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Workshop to focus on saving energy dollars for businesses

Vermilion Advantage has selected Affiliated Power Purchasers International (APPI), an independent energy consulting firm, to assist members to maximize their advantage in reducing the cost of energy.

More than 80 Vermilion Advantage members have worked with APPI to explore cost saving alternatives. Over 25 have succeeded in achieving budget savings of 4% to 24%!

A workshop will take place in Hoopeston at the Hoopeston Library (basement conference room) at 5:30pm on Wednesday, January 23. This will be an important meeting for Hoopeston businesses to attend as information will be presented that may help Hoopeston businesses save money on electricity costs.

Please contact the economic development office at 283-7873 if you plan to attend.

Main Street program hopes to 'remake' downtown area

Submitted by
Judi Benjamin
Main Street Director

Want to get involved in a community activity, but just not sure what, or with whom? Are you interested in preservation? Retired, with time on your hands? Or do you just really care about Hoopeston and want to be part of a successful program to improve your city? Well, have I got an offer for you! As the new executive director of Hoopeston's Main Street™ program, I would like to invite you to an informational program scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

Main Street™ is a philosophy, a program, and a proven comprehensive approach to downtown commercial district revitalization. This approach has been implemented in over 1,800 cities and towns in over 40 states across the nation with the help of the National Trust Main Street Center and statewide Main Street programs.

Illinois Main Street provides: access to expertise; a state-wide network enabling local Main Street communities to exchange ideas and strategies with their peers; State, regional and on-site training; and access to numerous resource materials and publications.

The success of the Main Street™ approach is based on

its comprehensive nature. By carefully integrating four points into a practical downtown management strategy, a local Main Street™ program will produce fundamental changes in a community's economic base. Simultaneously working in four broad areas, Design, Organization, Promotion and Economic Restructuring, a community can eventually realize a revitalized and prosperous Main Street.

These four areas, or committees, form our Main Street™ program:

•Organization Committee: The key to a strong Main Street Program, promotes Main Street™ to the public, raises money for projects and administration and recruits staff and volunteers.

•Economic Restructuring Committee: Develops long-term solutions; recruits new businesses; employs creativity to convert unused spaces for new uses; and sharpens the competitiveness of Main street's traditional merchants.

•Promotion Committee: Creates excitement downtown. Street festivals, parades, retail events, and image development campaigns are some ways Main Street™ encourages customer traffic. Promotion involves marketing an enticing image to shoppers.

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Letters to the Editor

In support of Donahue for State's Attorney

I am writing in support for William Donahue for States Attorney of Vermilion County.

It is time our county has new blood in States Attorney's Office. Our county is on the internet as Meth Central and no matter what most officials will say, there is a problem in this country, let alone our county. Let's stop letting our government leaders make deals with the criminals who are repeat offenders. Take a hard line on crime.

Mr. Donahue, I feel is the man who can turn our county around and help our citizen feel safe again. I have included some of the strongest points.

Experienced: Mr. Donahue is the only Democrat candidate with experience as a prosecutor and the only candidate licensed to handle death penalty cases.

Successful: Mr. Donahue has tried and won felony

jury trials involving meth, aggravated battery to a child, sexual assault and many more over the past 24 years rather than reduce or plea them down.

Dedicated: to bringing community-based help to your neighborhood.

Proven history: both in court and on the County Board as finance chairman. In addition to winning jury trials, after one year as finance chairman Mr. Donahue helped deliver a no tax increase budget for the first time in recent memory.

I feel that the citizens of Vermilion County need to get out and vote this coming election and send a clear strong voice to our government leaders.

Vote for Donahue on Feb. 5, 2008!

Thank you.

Tom Bookwalter
Hoopeston

Questions about covering vehicles

I read in Just the Facts about the city council that cars have to be under a hard roof and not tarped. What if the auto is being restored all but the inside and it has a tarp around it? All we are doing is waiting for warmer weather to work on the interior to finish it up. To me there are front yards that look more like a junk yard then a junk yard does with a bathtub and toilet stool out front...please! So when and if does this go into effect? If we keep the car that is actually running but not street legal in the garage, then we have to keep our everyday car out in the elements. Plus, with all the vandalism going on, can't afford it. A very ticked off tax payer. You cant smoke in buildings, which I can understand, but we all need to get a break. I thought this was a free country - not!

Jean Akers
Hoopeston

Briefly

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Coaches needed

Applications are now available for coaches for the 2008 baseball season for t-ball, instructional, minor and major league. The form may be downloaded

Main Street continued from other side

● Design Committee: Enhances the attractiveness of the business district. Historic building rehabilitation, street and alley clean-up, and landscape improvement all enhance the physical image of the downtown as a quality place to shop, work, walk, invest in, and live. Design improvements result in a reinvestment of public and private dollars to downtown.

Please remember to mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 29th. "Main Street" isn't just a street in the middle of Hoopeston. It's our community. If you are unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, and would like to become involved, please call the Main Street office at (217) 283-7873.

online at www.hoopestonareayouthbaseball.com or contact Kasey Moore or any board member to get a copy. Applications can be mailed to:

HAYB
P.O. Box 223
Hoopeston, IL 60942

Election judges needed

Grant Township needs election judges for the Feb. 5 primary. Pay is \$100for the day plus additional stipends for other duties.

Grant 1, 2, 5 and 6 are short both Democrat and Republican judges while Grant 4 is short Democrat judges. Extra judges are also needed on a stand-by basis in case scheduled judges are unable to work.

Anyone interested may call Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster's office at (217) 554-1908 or 554-1901.

Weather



Chance of snow today. High 26. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 9. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 20, low 6.

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

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