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Valarie Hinkle, left, leads a tour of her new business, Simply Treasures, located in the former Manion law office, 216 S. Market. Hinkle, and her husband, Mark, celebrated the grand opening of their venture on Saturday.

New resale/craft/gift business opens in former law office

As Chamber of Commerce president, Valarie Hinkle has a passion for revitalizing Hoopeston's downtown.

Most people might do that by shopping downtown or working to beautify the area, but Hinkle, and her husband, Mark, decided to help revitalization by opening a business at 216 S. Market.

Simply Treasures' grand opening was held Saturday, in conjunction with the Save the Lorraine Street Party.

Located in the former Manion law office, the Hinkles took out bookcases, books and carpeting and tore out walls before painting rooms and adding new wiring,

light fixtures and doors to make their shop homey.

Hinkle said they chose the building because it was the right size for what they needed and has great parking. "We loved the old character and charm of the building," she said.

Simply Treasures offers retail, resale, crafts, furniture, home décor and gift items, with new things added weekly. There is some clothing, but Hinkle does not consign clothing as other local businesses do that. "Our intent is to add something to Hoopeston, not take some-

See BUSINESS on other side

Briefly

Movie in the Park

"Goonies" will be shown at dusk Wednesday in McFerrer Park near the Girl Scout House, part of the Movies in the Park, sponsored by Hoopeston Chrysler and Crown Ford. Freewill donations will be accepted for Save the Lorraine Foundation.

At 7 p.m., youngsters can take part in a Dress Like a Pirate Contest with prizes awarded in age ranges 5-9, 10-15 and 15 and older.

The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to attend The Gathering, a monthly get-together of senior citizens, at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station.

The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Summer Reading Club wrap-up

Hoopeston Public Library will close out 2015 Summer Reading Club with an interactive show, Chris McBrien as "The Irish Musical Traveler" at 2 p.m. Friday, July 24.

This is McBrien's second visit to Hoopeston, and this year he brings an all-new show featuring music, stories, magic and ventriloquism with an Irish theme. All kids who have participated in the Summer Reading Club are invited to attend.

A variety of awards prizes will be presented during the closing program. Reading Club participants are reminded that to be eligible for top reader prizes, they must turn in their reading logs at the library children's desk no later than 1 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call the library at 217-283-6711.

Applications for school supplies

Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., is taking applications for school supplies for the coming year. Supplies will be distributed August 14 and 17, from 9-noon and 1-3 p.m. The agency is also accepting donations of school supplies to be given to local youngsters.

For more information, call the Multi Agency, 217-283-5544.

Town Hall meeting

State Sen. Jason Barickman will hold a Town Hall meeting from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Rankin Lions Club, 200 S. Main St., Rankin.

Barickman will discuss the continuing state legislative session and address questions and concerns.

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Quick-Easy-Foolproof

By BERTHA PARSONS

No matter where I go or what I do, it seems like every-thing should be quick and easy. Last weekend I decided to clean closets. A big mistake! I thought it would be quick and easy, nothing to it! Two days later I'm still looking for places to put stuff I'm sure I need to keep. Quick? I must have been dreaming.

Have you ever gotten a recipe from a friend or from a pot-luck and the famous words were, "Quick, easy and foolproof, anyone can make it." Well, this anyone turned it into a "stuck in the pan until forever" cake.

Many years ago, a dear friend, Ellen Lingley, gave me a recipe. I will always remember her saying, "It's real easy and quick, I know your family will love it." She was right, but it took me six tries and at least four phone calls to her, before they loved it.

No matter how we try, sometimes things just don't turn out right. We all want life to be easy, not so quick, but definitely foolproof. We will buy anything, pay lots of dollars, explain away anything, to reach our goal. It's funny how each of us expect such different things in our lives, however, that is also a good thing.

My wonderful husband is a "Mr. Fix-it" guy. I seem to have all these "simple," "quick" ideas, like removing walls for an "open concept," or removing shrubs that have been in the ground for 40 years. Quick? No! Easy? Never! Foolproof? Who am I fooling?

I've thought a lot about our community and the struggles we are in to grow, improve and be the best. Each person reading my article has a definite opinion about this and many of you are doing all you can to help. If you know me, you know when I want something done I want it done right now. You would think since I'm growing up (not older), I'd learn more patience, but no, I still want things, quick, easy and foolproof.

Well, as my husband says, "Good Luck."

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From the Blotter

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident at 7:55 p.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Wyman, in the area of Union Park. A blue SUV-type vehicle hit the rear end of a 2015 Dodge van owned by Linda L. Franklin, of Danville.

A **key fob** was found Monday at Marathon. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A **38-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 3:36

p.m. Monday that over the weekend, several items were taken from her house in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Todd C. Longest, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested Monday after a 25-year-old Hoopeston man alleged Longest battered him at 6:20 p.m. in the 700 block of East Young.

Longest was located at home and was charged with battery. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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thing away from it," she said.

Three local crafters have booths in the store. Connie Mills and Marilyn Smith have rustic primitives of their own designs. Marta Pierce's P3 Paint, Pallets & Patterns offers unique items with mixtures of geometric shapes and colors, along with other types of gifts.

Monday morning, Hinkle announced that Jeanne Lotz and Courtney Nicholls' venture, French Dressing, will locate in the shop, offering baby/children's accessories and shabby chic designs.

Madsen's "Light House Candles" are also available there.

With the couple's hectic work schedules, shop will be manned by two part time employees, Charlotte Akins and Aubrey Halley. Maddy Hinkle and Hinkle's mother-in-law, Shelby Madsen, will oversee daily activities.

Simply Treasures is open Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10-4 and Thursdays, noon-6 p.m. More days and hours will be added in October, if not before, running until Christmas, Hinkle said.

While championing revitalizing the downtown was a passion, the idea of owning a store was not. "As far as owning a building downtown, I never really thought that I would, personally," Hinkle said. "It was something that just came together in God's timing."

Hinkle said she wants to see all Hoopeston businesses support each other and prosper. "You reap what you sow."

Weather

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