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The Welcome Home Gift Shop offers unique gift ideas

If you need a cup of tea to soothe you, Welcome Home.

Would a cup of coffee lift your spirits?

Welcome Home.

Need an inexpensive present for a gift exchange?

Welcome Home.

Frances Burke has turned her historical home, at 319 W. Main, into Hoopeston's newest store, The Welcome Home Gift Shop.

Whether it's laundry soap, candles, dolls, pictures, crocheted items or even an apple press, it's at The Welcome Home.

Teapots are a staple at the shop, with more than 100 to choose from. The pots can be combined with an available mug and specialty loose teas to create a very personal gift.

Coffee gets its share of shelf space, too. A pot of house blend is always on and a second, Café Mexicana, will be added, with its blend of coffee, cinnamon and chocolate, Burke said.

Currently, ground coffee is available, but if coffees prove to be popular, Burke plans to add whole bean varieties and grinders.

Some coffees having interesting combinations - bacon maple, anyone? - as do some eatable gifts, like gourmet



Frances Burke, owner of The Welcome Home gift shop, welcomes people to her shop this week.

popped corn.

Many gifts are handcrafted by area residents, including crocheted baby afghans, baby quilts and cancer hats. Paintings by Charles Umbarger are available, as are Shelby's Lighthouse Candles.

Some products, like the cancer hats, benefit causes. Others include homemade laundry soap, for domestic violence, and a line of candles for hospice.

Items are divided between new and trendy and retro and vintage. Among the latter are vintage dishes, hand
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Correction

It was incorrectly reported last week that each donation to Hoopeston Public Library's Food for Fines program would be worth \$2 towards fine. Each item is worth \$1.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

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painted in Italy, retro aprons, WWII-era tea service and a selection of collectible dolls.

While the shelves are well-stocked, Burke continues to look for local artisans who can add items to the shop. For example, one item she would like to add, based on customer requests, is knitted baby booties.

The Welcome Home Gift Shop will have a ribbon cutting at noon Friday and a bake sale will be held Saturday. Residents can bring homemade goods or

come and sample some of Hoopeston's finest. All weekend, samples of flavored teas and coffees will be offered.

Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with Burke working the morning hours and Sue Comstock taking the afternoon shift.

More information is available at the shop's Facebook page or by calling (217) 772-9066.

Police News

Joseph Cannon, 40, of Hoopeston, was charged with burglary after an incident at 7:48 p.m. Monday at Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Weather

Sunny today. High 43. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 47, low 39.

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October 4

Felipe Martinez, Hoopeston, status hearing November 1.

Eulalio Cantu, Hoopeston, status hearing November 1.

Shane Baker, New Haven, Ind., failed to appear at status hearing; case referred to Vermilion County Circuit Court, Danville.

Robert Clayburn, Hoopeston, case continued generally.

Cari Hamilton, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing, case referred to Vermilion County Circuit Court, Danville.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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