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## Development foundation purchases FMC building

### Developer hopes to fill vacant factory with new manufacturing, warehousing

A new owner has been found for the vacant FMC property in Hoopeston.

Business Reform Foundation recorded necessary paperwork Thursday at the Vermilion County courthouse, said Hoopeston Mayor Bill DeWitt in a telephone interview Friday.

The Ohio-based company develops properties for manufacturing and warehousing, DeWitt said. "They came on the picture about three or four months ago. They're a good company."

According to DeWitt, Business Reform Foundation will develop the property and attract smaller companies to the site. "There are companies that want to come there," he said.

Since taking office, DeWitt said he has been involved in showing the FMC building about 25 times. "It's finally paying off," he said. Some other companies that have toured the building are expected to locate there, he said.

Business Reform Foundation representatives were not able to be reached at press time but the com-

pany's website says it is "a non-profit organization, based in Ashland Ohio, geared toward improving the health of our nation's economies through sound entrepreneurial development. Our mission is to help improve local economies in specific markets, which will lead our country to success. Our organization has helped launch *Business Reform Magazine*, a publication geared to helping businesses with day-to-day challenges based on timeless business principles.

"To achieve our mission we acquire properties in specific markets. Our organization then uses the buildings along with grants and other donations to help create the right environment for entrepreneurs to flourish. We strive to help not only entrepreneurs develop their business plans but educate them of the business world as well, as we teach the ins and outs of how to do business right. Doing this allows businesses to grow stronger every day, which grows local communities, hence our national economy.

"The way our foundation acquires properties is through the generosity of other businesses and individuals. However, this donation process is not only very rewarding to the local economy but the donor as well."

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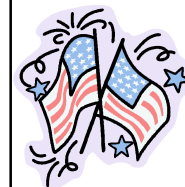
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## Police News



**A 14-year-old** Hoopeston boy reported Thursday that someone took a chrome Assassin bicycle from a yard in the 700 block of South First Ave.

**Jerry L. Lindsey**, 36, of 200 E. Main, Apt. 10, was arrested at 10:45 a.m. Friday. He was charged in connection with a criminal damage to auto report made June 20 from a 36-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Lindsey was released on a notice to appear.

**A 46-year-old** man reported Friday that someone took a brown 10-speed bicycle from his yard in the 700 block

of East Main.

**A 40-year-old** man reported Saturday that someone damaged the rear driver's side, back end and passenger side of his vehicle while it was in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported in the evening hours Saturday. A 56-year-old woman reported that an unknown vehicle possibly struck her vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

on South Sixth Ave., with music simulcast from WHPO for a suggested \$5 donation. Proceeds will be used for the fall soccer program.

### Contestants

Georgetown Fair is looking for contestants for the 2006 Miss Georgetown Fair pageant. Contestants must be county residents ages 16-21 never married. Contestants are eligible for scholarships and prizes. For information, call Karen Thornsborough, (217) 377-3946 or Jill Pope, (217) 417-3573.

### Meetings

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Wednesday, city hall.

## Fire Calls



**Hoopeston Fire Department** was called at 11:04 p.m. Thursday to a small trash fire in the 300 block of Front. Police also responded.

**Firemen and emergency** medical personnel were called at 11 p.m. Saturday to Conservation Club Road for an accident with unknown injuries. Vermilion County Sheriff's deputies handled the accident. No other information was available at press time.

## Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 87, low 66. Tomorrow, high 83, low 64. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High 82, low 59

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

**Daniel E. Lile Jr.**, 26, of 304 N. Seventh Ave. was arrested after an incident at 1:23 a.m. Saturday at Main and Market.

A 24-year-old man alleged Lile pushed him and tried to hit him with a baseball bat.

Lile was released on a notice to appear.

**A 16-year-old** boy was arrested after an incident at 4:10 a.m. Saturday in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

The youth was charged with burglary to auto on a complaint from a 22-year-old man who alleged the boy was taking items from his vehicle.

A juvenile petition was filed on the boy, who was released to his mother.

**A 25-year-old** man reported Saturday that he was battered by unknown assailants.

The man was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

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