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Hoopeston's new Main Street director welcomed at meeting

Program to benefit downtown area

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Main Street program welcomed five new Main Street executive directors, including Judi Benjamin of HOOPESTON MAIN STREET, to a two-day training seminar on January 9 and 10, kicking off a new year of economic development and historic preservation for 67 communities throughout the state.

"I commend these new executive directors for their commitment to promoting their communities; downtown shopping districts," said Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, whose office administers the Illinois Main Street program. "This training seminar will give them the tools they need to make their Main Street programs strong and successful."

Benjamin, executive director of HOOPESTON MAIN STREET, attended the training session along with board vice president, Jean Minick.

"As we begin this New Year, I'm looking forward to working with our Main Street merchants and local volunteers to promote our downtown's economic vitality and architectural heritage," said Benjamin. "The Illinois Main Street program offers great opportunities for communities to network as they implement the program's

proven successful strategies."

The training seminars included sessions on: the history of the Main Street program; the roles of staff, boards of directors and committee members in creating a successful Main Street organization; creating successful promotions; developing a strong volunteer organization; and media training. The event also included an architectural walking tour of Springfield, as Illinois Main Street community since 2002.

Illinois Main Street represents one of the state's most effective public-private partnerships for economic development and community renewal. Since its inception, designated communities have full and part-time jobs. The Main Street program has spurred the reinvestment of more than \$575 million in Main Street downtowns.

Illinois is one of the 40 states participating in the National Main Street program, administered through the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Lt. Governor's Office administers the Illinois Main Street program, now the fourth-largest in the nation, with architectural assistance from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

For more information about Illinois Main Street program, please visit www.IllinoisMainStreet.org

Historic Rossville Sesquicentennial Calendars available

Copies of the 2008 Rossville Sesquicentennial Calendars are still available from the Rossville Historical Society.

This year's calendars feature images of the Spring Lake Ice Company, the interior of the First National Bank, the Cadle Farm Barn, the Green Marathon Station, the first Rossville Telephone Office, the Round Barn on the Gernand Farm, the McCarty Building, four 1959 views of the community, and 1968-1969 Rossville

High School regional champion basketball team.

Calendars are \$10 each and help support the 2009 Rossville Sesquicentennial Celebration. A limited number of last year's historic photo calendars are also still available.

Calendars can be purchased at the Bank of Rossville or the Rossville Historical Society.

For more information contact Kevin Young, Sesquicentennial Chairman at 217-748-6081.

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Briefly

Main Street meeting

Residents are invited to an informational meeting on the Hoopeston Main Street program, to be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston City Hall. The meeting will cover what the program will do in Hoopeston. Also, residents will be encouraged to volunteer for one of the four committees making up the program: organizational, economic restructuring, promotion and design.

Those unable to attend Tuesday's meeting but who would like to volunteer are asked to call the Main Street office, 283-7873.

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.

Financial aid seminar

Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning seniors and parents of seniors are invited to a college financial aid seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in the Hoopeston Area High School computer lab. Danville Area Community College will discuss and help parents and stu-

dents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Before the meeting, parents and students may apply for a PIN number at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Both parent and student will need a PIN number that will act as their signatures.

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 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



Police News



Joey L., Watson, 31, of Hoopeston was arrested at 2:51 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of South Third St. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 25-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Watson was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

The woman was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.



Court Dispositions



January 3

James D. Fouse, Hoopeston, paid fine in full.

Richard C. Strawser III, Hoopeston, failed to appear for status hearing in two cases; both to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Christina M. Trevino, Hoopeston, failed to appear for status hearing in two cases; both to be filed with Vermilion County Circuit Court.

David A. Riley, Hoopeston, found guilty of assault, fined \$380; status hearing April 3.

Apolinar Solis Jr., Williamsport, Ind., case nolleprossed.

Cody L. G. Anderson, Hoopeston, case nolleprossed.

Floyd G. Edmonds, Hoopeston, case nolleprossed.

Matthew S. Ray, Hoopeston, case to be continued generally.

New Books at the Library



Children's books

Fiction

The Golden Dream of Carlo Chuchio by Lloyd Alexander

Beauty and the Beaks: a Turkey's Cautionary Tale by Mary Jane Auch

Because - - by Mikhail Baryshnikov

Weather



Thunderstorms likely today. High 48. Tonight, blustery. Low 12. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 28, low 16.

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The City of Hoopeston Water Dept. is taking applications for part time seasonal work. This will be 40 hours per week. Applications can be picked up between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday at Hoopeston City Hall. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, 2008.

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