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Emily Brown stands among works from local artists that are displayed in 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe, a new business at 112 E. Main. It is the second business Emily and her husband, Bob, have opened in downtown Hoopeston.

## 112 Wine & Coffee Shoppe fills dream for revitalization

Some people daydream about winning the lottery or a dream vacation. Not Emily Brown.

Brown and her husband, Bob, are owners of the hugely popular Bricks and Ivy Sports in downtown Hoopeston. When she's working there and in those moments when "it's not real busy, I think and dream about what downtown needs," she said.

Those dreams have led to 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe at 112 E. Main, which will celebrate its grand opening on March 8.

The building, formerly the office of Hoopeston attorney Bill Nelson, had been empty and had fallen into disrepair. Bob Brown, owner of Built 2 Last Construction, gave it a facelift, getting rid of small offices in favor of expansive spaces for a bar, kitchen, eating area and conference room.

In researching downtown revitalization, Brown learned that having a coffee shop is almost a must. However, because Hoopeston is a small community, Brown was  
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advised that supporting a business solely on coffee would be difficult. Offerings were expanded to include “really good quality wines for a good quality price,” Brown said.

With hours set for 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 6 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 112 will also have food fit for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Penny Blakely is bringing her culinary skills to 112, as chef and kitchen manager and will serve muffins, bagels, coffee cakes, fruit and yogurt, along with shmeers for the bagels. For later eating, bruschetta, cold sandwiches,

paninis, BBQ chicken and Margherita flatbreads, “and a really good grilled cheese,” will be available. A soup of the day will also be served with a loaf of Blakely’s in-house bread.

Desserts will include pies, cookies, brownies and cake and cheese boards will be available with wines.

Wines will come in red, white and sparkling. Flights of wines will be offered for customers to taste. Wines will be available for purchase off premises. Beers will also be served on-premises.

Non-alcoholic beverages will include various kinds of hot coffees, with beans roasted fresh in Champaign, along with lattes, iced coffee, cappuccino and iced tea.

Like Bricks and Ivy, 112 is going to be a family affair. Brown’s mother, Tracy Silver, owns a wine and coffee shop in Venice, Fla. “She’s kind of been a good sounding board,” Emily said.

The couple’s son, Nick, has taken over managing the sports shop, freeing up Bob and Emily to focus on the new venture. Their daughter, Maddie Stock, will be the evening manager.

Working at 112 will be a second - or even third job - for Brown family members, as both Emily and Maddie work at Hoopeston Area Schools, Emily as curriculum director and Maddie as a teacher, and Bob has his construction company. “We don’t like to be bored,” Emily said, laughing. “We like to be busy. Bob and I will be here quite a bit.”

## Briefly

### Baseball registration

Hoopeston baseball registration for players ages 5-15 will be held Saturdays, Feb. 29 and March 7, from 9-11 a.m. and Sundays, March 1 and 8, from 1-2 p.m. at Hoopeston City Hall.

Fees are \$55 for t-ball, \$70 for Instructional, Minor and Major leagues and \$80 for Pony League.

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Tree Climbers Genealogy Group**, 10 a.m. Saturday. For novice and experienced researchers.

### Weather

Slight chance of snow showers today. High 30. Tonight, clear. Low 15. Tomorrow, sunny. High 38, low 31. Sunday, cloudy, chance of rain late. High 54, low 45.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

The Browns also bought 110 E. Main, which will be part of the 112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe, but which will offer interactive dart boards and other games. The Browns have also applied to have video gaming machines on that side of the business.

While helping revitalize Hoopeston’s downtown, 112 will also provide something else for Bricks and Ivy customers to do before or after sports star autograph events.

Brown wants 112 to have a fun, relaxed feel to it. “I don’t want people to think of it as a bar,” she said. “I want them to think if it as a place to relax.”

While excitement of watching sporting events on a big screen television or competing in a darts game might be a bit noisy, the conference room will be a quiet place for

people to meet or study at the solid oak conference table, found in the second floor of the law office.

The table had to be taken apart to move to the conference room, then reassembled. Brown was involved in the moving. “I think that’s the heaviest piece of furniture I’ve ever helped move,” she said.

Brown knows opening a business downtown is bucking a trend seen not only in Hoopeston. “Everybody wants to be on the outskirts,” she said. “That’s sad for the downtown.”

With more and more Bricks and Ivy customers coming longer distances, Brown hopes 112 will provide more for them to do and make downtown Hoopeston a destination point.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 will be accepting applications for summer cleaning crew. Applications may be picked up at the District Office and dropped off no later than March 20, 2020.

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