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## Deadline extended for Hoopeston history book entries

Organizers hope a later deadline will allow more people to be included in the Hoopeston history book.

The original Feb. 15 deadline has been extended to April 15 to allow more families to be included in the book.

The project began last year when the Chamber of Commerce was approached by a book publisher. The Chamber and Hoopeston Historical Society are coordinating efforts to gather information for the book, expected to contain not only information on individual families, but also the city and its government, schools, businesses, organizations and churches.

New deadline information, along with order forms, is expected to be included in this Friday's Extra shopping guide, said co-coordinator Jean Minick.

Volunteers are still needed to help directors in various areas, including town history, business

history, organizations, churches, schools, military, families, typing, proofreading and editing.

Anyone who can volunteer for these areas is asked to call the Chamber office, 283-7873; Minick, 283-7121; or DonnaMarie Powers, 283-6159.

Organizers believe the history book is something nearly all Hoopeston residents will want. "It's important for people to know their heritage," Powers said. "It's a known fact that everybody likes to see their name in print."

Also, the book will be "a good resource tool" for future generations, Minick said.

Books are expected to be available Dec. 1. Cost is \$50 each, but two payment options have been established.

Those ordering books by April 15 may make a \$25 deposit at that time and pay the balance by Oct. 1.

Those wishing to order after April 15 must pay the

## Briefly

### Church to celebrate 40th

The Chestnut Street Church of Christ will celebrate its 40th anniversary March 16.

Returning to share the day will be six past ministers: Bob Shoop, Larry Hallman, Andy Thomas, Gene Harris, John McArthur and Paul Ziebart.

The day will begin with Sunday school at 9 a.m., followed by services at 10 and a carry-in lunch at noon. The lunch will be followed by a special program at 1:30 p.m.

All are invited to come and share the special day.

### Book fair a success

The Hoopeston Public Library book fair held last Friday and Saturday was a success, said head

librarian Lou Graham. The library received \$182 in free books from Reading's Fun Ltd., book fair sponsor.

"I was really pleased with how well it went," Graham said, "and the people who came to buy books thought it was a great idea.

Books earned by the library will benefit the adults and children's libraries, Graham said.

### Donations sought

The Hoopeston Multi Agency is looking for items for the community center. Needed items include a heavy duty pool table, 50 to 150 folding chairs and a garbage disposal.

Anyone who has these items to donate may call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

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# Writer, evil twin differ on meaning of reaching 40th birthday mark

*Editor's note: Lourdine and her evil twin, Sardine, recently celebrated their 40th birthdays. The two have agreed to discuss the momentous occasion in the same column.*

**Lourdine:** Hitting the big 4-0 isn't so bad. After all, it's been said that life begins at 40. For many of us, our children are either out of the house or heading in that direction. There's more freedom than we've had in a very long time.

**Sardine:** You are such an optimist. Sure the kids are leaving, but you're alone. And look at us. We used be told we're good looking. Now we hear we look good for "women of our age." It's disgusting. And furthermore, just as the hair on your head starts turning white, the hair on your upper lip starts turning dark. And what about the same face getting pimples **and** wrinkles? And what about the fact that men get "distinguished looking" as they get older, while women just look old? When people say we're "hot," they'll be talking about our flashes.

**Lourdine:** But you're just focusing on the physical aspects of getting older. What about the fact age gives one wisdom?

**Sardine:** Wisdom? Wisdom? You think just because you're 40 now, you have wisdom? I can't wait to tell Mom that one!

**Lourdine:** I didn't say I had it, just that I think I'm heading in that direction. You always were such a tattle-tale.

**Sardine:** OK, Miss 40 is Wonderful, if you're so



from the Attorney General. Everybody knows the Attorney General's opinion could have straightened that whole mess out but he won't give one while there's pending litigation. How about that?

**Lourdine:** I said I was gaining wisdom, not that I was Solomon. Anyway, isn't it nice to realize things like bad times won't last forever. By 40, we've been through enough bad stuff to know that's true.

**Sardine:** Yeah, but we're also old enough to know the good times won't last forever, either.

**Lourdine:** Nobody will call us "chicks" or "babes" anymore. Can you find anything negative in that?

**Sardine:** Well, other than the fact that I won't be called "chick" or "babe" anymore, no, there's nothing wrong with that.

Do you realize we're just a few years away from AARP membership? Then it will be senior discounts. Then Social Security and Medicare. Well, forget those two. The next step will be the cemetery. And in between, we'll probably be grandmas and be expected to sit in rocking chairs, when we're not

wise now, how come a lawsuit was filed against the city for Open Meetings Act violations when the Vermilion County State's Attorney's office had already asked for an opinion

baking cookies, that is. If you think 40 is so hot, you'll probably think 60 is really great. You're weird.

**Lourdine:** How many grandmas do you know who sit in rocking chairs? And I am not weird.

**Sardine:** Well, none, but that's beside the point. And you are too weird.

**Lourdine:** Being 40 is pretty neat. It puts things in a perspective that wasn't available when we were younger. Don't you see things more clearly now?

**Sardine:** You only see things more clearly now because you wear glasses. And you're still strange.

**Lourdine:** Did I mention the maturity angle about turning 40? Am not strange.

**Sardine:** Are too.

**Lourdine:** Am not

**Both:** MOM! She's picking on me!

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Feb. 22, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Feb. 23, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Partly cloudy today with a 60 percent chance of rain. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, rain changing to snow. Low in the mid teens. Tomorrow, rain. High near 35, low near 26.

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