in April 2012, is the focus of a group of current and former Hoopeston residents who hope to save it.

Founders of Save the Lorraine Foundation are working on paperwork to make the group a legal foundation and are already collecting donations to save the buildings.

Foundation members took their cause to the public at an open meeting on August 29 at Fast Lanes. There, group president Jim Richards, said several repairs are needed, including repair of a collapsed ceiling, making the building handicapped-accessible and mold remediation.

See LORRAINE on other side

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## *Lorraine* continued from other side

The cost to get the doors open to the public is estimated at \$200,000, but Richards said he hopes to barter as much work as possible in exchange for free advertising and/or free tickets to future events.

But before the first bit of fixing can occur, the group must first get possession of the Lorraine.

Board member Sue Comstock, who talked with representatives at loan-holder MainSource Bank in Indiana, said bank officials are considering selling the buildings at an auction or donating them to the group. While Save the Lorraine is primarily interested in the historic Lorraine Theatre at 324 E. Main, bank officials have stipulated that the smaller theater, in the 200 block of East Main, must go with the larger one.

Save the Lorraine members have mounted an active campaign to save the building. Petitions in local businesses and online garnered more than 1,000 signatures and were submitted to MainSource officials. The group has adopted bylaws and has named a board of directors that besides Richards also includes Catron as vice president; Susie Sheppard, treasurer; Carol Hicks, secretary; Debbie Benjamin, recording secretary; and Comstock, sergeant at arms.

Members took advantage of the National Sweetcorn Festival to participate in the parade and hand out literature about the theater and their efforts. Volunteers also had an area at McFerren Park during the festival to talk to people about the theaters and accept cash donations.

Donations are also being accepted at MainSource Bank, 323 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942 and online at [www.savethelorraine.com](http://www.savethelorraine.com).

With high hopes of getting and fixing the Lorraine, the next step will be what to do with the grand structure. Using it as a modern theater is out, as revamping the projection system is cost-prohibitive. Suggested uses include showing older films, hosting weddings and other events and using it for artistic events in the area. Group members are looking at other rehabbed theaters, such as the one in Watseka,

## Weather



Chance of storms today. High 83. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 69, low 46.

for other possible uses.

Should the group not get the building, due to major structural problems or other issues, the board has decided that money donated will be given to improve Hoopeston or for theatrical scholarships.

For more information, visit the group's Facebook page, Save the Lorraine Foundation.

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