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Hoopeston natives named among publication's 40 Under 40

Two Hoopeston natives are among those named to Central Illinois Business Magazine's 40 Under 40 for 2018.

Alex Houmes, 26, of Hoopeston, and former resident, 34-year-old Lyndsay Howell were honored at a luncheon Thursday at the Hilton Garden Inn.

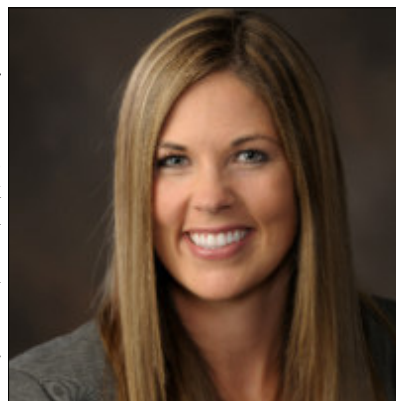
The awards are presented by the magazine, published by News-Gazette Media.

Houmes, son of Eric and Kim Houmes, is forecasting and planning supervisor at Watchfire Signs in Danville. A Ward 3 alderman, he is also vice president of the Lorraine Foundation, which operates and is restoring the Historic Lorraine Theatre, as well as other downtown buildings.

In biographical information for the award, Houmes said his proudest professional accomplishment is saving and reutilizing the Willdon Building, Hoopeston's largest downtown building, which had sat vacant or 15 year. Under the umbrella of the Lorraine Foundation, and with help from Vermilion County Land Bank, Houmes was able to acquire the 110-year-old structure to use for business space. Six months after taking possession of the Willdon, the doors were opened and now house four businesses, with the potential for many more.

Houmes attributes his success to "the work ethic, drive and attention to detail instilled in me by my parents."

Retired banker Bill Nicholls nominated Houmes



HOWELL



Photos contributed

Alex Houmes with his 40 Under 40 Award.

for the award, writing, "Besides his activities as city alderman, his drive, energy and perseverance have been instrumental in acquiring and restoring three vacant and decaying buildings in downtown Hoopeston."

Howell, daughter of John and Kathy Howell, lives in Champaign and is vice president controller at Busey Bank. She was nominated by Elissa McGlau-
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Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Coffee & Coloring, 1 p.m. Monday. Adults only time. Supplies provided or bring your own.

Turn in pumpkins for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest between Wednesday and 8 p.m. Thursday. Pumpkins will be judged Friday morning and the winner announced at 1 p.m. Pumpkins will be on display until October 26.

From the Blotter

Joshua Kempen, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:28 a.m. Wednesday at Rt. 1 and West Elm. Upon investigation, methamphetamine was allegedly found and he was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and no proof of insurance.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **41-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday that someone damaged his vehicle in

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ghlin, the bank's brand and corporate communications specialist, who said Howell "embraces excellence in all that she does - serving as a role model for friends, coworkers and community members."

Howell attributes her success to working in her family's small business, Hoopeston Convenience, and seeing firsthand the importance of a strong work ethic. "My parents challenged me to always do my best and modeled hard work and dedication," she said. "These early lessons fueled my drive to be successful and kept me humble - and still help me today!"

An important lesson Howell has learned is that while there are many things in life one can't control, "your attitude is not one of them. I've found that staying positive can make all the difference - for yourself and your co-workers.

Asked about a pivotal career decision, Howell said the decision to leave public accounting and join the Busey team was "a significant one and important for my career." After considering the change and consulting with mentors and friends "I felt confident I was making the right choice."

Big Bang Thursday, 3:30 p.m. A time for kids in grades 3-5 to perform weird science experiments.

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30 a.m. Friday. For kids ages 0-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Sensory Saturday, 10 a.m. October 20. For special needs youngsters - all ages welcome! Activities include a story and craft.

Cooking the Books. This month's theme is Oktoberfest. Choose a recipe from our special selection. We'll copy it for you. Make it and bring it back to

the 600 block of East Thompson. Police are investigating.

Deono Zamarripa, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of North Sixth Ave. He was charged with possession of cannabis and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Billy Robinson, 39, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 8:27 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

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Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, broccoli/cheese, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Beefy fiestada, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib/bun, baked beans, Cherry Star juice, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, tater tots, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Hotdog, baked beans, salad bar, peach-

share at 6 p.m. October 26.

Bring your own serving utensils. Drinks and table service provided.

Youth wrestling signups

Hoopeston Youth Wrestling signups will be held 12-2 p.m. October 24 at Hoopeston Fire Station. Cost varies depending on purchase of wrestling gear.

Trick or treat hours

Trick or treat hours will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. October 31. Residents who wish to receive trick-or-treaters are asked to leave their porch lights on.

Youngsters are asked to only go to homes with their porch lights on.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10:16 a.m. Wednesday to a structure fire in the alley on the north side of the 800 block of East Seminary. No injuries were reported.

Firemen, along with Arrow Ambulance, were called at 5:51 p.m. Wednesday to an accident on Rt. 1 at 4000 North Rd. Injuries were reported but further details were unavailable at press time.

Firemen were requested by Arrow Ambulance at 1:40 p.m. Thursday for lifting assistance on a medical call in the 800 block of South Market.

Christmas program signups

Signups for Miracle Tree and Santa Cares will be held from 9-11 a.m. November 5-8 at the Grant Township office, 525 S Market St.

Applicants need to bring proof of residency and proof of children. (Medical card typically has all of this on it) Parents and legal guardians are the only ones that can sign a child up.

There will be no late sign ups!

Obituaries

HALLEY - Patsy P. (Obenland) Halley, 79, of Rankin, died Tuesday, Oct.9, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Funeral was at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial was in Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

ORCUTT - Kim Howard Orcutt, 66, of Watseka, died August 28, 2018 in Peoria. A celebration of his life was held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at Imagine, 102 N. Axtel, Milford. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

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