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Willdon to reopen, house new fitness center, business center

Opening March 1 1907, Wednesday marked the Willdon Building's 110-year anniversary. Once home to multiple businesses, it was Hoopeston premier place to do business.

"The erection of the magnificent Willdon block, which is far in advance of the present needs of Hoopeston, shows the faith the builder has in the future of the city. Hoopeston will shortly grow to demand the store rooms and offices and the fact that the rooms are here will create the demand. Mr. McFerren has made his fortune entirely in Hoopeston, and rightly believes that Hoopeston is entitled to the benefit its rightful expenditure will bring." - The Hoopeston Daily Chronicle, February 14, 1907.

The Willdon, 210 S. Market St., has remained a predominant structure in Hoopeston even after the closing of the City National Bank in 2003 and soon after, the building's abandonment.

In early January, with the assistance of the Vermilion County Land Bank, Save the Lorraine Foundation took possession of the Willdon Building and once again will utilize the structure as a place for Hoopeston to do business.

A separate committee was formed to lead the Willdon's development. Carol Nichols, Executive Director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Karla Coon, Director of DACC Higher Learning Center – Hoopeston, both members of the Willdon Development Committee, have played a cru-

cial role in the creation of the Willdon's business plan and overall structure.



The Willdon Development Committee announced on the 110-year anniversary that they will be reopening the Willdon's first and second floors.

The first floor will be home to Sculpt Fitness Gym, planned to open in June. With the Willdon's 18-foot ceiling and unique architecture, this gym will have a spacious and welcoming atmosphere unlike any other in the area. They plan to offer four styles of cardio machines, a variety of strength and selectorized machines, over 5,400 lbs. of various forms of free weights, and brand new commercial tanning beds. The gym will feature a semi-private training room, a large private classroom and spacious changing rooms. Fitness classes will be led by an experienced and certified trainer.

The second floor will house the "Willdon Business Center" planned to open the end of March. Operated by the Willdon Development Committee, the business center will be a place for small businesses to rent office space, as well provide a shared work space for startups to use on a subscription business model.

The business center will feature a shared conference room, break area, dedicated restrooms, and office equipment that can be used by its tenants.

The committee looks forward to these exciting new additions to Hoopeston and the continued development and renovation of the Willdon Building.

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Saturday, March 4
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Saturday: Prime Rib and Rib eyes

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From the Blotter

Amber L. Styer, 29, of Hoopeston, was cited for failure of dog owner duties after a white dog was seen running at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the area the 600 blocks of Rt. 9 to Elm. The dog was captured and claimed by Styer, who was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Myrna J. Moore, 36, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a reported theft at 5:32 p.m. Wednesday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. She was charged with theft and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **Chicago man** was arrested Thursday during an investigation into a theft.

Obituaries

GEDDES - Dorothy A. (Johnson) Geddes, 86, of Milford, died Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Rosewood Care Center, East Peoria. Private graveside service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Arrangements are by Knapp Funeral Home, Milford.

GILLINS - Gary N. Gillins, 73, of Wellington, died Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Presence Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Wellington-Greer Fire Department or Milford Bearcat Boosters.

Briefly

Little League signups

Hoopeston Little League will hold signups Saturday, Mar. 4, from 8 a.m.-noon at John Greer; and Saturday Mar. 11 from 10-3 and Friday, Mar. 17, in Room 6 at the middle school. Someone will be sitting on the northwest corner closest to Casey's.

Fees are \$50 for T-Ball, \$65 for Instructional through Major and \$75 for Pony League. There is a \$5 discount per additional child living in the same household.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 36. Tonight, cloudy, chance of snow. Low 27. tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 52, low 38. Sunday, partly sunny. High 57, low 47.

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Clubhouse Manager

Hubbard Trail Country Club is seeking full time manager March thru October. Must be mature, trustworthy, pleasant personality with a positive attitude. Business management, supervisory, and bartender/restaurant skills a definite plus. Send resume and qualifications to P.O. Box 305, Hoopeston, IL 60942 or e-mail to htccgolf@yahoo.com.

The Village of Rossville is accepting applications for Chief of Police until 5 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2017 at Rossville Municipal Building, 120 E. Attica St., Rossville, IL 60963, Mon.-Fri. 9a.m.-5 p.m. Candidates must complete application, submit resume and sign background check waiver. Candidates must possess F/T certification, strong administrative and people skills, reside within 30 miles of Rossville. Previous command experience helpful. EOE.

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