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Small communities look at forming own grocery stores

MILFORD—You're in the middle of making one of your family's favorite dishes when you discover one of the key ingredients is not to be found in your kitchen.

A quick trip to the store solves your problem - if you're lucky.

But for residents of many small towns, there is no such thing as a quick trip to the store, because there is no store.

Full-service, small-town grocery stores are becoming a thing of the past, but in two local communities, efforts are being made to change that trend.

A task force in Milford is studying the idea of forming a grocery cooperative with other small towns.

The task force, made up of Mayor Judy Simpson, Chris Schroeder of Simple Touches, Bob Wolfe and Dean Hartman of the Milford Library, plan a meeting with representatives from the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs to find a way to open a full-service grocery in the community.

Simpson has contacted mayors of other communities, including Rossville mayor Merv Smith, to see if there is interest in forming a cooperative.

"We're just in the process of getting started," Simpson said, adding that a cooperative seems to be the only way to open a store in Milford.

Task force members have called grocery chains and independents, with none expressing an interest in opening a Milford store.

And while the village already has a store, Simpson said it does not provide full service. "You can buy orange juice and milk, you can buy a few frozen vegetables, but they don't have anything fresh," she said.

Simpson has contacted other small communities, such as St. Joseph, which has a full-service chain store. "If they can support one, I think we can, too," she said.

She has also contacted communities, such as Blue Mound, which has a co-op store.

An economic survey done in Milford showed that a grocery store tops the list of things most residents want in the town, Simpson said.

The same is true of Rossville, where the only grocery store closed a year ago this month, said Smith.

A full-service store could stop some of the ne-

See **GROCERY** on other side

HA Marching Cornjerkers to compete in Arthur Saturday

The Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers will take to the field in competition this week when they travel to Arthur Saturday for the annual Arthur Marching Band Competition.

Hoopeston Area will compete in Class B against Georgetown-Ridge Farm, Shelbyville, Newton, Mahomet-Seymour and Mater Dei.

The parade competition, which marches through downtown Arthur, begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by field competition at 11:45. HA's field performance is scheduled for 1:15.

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Up & Coming

Expansion celebration

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home will host an Expansion Celebration at 2 p.m. Oct. 16, south of the hospital.

The event commemorates construction of the nursing home expansion and the assisted living complex.

Honoring volunteers

The Rossville Women of Today will host a special program from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 16 at the

Rossville United Methodist Church, honoring volunteers in the community.

The event is being held in conjunction with National Make A Difference Day, Oct. 22.

According to Charlotte Peterson, event coordinator, the program is the RWT's way of saying "thanks a bunch" for all everyone does for Rossville.

For more information, contact Peterson at 748-6080.



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★ Police News ★

Karen S. Schlot, 43, of 111 Dunlap, Kentland, was arrested at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, charged with battery. She was released on \$100 cash.

Sidney Felton, 41, 420 Seger, Danville, was arrested at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, charged with driving on revocation. He was released on \$100

cash bond.

Linda Simington, 614 W. Elm, reported Thursday that someone broke the front window of her residence with a small rock.

Denise Powell, 18, of 714 S. Market, was arrested at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, charged with battery on a complaint from Angela Bitner, 406 W. Orange. Powell was released on a notice to appear.

Police recovered a vehicle reported stolen by Linda Meeker, 646 E. Honeywell. The 1985 Ford Escort was found in a cornfield on 1300 East Road, west of Hoopeston. The car's windows had been broken.

Tom Osborne of GTE reported Thursday that someone cut a tire on a company van.

Obituaries

HOUSER - Fionnie Houser, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 1:05 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1994, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Grocery continued from other side

cessity of residents shopping in other towns, a trend which hurts small communities. "They go for groceries and end up shopping on other stores," Simpson said. "It hurts a lot of our businesses when people go out of town."

Simpson said it is up to small towns to solve their own problems. "If you want something in your town, you have to go after it," she said. "An outsider's not going to care about your town the way you do."

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Oct. 12, 1994

Admitted: none.
Discharged: none.

Weather

Partly cloudy today. High 65-70. Tonight, continued cloudy. Low in the low 50s. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s or low 70s, lows in the low 50s.



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