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Hoopeston Main Street to host Vandalia Main Street group

Thursday, August 6, representatives from Vandalia Main Street, a Premier Illinois Main Street community, will be in Hoopeston to tour our Main Street district and visit with Hoopeston Main Street board members and program coordinator, Judi Benjamin.

Last December, Benjamin, along with board members Andrew Frobish, Carol Hicks, Tami Goin and Tom Benjamin, visited Vandalia for the day. They had a short lunch meeting, during which they discussed the Main

Street program and how each community operates their individual programs. After a tour of Vandalia's Main Street District, the trip ended with dinner at a local restaurant, attended by Vandalia's mayor as well as several Vandalia Main Street board members.

As Hoopeston's mentor community, Vandalia Main Street will help guide Hoopeston Main Street through the process of achieving designation as an Illinois Main Street Community.



Aftermath

A City of Hoopeston employee used a backhoe Tuesday to clean up debris from a fallen tree in the 800 block of East Seminary. The tree fell on the front porch of a house in the block, damaging the roof. Other damage, including many tree downed tree limbs, were reported in Hoopeston and Rossville. See related photo on other side

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\$7 Adults, \$3 6-10, under 5 free

**The PIT STOP at
EAST LANES**

Wednesday	Ribeye Steak Sandwich
Thursday	Swiss Steak
Friday	Cod & Ribeye
Saturday	Prime Ribeye Steak

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9 Pin Tournament
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719 W. Elm, Hoopeston (217) 283-6505

Centennial court event, 1800s fashion show, family Olympics to be part of Sesquicentennial

Centennial court to be honored

Candidates of the 1959 Rossville Centennial will be honored in a special reception on Wednesday, August 5, at the Rossville/Alvin High School Gym. The reception will follow the crowing of the Rossville Sesquicentennial Queen, which starts at 6 p.m..

Six of the 13 court members will be on hand that evening including Diana Widaman Willey, Joetta Hughes Hufford, Doris Beckner Henady, Robert Queen Spencer, Marilyn Weinard Satterwhite, and Mary Lou Hathaway McGinnis. Bonnie Bowles will be attending events later in the week.

Everyone is invited to attend both events that evening. Light refreshments will be served.

19th Century fashion show

Residents who have made 19th century clothing for the Rossville Sesquicentennial may participate in a fashion show to be held as part of the Sesquicentennial opening ceremonies on Thursday, Aug. 6.

The fashion show was originally scheduled to take place during a brief intermission during the concert performed by the Wabash Valley Area Band. Due to some considerations for the band, the fashion show has been moved back to take place during the opening ceremonies which will start sharply at 6 p.m. at the Cadle Pavilion in Christman Park. The Wabash Valley Area Band will start their concert at 6:30 p.m..

Anyone wishing to take place in the fashion show should contact Kevin Young at 217-474-1642.

Family Olympics

Some old fashion family fun will be part of the Rossville Sesquicentennial as area families are encouraged to take part in the Sesquicentennial Family Olympics on Saturday, August 8. Events will include a Sack Race, Hoop Trundling, Table Ring Toss, Leap Frog, Potato Race, Bobbing for Apples and Game of Graces. The events will start at 12:30 p.m. at Christman Park.

Besides medals and ribbons, first place winning teams will be awarded gift certificates from local businesses.

Families interested in taking part in the Rossville Sesquicentennial Family Olympics should contact Darla Mikels at 217-748-6792.

Obituaries

BURTIS - Ina Mae (Menagh) Mayer Burtis, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 9:40 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

LEEMON - Charles B. "Chuck" Leemon, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 5:08 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 2009 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Lions Club, P.O. Box 267, Hoopeston IL 60942; American Shorthorn Foundation, c/o Bill Razor, 1800 Lovers Leap, Van Alstyne TX 75495; or Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

O'NEAL—Waneta Lucille (Hartberg) O'Neal, 91, of Watervliet, Mich., formerly of Milford, died Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 in Titusville, Fla. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Milford United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be one hour before service at the church. Memorials are suggested to Milford United Methodist Church. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 61. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 85, low 63.

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

Indoors and Outdoors

By Molly Culbert

Some thoughts about the annual Tomato Contest coming up this month—August 28 and 29! First, we are getting mixed reviews from gardeners but generally, like the farmers, home gardens are having a later year with too much rain when we didn't need it and not enough heat when we did. So, don't let it discourage you from bringing your entries. They are better than you think.

As the years have gone by, the tomato contest has grown and gradually become a vegetable contest, so bring your best whatever-it-is. Last year, we had peppers, onions, beans, beets, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, baskets of mixed vegetables, cabbage, zucchini and other squash. You bring it in and I'll make a category and give prizes. Jellies, jams and relishes would be nice. There's some great salsa makers around here, too.

We're having a big rummage sale next Thursday, Friday and Saturday and an extra day on Sunday (for those who don't have a weekday off) and to clear out some room for the tomato contest.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1 BR, 600 sq. ft. First floor. Stove, refrigerator furnished, central air. \$300/mo + deposit. No pets. (217) 304-3477

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area Community Unit School District #11 is seeking bids on miscellaneous automotive accessories and tools. Items will be on display Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bids may be placed at time of viewing. Bids will be opened Monday, August 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Bid winners will be notified.

HOUSES FOR RENT

Rossville: 204 Church. 2 BR. \$425/mo.+ deposit. No pets. Available August. For application, call (217) 304-3477

RUMMAGE SALES

330 W. Maple, Hoopeston. Fri. & Sat., 8-? Large sale. Lots of misc. items, antiques, dishes, nice clean clothing of different sizes, bedding & some furniture

814 S. Fourth St., Hoopeston. Sat., 8-? Name brand clothing (infant-adult), household items, DVDs, CDs, lots of misc.

Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad!



More storm damage

High winds Tuesday damaged the former FMC Building on Rt. 9, pushing part of the corrugated metal wall open.