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Six Hoopeston residents learn development skills at institute

MOLINE—Learning can be a very motivating and educational experience as six area residents discovered during the annual Midwest Community Development Institute, held in Moline Aug. 11-15. The Midwest Community Development Institute (CDI) is a comprehensive training program in community development designed for community leaders and development professionals. The goal is to equip people with the tools and capabilities to improve the economy and quality of life in their communities. The Midwest CDI is hosted by the nationally recognized Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs in cooperation with the Quad Cities Executive Studies Center at Western Illinois University.

First year participants were Tami Goin, Chamber secretary and Linda Mitchell from the Hoopeston Public Library. Second year participants were Gail Lane, Hoopeston City Clerk, Chamber treasurer and owner of R&G Tax Services; Judi Benjamin, Hoopeston Vista volunteer serving as Hoopeston Main Street Program coordinator; and Pat Fraley, Main Street Design Committee member and community volunteer.

Jean Minick, Hoopeston Vista volunteer, completed



Photo contributed
Local attendees at the Midwest Community Development Institute relax in one of Moline's downtown plazas. Pictured are, from left, Judi Benjamin, Gail Lane, Tami Goin, Linda Mitchell, Jean Minick and Pat Fraley.

her third year and is now eligible to become a Professional Community and Economic Developer, a professional certification available through CDI.

Criteria for certification includes work experience, education, training and an examination.

Participants spent the week attending intensive training sessions geared toward their particular year of training.

First year sessions focused on team building, community development principles and practice, and assess-

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Obituaries

HANES - Harold M. Hanes, 75, of Hoopeston, formerly of Paxton, died at 12:35 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Ford-Baier Funeral Home, Paxton. Cremation will follow. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

SCHULTZ - Philip L. Schultz, 91, of Donovan, formerly of Wellington, died at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m.

Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Beaverville. Burial will be in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Beaverville, with military rites by Watseka American Legion post. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Sheldon, with Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the church restoration fund.



Philip Schultz

Police News

Billy J. Robinson, 29, of Hoopeston was arrested at 8:48 p.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of West Penn. Wanted on a Benton County, Ind., warrant for probation violation, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Briefly

Surprise party

A surprise going away party will be held for Elizabeth Booher at 7 p.m. Friday at the second pavilion in McFerren Park. Everyone is invited to come and wish her well.

Neighborhood Watch

Vermilion County State’s Attorney candidates Randy Brinegar (R) and Daniel Brown (D) will be the featured speakers at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2. The meeting will be held at Country Terrace.

This is the fourth part in a series on candidates in the Nov. 4 election.

Institute continued from other side

ment. Participants also learned the concepts of strategic planning, GIS applications and finance and investment.

Second year participants concentrated on fund raising, project financing, business retention and expansion, site selection processes, entrepreneurship, GIS and information technology.

Third year attendees focused on forming an effective economic development organization, workforce development, critical issues of non-profit management, Brownfield remediation and infrastructure planning. Time was also spent reviewing the PCED certification process.

Institute participants toured restored areas of downtown Moline and historic Muscatine, Iowa. Tours allowed attendees to view results of an effective downtown revitalization program using practices taught through MCDI.

Classifieds

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IN MEMORY

In honor of my loving Mother, Margaret Irene Cundiff
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If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane
We would walk right up to Heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you
No one will ever know
But know we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you’ll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
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Weather



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625 S. Fifth Ave., Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Adult clothes, collectibles, Christmas, tools, books, etc.

322 N. Seventh St., Hoopeston. Sat., 8 a.m. Girls clothing (sizes 6-14), great for back to school! Ladies clothing, luggage, screen door, chain saw, table & chairs, camping items, home décor.

First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange, Hoopeston. Sat., 8-noon. Come fill a sack for \$3! Sacks provided. Lots of great items & give-aways!

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