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Visioning for the Future works toward benefiting area

A Hoopeston-based group is trying to improve the economy of northern Vermilion County, as well as part of Iroquois County.

The Visioning for the Future group, which was formed last year to work towards bringing businesses and industries to Hoopeston, will ask leaders of neighboring communities to join in.

Leaders from Rossville to the south and Watseka to the north, the state line to the east and Rankin to the west will be invited to attend a special luncheon March 14 at the Hoopeston Community Nursing Home community room. Visioning members will contact leaders in Rossville, Rankin, Watseka, Milford, Wellington and Cissna Park will be invited to attend to become acquainted with each other and the organization in hopes that all can work together to improve the area economy.

Last year, when Hoopeston held a public hearing on locating a prison in the city, representatives from many other communities showed support, said board member Roger Ball, who suggested the group be opened to other municipalities. "If a prison is built in



Watsaka, won't that help our economy," he asked. "If a factory opens here, it will benefit them. We should all work together."

In other business, the group:

- named Jeanette Andre as head of the retail committee. She will be assisted by other board members in an effort to retain and attract retail businesses.
- approved a logo for the organization.
- voted to send Jean Minick to an economic development conference Mar. 6.

DACC enrollment up again

For the fourth consecutive semester, Danville area Community College has seen an increase in enrollment. The 10-day enrollment figure for spring 2002 was up seven percent in credit hours and three percent in headcount overall from spring 2001.

A 16 percent increase was seen in transfer credit hours, a 35 percent increase in evening credit hours and a 25 percent increase in developmental education.

The increases are credited to new initiatives, such as starting evening classes at 6 p.m. rather than 5:30.

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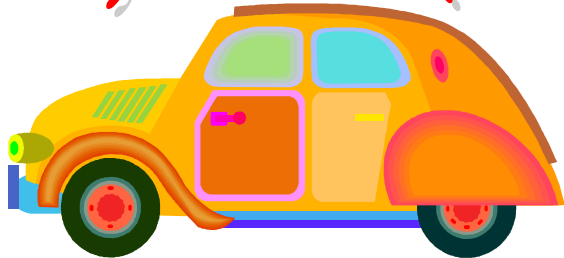
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Tiny Tots

"Valentine's Day" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots sponsored by the Hoopeston Public Library. Children will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Thrift shop sale

The Hoopeston Multi Agency thrift shop is having a sale. Anyone who purchases two bags of clothing for \$2 each will receive a third bag free. Those who buy one pair of shoes may get two free pairs.

The thrift shop has clothing, baby items, shoes, purses, coats, household items, knickknacks and miscellaneous items. It is located in the rear of the Multi Agency at 206

S. First Ave.

Coaches needed

The Hoopeston Girls Softball Association needs coaches for the 2002 season. If interested, call John Hardcastle at (217) 283-7456, Susan Redden, 283-7265 or Terri Prather, 283-7251.

Association registration will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, March 2, 9, and 16 and noon to 2 p.m. Sundays March 3, 10 and 17, all at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

For registration information, call Hardcastle, Redden or Prather.

Pizza fundraiser

The Hoopeston Area High School yearbook staff will sell Monical's pizza by the slice for \$2 each at Friday's

Healthcare foundation, others to sponsor Farm Safety Day

Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation, along with the Carle Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety will sponsor a free Farm & Family Safety Day Camp on

Saturday, Feb. 23 at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with programs beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the day is to build awareness of the dangers of day-to-day life for families, such as dangers from things such as radon, chemicals, small tools and outdoor activities and riding all-terrain vehicles. A session on first aid will also be held and Kyle Finley will do the final presentation, on electrical safety.

The event will last until 10:35 and will be filled with demonstrations, prizes, refreshments and fun.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in Wednesday's issue that Kevin Jett will teach a computer class at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Also, Haydens Athletics was misidentified in an ad.

Weather



Breezy today. High 48. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 33. Tomorrow, light rain mixing with or changing to snow. Temperatures steady in the mid 30s..

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

Senior Night—Pack the Place basketball game. Proceeds will help pay for the 2002 Picayune.

Fish Fry

5-8 p.m. Friday

American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

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