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Hoopeston among three new Main Street associate cities

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During the Illinois Main Street Conference Nov. 14-15 in Danville, Hoopeston was announced as an Illinois Main Street Community.

Twenty six Illinois communities were visited during the application process but only three were selected as associate Main Street communities. These communities include Woodstock, Canton and Hoopeston.

Hoopeston is now part of a national program with 2,000 Main Street communities in 43 states. The Illinois Main Street Program is part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation which allows Hoopeston to receive architectural services once it obtains a designated status. The Illinois Main Street Program started in Illinois in 1993 and is now in over 60 Illinois communities, seen 581 million dollars reinvested, more than 1,600 new businesses, over 3,500 new full time jobs, and 2,675 new part time jobs.

The Main Street program as organized in each community like a business. There is a management team consisting of a board comprised of community volunteers, four volunteer committees and a director. The

program uses a comprehensive four point approach. These four focus areas include promotions, design, economic restructuring, and organization. The promotions committee handles special events, image development, retail events, and coordinates cooperative advertising. The design committee is responsible for the appearance of the downtown district, working to preserve the look and character of historic buildings. They are also responsible for the overall streetscape including flowers, benches, lights, trash receptacles, etc. The economic restructuring committee handles target marketing by surveying existing businesses and working to attract new businesses. The organization committee is responsible for volunteer recruitment, public relations, and fundraising.

To become a Designated Illinois Main Street community, Hoopeston has several tasks that will need to be completed prior to February 15, 2009. Not every community can be a Main Street community; it requires broad-based public support, a vision and mission, a comprehensive work plan, historic preservation ethic, an active board and committees, adequate operating budget, paid director, ongoing training for staff and volunteers. See MAIN STREET on other side

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Police News



Maria L. Fouse, 65, of 429 W. Washington was arrested after an incident at 11:15 a.m. Thursday at Convenient Food Store parking lot, 714 W. Orange.

She was charged with burglary to auto on a complaint from a 47-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Fouse stole her purse.

Fouse was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await arraignment.

A 47-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 2:35 p.m. Thursday that someone took an industrial stove and grill from the back of Skate and Bait, 104 N. Market.

Beth A. Johnson, 28, of 7 W. Locust, Rosemont, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 1:10 a.m. Saturday.

Police said Johnson, in a 2005 Honda owned by

Main Street continued from other side

unteers, reporting on key downtown statistics, and membership in the National Main Street Network.

There are eight principles that are important in commercial district revitalization which include:

- Comprehensive
- Incremental
- Self-help: It is up to the community to make things happen!
- Public-private effort: A partnership between the municipality and local businesses and organizations
- Builds on existing effort: All communities have unique assets in their downtown
- Quality
- Change
- Implementation Oriented

Hoopeston is now listed as a Main Street community on the Illinois Main Street web site. We will be adding more information to this site in the next few days. You can visit the site at: http://www.standingupforillinois.org/mainstreet/ms_towns.php. We will also link this site to the city web site. This will be a great tool in marketing the community and specifically the downtown, as many tourists visit the Main Street web site.

So what does all this mean for Hoopeston? It means that Hoopeston will have an established structure to undertake a comprehensive revitalization effort in the downtown district. It means more dollars circulating locally and a better tax base if new businesses are brought to the downtown. It means an improved quality of life for the community. It provides one more opportunity for the community to work together for the betterment of Hoopeston!

This is exciting and a great recognition for Hoopeston to be chosen to be part of a national program. Please promote this throughout the community and contact Shannon Ruh at 283-7873 if you, your organization, or your business would like to be involved in any capacity with the Illinois Main Street Program in Hoopeston.

Briefly


Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 6 p.m. Tuesday, village office. Public hearing on new public water supply improvement system.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

Obituaries


GOSSETT - Douglas C. Gossett, 42, of Cissna Park formerly of Milford, died at 11:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Amity Cemetery, Goodwine. Visitation will be two hours before service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to an education fund for his children at Cissna Park State Bank.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 59. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 49. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 64, low 47.

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



John E. Andel of Hoopeston, was northbound on Rt. 1 when she allegedly failed to stop and negotiate a right turn onto Rt. 9. The vehicle hit the cement island at the intersection, disabling the steering and causing the car to stop on the westbound shoulder of Rt. 9, facing east.

Johnson was not injured; the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Tammy J. Reyes, 46, of 301 E. Lincoln, was arrested at 10:21 a.m. Saturday after an incident that occurred Thursday at CVS Pharmacy, 805 S. Dixie Hwy.

Reyes was charged with forgery and acquisition of a controlled substance and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Krystal Marie Waters, 48, of 200 E. Main was arrested at 8:23 p.m. Saturday at Thompson and Rt. 1. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and was released on bond.

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