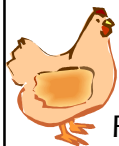


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Leaders hear first step towards possible local outlet mall

Approximately 15 community leaders met Monday to participate in a conference call that may be the first step in locating an outlet mall in Hoopeston.

The leaders, representing business, finance and city government, discussed the issue with Carlton Meyers of Factory Outlet Consultants in Burke, Va.

The company had faxed Mayor Chalmers Flint a questionnaire. He also saw talked with Meyers at a recent conference.

The questionnaire requested information on how close Hoopeston is to an interstate, tourist attractions, colleges and universities, convention centers and parks. Other questions pertained to available land, billboards and whether an outlet mall would be welcomed by community leaders.

Flint told Meyers Hoopeston is in a good location for an outlet mall, located near Interstates 57, 74 and 65 and that an outlet mall could draw customers from larger cities, including Danville, Champaign, Kankakee and Lafayette and Terre Haute, Ind.

Meyers said Hoopeston's location makes it "a good candidate for factory outlets," because a national average shows outlet malls attract consumers from a 123 mile radius. He added national manufacturers will visit Illinois within approximately 100 days, looking for potential locations for malls.

The good fit between Hoopeston and an outlet mall was reinforced by Robert Davis of CDA Marketing, whom the city council recently hired to design an online marketing campaign for commercial buildings. He stressed the proximity between Hoopeston and the University of Illinois and Purdue University, along with Danville Area Community College and Kankakee Community College, all of which would provide potential customers for an outlet mall.

Davis told Meyers the city is not plagued by mar-

ket barriers, including a flood plain, tornadoes, strong sign ordinances and other inhibitors. Questioned about whether Hoopeston has a tourism base, Davis responded that an outlet mall would create its own tourism for the community.

Meyer said local outlet mall would consist of 25-40 stores from a list of 600 manufacturers. To establish whether an outlet mall is feasible, he said he would do a three- or four-day site study in Hoopeston and the surrounding area. He would look at available property and make recommendations about the mix of businesses that would create a successful outlet mall. That information, along with other findings, would be presented to city officials after the visit.

A similar study was done in Watseka; however Meyers said if Hoopeston were chosen to host an outlet mall, his company would not bring a competing mall to a neighboring community.

Factory Outlet Consultants' fee for the study is \$15,000 which is refundable when construction begins or if another company builds a nearby competing mall, Meyers said.

Adding an outlet mall to the community business base would be about a \$20 million undertaking, he said.

Whether the city should pursue the issue will be up to aldermen, Flint said. "It will be up to the council," he said. "I just wanted to let them know the opportunity is there.

Officials at the conference call also included Aldermen John Haughee and Kevin Davis; banking representatives Bill Nicholls and Phyllis Freeland; Hoopeston Area Superintendent Mark Conolly; Frank Caruso, Hoopeston Regional Health Care CEO; Judi Benjamin of the Chamber of Commerce;

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Tuesday Night Classic League
Standings 10/15/02

1. Ferdinand Construction	17	11
2. Hiltz Liquid Waste	16	12
3. Production Tooling	16	12
4. Pla-Mor Lanes	15	13
5. Ross Electric	14	14
6. Hoopeston Weather Line	14	14
7. Crop Production Service	12	16
8. J.B.M.	8	20

High Team Game: Production tooling 701; **High Team Series:** Production Tooling 1,876; **High Ind. Game:** Willard Bruens 259; **High Individual Series:** Eric Gress 681.

Games over 200: Dennis Gress 235, 213; Bob Bruens 223; Mike Dean 222, 227; Kenny McVicker 215; Dave Hughes 243, 216; Tony Gress 236, 226; Steve Rhodes 222, 214; Jay Ferdinand 217; Erick Gress 258, 222; Willard Bruens 259, 223; Randy Hiltz 217; Bob Butterworth 225; John Morgenroth 234; John Lowe 257, 246.

Series over 600: Bob Butterworth 603, John Lwe 658, Eric Gress 681, Willard Bruens 645, Dave Hughes 649, Tony Gress 651, Dennis Gress 634, Bob Bruens 618, Mike Dean 623.

Hall of Shame: Steve Rhodes 149.

Thursday Night City Men's League
Standings 10/17/02

1. Tax Service Plus	37	12
2. Team America	29	20
3. Con Agra Store Brands	25	24
4. Hoopeston Express Lube	24	25
5. Razor's Edge	23	26
6. Pla-Mor Lanes	22	27
7. Read's	22	27
8. Ton of Fun Band	14	35

High Team Handicap Game: Tax Service Plus 1,210, Team America 1,139, Hoopeston Express Lube 1,126; **High Team Handicap Series:** Hoopeston Express Lube 3,228, Tax Service Plus 3,202, Team America 3,136; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Lee Curry 247, Russell Reed 246, Vince Gossett 239; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Lee Curry 701, Robert Bruens 680, Vince Gossett 655; **Hall of Shame:** Joe Perez 86.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League
Standings 10/17/02

1. Carolyn's	13	8
2. Knuth's	12.5	8.5

Police News 

Cesar G. Montoya, 27, of Rankin, was arrested after a traffic stop at 4:24 a.m. Monday at West Thompson at Sixth Ave.


He was charged with driving under the influence, driving on suspension, no valid registration, illegal transportation of alcohol, speeding, failure to dim headlights and obstructing justice.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville for arraignment.

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Police Chief Mark Drollinger, Water Superintendent Steve Baker; Lourdine Florek of the Hoopeston Visioning Committee and Bethany Carson of the Chronicle.

Obituaries

MAKEMSON - Darlene Makemson, 78, of Danville, died at 5:08 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be private. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Faith Church of Christ, 3601 Quaker Lane, Danville, IL 61832.

Weather 

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