

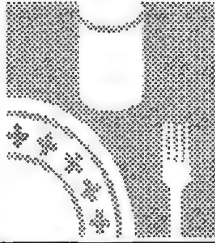
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## Hoopeston in running for best of American small towns

A national company has chosen Hoopeston as a candidate for one of the best small towns in America.

Century 21® selected Hoopeston as one of the 21 best small towns in the north central U.S., based on a recommendation from Terry Forshier, owner of the local Century 21® office.

According to *The Leader*, a company publication, communities were selected based on some criteria used in Norman Crampton's book, "*The 100 Best Small Towns in America*."

Cities selected were "stand-alone communities with economic vitality that provide services, institutional support and provide jobs," according to an article in *The Leader*. Nominees are also serviced by one or more Century 21® offices.

Forshier said nominations were based on a questionnaire asking brokers "normal questions like why they think their town is the best."

Despite the fact that he also owns offices in

Champaign, Danville, Watseka and Kankakee, Forshier said he nominated Hoopeston because "it's my home town."

In his nomination, Forshier said "people in Hoopeston know their neighbors; don't have to lock their doors to run to the store; and most don't even lock their cars at night. It's small town living at its best."

Small towns, such as Hoopeston, "have a higher standard" than large cities where crime is rampant, Forshier said. "Every time you go to the city, it's hard," he said. "We're not used to putting (a car) alarm on and one of those steering wheel brakes."

Forshier was somewhat surprised the company selected his nominee. "It just goes to show you that if you don't blow your own horn, nobody hears you," he said.

"I think it's an outstanding place."

Winners will be announced this quarter.

## Howard Industries workers put in final day Monday

MILFORD—The final 52 employees of Howard Industries said goodbye to their jobs after Monday's shift.

The group, the only employees not receiving lay-off notices last Friday, showed up for work despite being warned that they might not be paid, said Connie Bell, president of Local 7761 of the United International Paper Union, representing plant workers.

It was not loyalty that made employees show up, however. "We were afraid if we didn't, they might do something to our unemployment since we

didn't have lay-off notices," she said.

Some workers may be called back to the plant to inventory supplies, she said.

The decision to close the plant came after employees voted 89-54 last Friday not to accept a concessions package offered by the company.

The package would have cut wages one dollar per hour, increased employees' insurance contributions and decreased vacation time.

Bell said accepting the concessions package would have set workers back by approximately eight years.

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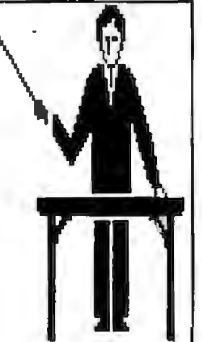
## Plan to attend Candidates Night

7 p.m.  
March 9

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Just the Facts is sponsoring a Candidate Night and we'd like readers to submit questions to be asked of the 13 candidates for the Hoopeston city council during a panel discussion.

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## Up & Coming...

### Blood drive scheduled

The Rossville Women of Today have scheduled a blood drive to be held from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

### Cat tags available

Licensing tags for cats are now available. Tags are \$5 for neutered cats and \$10 for non-neutered animals.

Tags are available at city hall and Dr. Maudlin's office, 901 W. Main.

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver SAMS meals

to homebound senior citizens, just two days every seven weeks. Call the Hoopeston Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

### Create a Valentine

The Hoopeston Public Library is sponsoring an "I Love My Library" Valentine contest. People of all ages may submit a Valentine depicting why they love their library. The winner will receive a Valentine box of candy.

The contest will run Feb. 1-14.

### Scripts available

Scripts for the Hoopeston PlayCrafters are now available at the Hoopeston Public Library.

## Obituaries

**KLEIN** - Opal M. Klein, 64, of Alvin, died at 1:25 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 1995 at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Graveside family services were held at Bethel Cemetery. Morrison Funeral Home in Bismarck was in charge of arrangements.

## Court dispositions



**Jan. 5 - Mari Whealon**, Rankin, license suspended, no registration, uninsured, driving without lights, improper signal, warrant to be issued.

**Erik Gudgel**, Hoopeston, to complete public service work, rule to show cause to be issued.

**Steve Cross**, Hoopeston, to do 22 hours public service work, rule to show cause issued.

**Corey Hardin**, Alvin, to pay \$95, failed to appear, rule to show cause to be issued.

**Tonya Irvin**, Hoopeston, to pay \$43, continued to Feb. 2 for payment.

**John Williams**, Hoopeston, to pay total of \$138, paid in full.

**Jose Barron**, Hoopeston, improper lane usage, \$95, 90 days court supervision, Feb. 2 status check.

**Winona Bridgewater**, Hoopeston, uninsured, dismissed on proof of insurance.

## Police News



**Emily Silver**, 121 E. Thompson, reported Sunday that someone took a carrying case with about 50 CDs from her vehicle.

**Cheryl L. Redden**, 1216 Stewart, Rossville, reported Monday that she lost her license plate, YCF 566. If found, it may be returned to her or the Hoopeston police station.

**Steve Hanson**, 817 E. Seminary, reported Monday that someone broke into his residence Sunday. Nothing was taken.

A **gray and black Chevrolet Citation** was towed from Warf's Marathon Tuesday because it was blocking a pop machine.

## In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Jan. 30, 1995

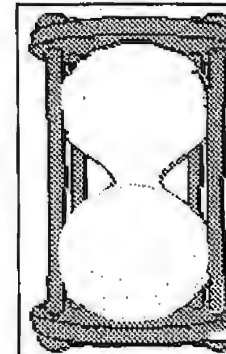
**Admitted:** Merle Strickler and Guadalupe Trevino, both of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Lois Gudeman, Cissna Park.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 40-45. Tonight, clear. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, snow flurries possible. High near 35, low near 23.



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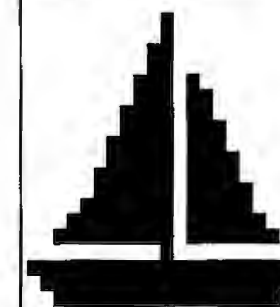
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