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Preliminary results given from Hoopeston housing survey

The Hoopeston housing taskforce distributed 2,400 surveys. The committee received a 34% response rate from the community, with 826 completed surveys.

Approximately 154 surveys were either not picked up, vacant homes, or the survey was denied by the property owner. Sixty Eight percent of individuals completing the survey have lived in Hoopeston more than 20 years.

Some preliminary results include:

Does Hoopeston need more rental units?

•Yes 53%

•No 46.9%

What type of rental units are needed?

•Single family houses 49.2%

•Government subsidized apartment complexes 35.4%

•Duplexes 29.4%

•Apartments with 4 units 21%

•Condominiums or townhouses 20.4%

What ranges of rent can people afford?

•\$187-\$374 64%

•\$375-\$500 50%

In the last 5 years have you considered buying a house in Hoopeston?

•No 72.8%

•Yes 27.2% which constitutes 208 people

Were you able to find a house that fits your family's needs?

•Yes 81.9%

•No 1%



Elizabeth Booher, team leader of the Housing Task force, distributes survey information at the Visioning Town Hall meeting last week.

What kind of house was it?

•Existing house that did not need renovation 62.2%

•Existing house that needed considerable renovation 33.2%

•New house 4.7%

Does your home currently meet your family's housing needs?

• Yes 89.4%

• No 10.6% which constitutes 82 people

5 Years from now will your home meet your needs?

•Yes 81.7%

•No 18.3%, which constitutes 137 people

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Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers list second Classic Band Invitational winners

The 2nd Annual Cornjerker Class Marching Band Invitational was held September 15 at Glenn Brasel Field. Several schools participated in the event, presented by the Hoopeston Area Music Boosters.

Winners were:

Class A –	
1st place	Oblong High School
2nd place	St. Joseph-Ogden High School
3rd place	Rantoul Township High School
Class AA –	

1st place	Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School
2nd place	Robinson High School
3rd place	Watseka High School
4th place	Clifton Central High School
Class A –	
Drumline	St. Joseph-Ogden High School
Auxiliary/	
Flag Corps	Oblong High School
Drum Majors	Oblong High School
Class AA –	

Drumline	Robinson High School
Auxiliary/	
Flag Corps	Robinson High School
Drum Majors	Robinson High School
Grand Champion	Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School
Fan Favorite	Robinson High School

The Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers performed in exhibition at this competition.

Briefly

Coffee with the President

Hoopeston has been chosen to be the first community in a free program sponsored by Danville Area Community College.

Coffee and Conversation with the President will allow DACC President Alice Marie Jacobs to receive feedback on the college from residents.

Jacobs will be at the community room at Main Source Bank, 323 E. Main, at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. All interested residents are invited to join her.

Smiley to speak

Kendra Smiley, local TV and radio host and author of six books, will be the keynote speaker at the Women’s Wellness Conference, from 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Satur-

day, Oct. 20. The event will be held in Bremer Conference and Workforce Development Center on the Danville Area Community College campus.

Tickets are \$45 (\$55 after Oct. 6) and include breakfast, lunch, snacks, a free tote bag with product samples, entry to the keynote speech and at least four workshops.

Workshop tracks include Wellness of Mind; Wellness of Body; Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise; and Mothering the Teenager. Each contains a choice of at least three workshops. Participants are free to move among tracks.

Reservations may be made in the Provena United Samaritans cashier’s office, 800 N. Logan, Danville, or by calling DACC office of Corporate and Community Education, (217) 443-8777 or on the DACC website, www.dacc.edu/cce/www

Survey continued from other side

3 years?

- No 90.2%
 - Yes 9.8%, which constitutes 73 people
- If you want to buy a house will you be able to find a house in Hoopeston that fits your family needs?**
- Yes 75.2%
 - No 24.8% which constitutes 160 people
- What type of housing would best suit your needs?**
- Standard single family home 62.5%
 - Apartment 16.4%
 - Manufactured home on a permanent foundation 15.5%
 - Condominium or townhouses 4.9%
 - Mobile home .8%

The committee is working on creating charts and graphs based on the collected data, along with conduct-

ing some cross tabulations.

The taskforce will also be conducting a senior housing survey, a survey for disabled residents, and a survey of Hoopeston landlords. If you would like to be included in any of these surveys please contact Shannon Ruh at (217) 283-7873.

A Hoopeston Housing Profile is in the process of being created and the committee plans to have that completed by the middle of November.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 56. Tomorrow, sunny. High 85, low 63.

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