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Dustin and Russell Tarter outside of Corntown Auctions, 109 E. Main St.

## For new business, a man's junk is another's auction treasure

Two brothers are turning their mutual addiction into a new Hoopeston business.

Dustin Tarter, of Hoopeston, and his brother, Russell, of St. Joseph, have opened Corn Town Auctions at 109 E. Main St.

"We have an unhealthy addiction to projects and felt it was time to pass some of our projects onto new homes,"

Dustin Tarter said.

Corn Town Auctions is an online auction service that has scheduled times and dates for previews of available items. Many items in the initial offering are from the Tartars' personal collections. "My brother and I both have large garages and it would be nice to finally be able

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to park cars in them,” Tarter said.

Other items came from the brothers’ purchase of entire estates, storage units or local auctions.

The Tarters first considered opening a resale shop, based on their addiction to finding things to fix, but decided on an online auction business for a couple reasons.

First, both are busy. Russell Tarter is a plumber in the Champaign-Urbana area and he and his wife, Kerianne, have a one-year-old son, Logan. Dustin works for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as assistant director of advising and student services.

Tarter credits his parents with instilling “busyness” in their sons. “Our parents aren’t the type of people that let grass grow under their feet, so I guess it rubbed off on us,” he said, adding the brothers idea of fun has always been “tinkering with things and making them better.”

Second, he said, not everyone likes live auctions, where a person must make a split second decision. Also, some potential buyers are unwilling to wait through an entire auction for the one item they want.

With the Tarters’ system, people can peruse items at the storefront during preview periods (or through the front windows as many people have been spotted doing) or see pictures online, at [www.corntownauctions.com](http://www.corntownauctions.com).

Items currently available for auction on the site include furniture, tools, toys, antiques and much more. “This format will allow customers to access unique

**Second annual pie auction, visit from missionaries to be featured Saturday at Nazarene church**

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene will host its second annual pie auction fundraiser from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at the church. The pie auction will feature pies and desserts for bid with “buy now” prices.

There will be a soup, chili, and potato supper by donation.

All proceeds will benefit our Work and Witness trip to Washington Park IL this July.

At 4 p.m. Nazarene Missionaries the Picavea's will speak in the sanctuary. They will also be available for a meet and greet during the supper and auction.

items that they want for restoration or repurposing at low prices,” Tarter said. “The online auction format allows people to buy at auction prices but avoids the hassle of waiting around a live auction for a particular item to sell.”

The brothers bought the auction building when Dustin was co-owner of the former City Chef Restaurant with Gary Wilson. He and his brother think the 100 block of East Main “has great potential” due to traffic from existing businesses, like Pizza King, China Wok and the resale shop opened late last year by Joyce Allen.

“I’m excited by the shops opened by Valarie Hinkle and Joyce Allen and hope that resale and specialty shops become the future of downtown. I hope Russell and I can be a part of this new wave of reinvestment.”

Tarter compared Hoopeston to many items in the auctions. “(They have) great potential. “People just need to see value in the project.”

Currently using their own items, Tarter said he is look-

**From the Blotter**

**Tasha Uppinghouse**, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:06 a.m. Monday to the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. Police said she forced her way into a residence, then left.

She was arrested at her home on charges of disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and disobeying a police officer and released on notices to appear and was released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**A wallet was found** Monday at McFerren Park. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**Fire Calls**

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:38 p.m. Monday to the 400 block of South Market for a report of a smell of kerosene in the area. Firemen investigated and determined the complaint was unfounded.

**Weather**

Thunderstorms today. High 65. Tonight, showers. Low 55. Tomorrow, showers, then mostly cloudy. High 63, low 41.

ing at how to accept consignments and hopes to have that in place by summer. “Of course, we would always offer the option of an outright purchase to people who find themselves in a situation where they need to liquidate property quickly,” he said.

To reach Tarter with questions or for more information, email [corntownauctions@gmail.com](mailto:corntownauctions@gmail.com)

Corn Town Auctions’ maiden sale opened February 28 and will close at 7 p.m. March 10.

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