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Results of last year's housing survey revealed at meeting

Results of a housing survey conducted last August have been tabulated and were discussed at a sparsely-attended meeting Tuesday night.

Of 2,400 surveys distributed, 826 were completed for a response rate of about 34 percent. Of those responding, 68.4 percent have lived in Hoopeston for more than 20 years.

The survey was done to learn the needs of Hoopeston residents for affordable housing, which is defined as housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a family's income. Families spending more than 30 percent are considered to experience cost burden.

Included in the figure are rent and costs for electric, gas and water or, for those buying a home, mortgage payments, taxes and insurance, along with electric, gas and water bills.

The average income for Vermilion County is about \$49,000. Hoopeston's median income is about 65 percent of that or \$32,000. According to Housing and Urban Development guidelines, families at the 60 percent level who pay more than \$705 (including utilities) per month in housing costs for a two-bedroom apartment or house experience cost burden.

Using survey data, officials hope to entice a developer to consider Hoopeston as a place to build affordable housing, said Economic Developer Shannon Ruh. A developer would perform a feasibility study in the community before moving ahead with any project, she added.

Affordable housing built - or revamped from existing structures - would offer incentives to the developer rather than tenants and would be for low-income families where at least one member is employed. A housing manager would screen potential tenants, who would have to meet strict criteria to get in and stay in the units.

See HOUSING on other side



Un-eggs-cited

Alice Ridenour, 13 months, shows little interest in collecting eggs at Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees. Alice is the daughter of Angela Ridenour and granddaughter of Mary Adams, both of Hoopeston.

Enjoy the music of
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Obituaries

LLOYD - Steven R. Lloyd Sr., 60, of Rossville died at 7:08 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2008 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Morning Star Church, Rossville. The family will receive friends prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to Spears-Dukes American Legion Post 733, Rossville. Morgan Memorial Home, Savoy, is in charge of arrangements.

MORGAN - David Clinton Morgan, 59, of rural Ross-

ville died at 7:15 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Rossville United Methodist Church, 116 Maple, Rossville. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston and 9-10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or the church.

STOWE - Shirley J. (Krause) Stowe, 81, of Milford died at 5:01 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Police News

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 10:47 p.m. Tuesday at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center parking lot, 801 E. Orange. An unidentified vehicle hit a parked 1998 Volkswagen Beetle owned by Charlotte Strawser of Hoopeston.

James L. Vincent, 46, of Hoopeston was arrested at 9:24 a.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston Post Office, 314 S. Market.

Vincent was wanted on an Effingham County warrant for failure to appear and a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear for jury trial. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

Author to discuss recent book At Country Terrace event

Rebecca Mabry, author of "The Amish of Illinois' Heartland" will be the featured speaker at Country Terrace this Friday, March 28th at 1:30.

Mabry spent over a year visiting and interviewing the Amish communities to create her stories and lends a touching look at today's Amish of our area and their simple, quite, faith-filled lives. The author takes you straight into the homes and hearts of the people and describes weddings, funerals, religious beliefs, child rearing and other topics that have been a mystery for years. You will come away with greater appreciation for this special group of people.

Limited seating is available for Ms. Mabry's visit. Please phone Country Terrace at (217) 283-9215 and join us for this special presentation. Bring along your copy of her book and she will be happy to sign it for you.

Weather

Showers likely today and tonight. High 47, low 36. Tomorrow, chance of rain or snow. High 44, low 27.

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

Briefly

Drivin' the Dixie events

Residents may sign up now for events during Drivin' the Dixie Day on Saturday, June 21.

Vendors may sign up for the flea market and garage sales which will begin at 8 a.m., with a 7 a.m. set up time. Fee is \$5.

Also, a Dixie Derby derby race will be held in the Jaycee Shelter in McFerren Park. Registration fee is \$30, which includes a t-shirt, pinewood derby car kits, pit passes and two drink tickets to be used at local food stands in the park that day. Individuals, families and businesses are all invited to participate.

For information or to register, call the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, (217) 283-7873.

School employees to be honored

Five Hoopeston Area employees will be honored at the Golden Ruler Banquet on March 29, including Sherlynn Johnson, Margaret Mulcahey, Janet Brewer, Don Sollars and Marilyn Neal. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Bismarck-Henning.

We must have at least five riders or the van will not be able to go.

Housing continued from other side

Ruh said developer-based government assistance is available, which can be combined with city incentives to attract a developer. Such plans include enticing renters to become homeowners by offering credit counseling and other services.

Classifieds

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