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Economic development director encourages local buying

By SHANNON RUH

Hoopeston Economic Development Director

Local shops boost the local economy, provide
quality service, keep necessary services at an arms
length, and allow dollars to continue to re-circulate
locally.

Here are just 10 of the many reasons to "Shop Hoop-
eston First":

- 1) You help to protect Hoopeston's character and prosperity
- 2) Most new jobs are provided by the expansion of local businesses
- 3) More money re-circulates in Hoopeston when purchases are made at locally owned businesses.
- 4) Customer service is better
- 5) Local business owners invest in the community and care about the community's well being
- 6) Encourages further investment in Hoopeston
- 7) Competition between many small local businesses encourages innovation and leads to more choices.
- 8) Local ownership means important decisions are made



by those who live and work in the community.

9) Non-profit community organizations receive
greater support from local businesses.

10) The community is healthier and more attractive
to new business prospects

Local businesses contribute to the community's
unique character. The loss of those businesses is not
only detrimental to the economy but also to the character
of the community. A community that leaks economic
value is unsustainable. One way to make a local econ-
omy healthier is to plug the leakage of dollars and other
resources from the community and keep them circulat-
ing locally. If money stays in the community its benefit
increases every time it is spent.

Before heading for out-of-town establishments ask
yourself these questions: "Can I get this locally in-
stead?" "Where do I spend my money – is it with local
businesses?" "How healthy is the Hoopeston economy
and what is my role in helping to improve the econ-
omy?"

See related story on other side

Rossville board overrides vetoes, discuss dog fee ordinance

ROSSVILLE—Village trustees overrode two issues
vetoed by the mayor.

At Monday night's regular meeting, the board set
aside vetoes by Mayor Terry Prillaman concerning us-
ing credit scores to determine the amount of deposit
customers must pay for village gas service and posting
ordinances 30 days before action is taken on them.

Prillaman, who is on vacation and did not attend the
meeting, said last month that he vetoed the resolution
regarding posting ordinances because in emergency
situations, 30 days notice could not be given.

Also, about the gas deposit, he said while credit scores

are a tool, they often do not reflect a person's credit-
worthiness.

In overturning the veto of the resolution, Trustee Tom
Gregory, acting as mayor pro-tem, said the village
should make every effort to post ordinance changes 30
days in advance.

Trustee Dick Queen, who made the motion to override
the veto, said emergency action can be taken with ap-
proval of the mayor and board.

The measure passed by a 4-1 vote with Trustee Mary
Beth Rhodes voting no and Gregory not voting in his

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Clarification

The dates and times of an E-recycling program were omitted from a story in Tuesday's edition. The recycling event, for computer monitors, CPUs, PCs, printers, modems, copiers and other items, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 29 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 30 at Smurfit-Stone, 1501 E. Voorhees, Danville. TVs, excluding console models, will also be accepted at the event for a \$10 charge.

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Chamber sponsors "Shop Hoopeston First" slogan contest


The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce has recognized the need to educate the community and bring awareness on the benefits of shopping locally. Hoopeston needs a "slogan" that all local businesses can use as a tagline on business advertisements to promote the benefits of shopping locally. As part of the Shop Hoopeston First Campaign, the Chamber of Commerce will conduct a "Brand Hoopeston" contest. This will allow all Hoopeston residents and businesses an opportunity to be a part of creating a community slogan promoting the idea of shopping Hoopeston first. Please submit a catchy slogan to the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce by Monday, July 2. Responses may be submitted on the city website, www.hoopeston-il.gov, in the contact section or email the Chamber of

Rossville continued from other side

capacity as mayor pro-tem. The board unanimously overturned Prillaman's veto on credit scores but agreed with Prillaman's stance that it is one of many tools that can be used. On a suggestion from resident Gene Roach, Gregory said the village gas committee should talk with a representative of Ameren-CIPS, as well Milford and Westville officials because both those communities provide gas service, to find out what type of credit check they do. In the meantime, the village will go by new customers' credit scores, using a sliding scale to determine deposits. Customers with excellent ratings (750-850) will be charged a minimum of \$150 and those with good ratings (650-749) will be charged one time the highest bill at the address. Those with a medium rating (450-649) will be charged 1.25 times the highest bill and those with scores under 449 will be charged 1.5 times the highest bill. In other discussion, Queen suggested the recently-passed ordinance that sets a \$150 fee for a dog running loose should be revisited. Last month, resident Lori Cornelius complained about the fee after she had to pay it to retrieve her dog. "I think this woman had a legitimate beef," Queen said. While the amount might be fine for a dangerous dog, he said he thought it a little high to rescue a pooch who slipped off

Commerce at info@hoopestonchamber.com. Submissions may also be dropped off at the Chamber office at City Hall, 301 W. Main Street. Those who drop off or mail entries are asked to use the slip provided. The Chamber committee will narrow down the submissions to the top three and give the community an opportunity to vote for the winning slogan. The winner will receive \$50 in Chamber Bucks. To get you started here are some sample slogans from other communities. Be creative!!
Creative Slogans
"Buy Local or Bye-Bye Local."
"The Hometown Advantage"
"I'm looking LOCAL first"
"Be Passionate for Portland. Buy Local!"

a leash or got out when a gate was inadvertently left open. Street and alley Superintendent Randy Lusk, who often answers dog calls, said if he knows who a lost dog belongs to and if it's the dog's first escape, he will try to return it to the owner. "We try to be fair if we know it's the first time we've seen them out," he said. Queen asked police Chief Bill Shannon if he would be more likely to ticket the owner of a pit bull than he would the owner of a different breed. Shannon responded that whether he issues a ticket would depend on the dog's demeanor. "You can tell if a dog's friendly," he said. Resident Kevin Young, who called himself an animal advocate, advised the board to leave the fee as is. "I say leave it," he said. "You've got to have some responsibility for your animal." Furthermore, he said, breed does not always matter when it comes to dangerous dogs. "I've been backed into a corner by a little mop on legs,"

Weather 
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Brand Hoopeston Slogan Contest 

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