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Wednesday, Nov. 22

Warm-ups 9:30-10:30

Contest at 10:30

Judged on audience applause

1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

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Ruby Nell's

225 E. Main St., Hoopeston

Taco Night

Wednesday

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8-12 No cover

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Hoopeston economy may gain from lack of Danville space

Economic growth in Danville may end up providing businesses and jobs in Hoopeston.

Danville's expansion of industries has used up much property near Interstate 74, said Vickie Haugen, executive director of Vermilion Advantage.

Haugen was among Vermilion Advantage representatives who spoke at a north Vermilion County roundtable event November 15 in Hoopeston.

While Danville has space for companies with smaller
See ECONOMY on other side



Grand opening

Mayor Bill DeWitt, left, and Ryan Anderson cut a ribbon during Sunday's open house at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston. Anderson purchased the former Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home and will run it as a family venture. Also pictured are Anderson's parents, Dave and Karen Anderson.

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Economy continued from other side

requirements, over the last couple of years, Haugen said the average land requested for projects is 150-200 acres. "Companies just don't want other things on top of them," she said.

Hoopeston officials are working to get rights to parcels that might attract businesses, said Dick Read, member of the Vermilion Advantage board of directors and Hoopeston Economic Development Steering Committee. The city is trying to get options on large parcels of property so that if a company is interested, the property can be purchased quickly. "It's all about having your ducks in a row," Read said.

Companies interested in locating in Vermilion County are also looking for bigger buildings, with 275,000 sq. ft. being the average requirement. Companies also want newer buildings while "most of what any community has sitting out there is of a different vintage," she said.

On the whole, Haugen said, Vermilion County's economy is estimated to hold steady or improve slightly. An economic projections survey of companies show 90 percent experienced steady to steady growth conditions this year and 86 percent expect steady to steady growth conditions during the first half of 2007. "We've had the best outlook we've ever seen," Haugen said.

Court Dispositions



Oct. 19

James J. English, Hoopeston, status hearing continued to Nov. 16.

Dennis L. Thomas, Hoopeston, status hearing continued to Dec. 7.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:12 p.m. Sunday to a kitchen on fire in an apartment at 710 Wyman. The fire was extinguished before firemen arrived.

Police News



A 49-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 8:10 a.m. Monday that someone took a medical pad from his vehicle while it was at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell.

On the downside, there are some problems that Vermilion Advantage is working to overcome. Among them include rising healthcare costs, fuel costs and lack of a qualified work force.

To meet the needs of its members, Vermilion Advantage is working with county schools to promote science and math among students to make them more attractive to employers. While lack of a qualified work force is a national concern, Vermilion Advantage wanted to "try to address it, not just whine about it," Haugen said.

One way to create a qualified work force is through the Engineers for Tomorrow program which pays part of a student's tuition, offers paid internships and guarantees a minimum two-year job with one of the member companies. Officials hope to replicate the program for other sectors, such as physical therapy, accounting and others.

Another Vermilion Advantage program in many county schools is Character Counts, which focuses on character trait. Hoopeston Area grade schools are among those taking part in Character Counts where, in November, students have been learning about citizenship.

Once the area has young professionals, the key is to keep them and to do that, Vermilion Advantage has started the Young Professionals Network for people ages 21-39. The group holds monthly activities, such as golf, cookouts and others, to allow younger professionals to meet and socialize.

Another problem facing the county is what Haugen termed "white flight," where CEOs of Vermilion County companies live elsewhere. Mahomet is a favorite choice for company officials, she said. The problem is company leaders question whether small schools can keep up with their children's needs. Vermilion Advantage is working with corporations to show the need for CEOs to live where they work. "We're trying to recapture that back in the county," she said.

Vermilion Advantage is also trying to increase aware-

Weather



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ness of shopping in the county, using Chamber Dollars, which may be spent anywhere in the county and by labeling products that are produced partly or completely in the county.

More information about Vermilion Advantage is available on its website, www.vermilionadvantage.com.

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