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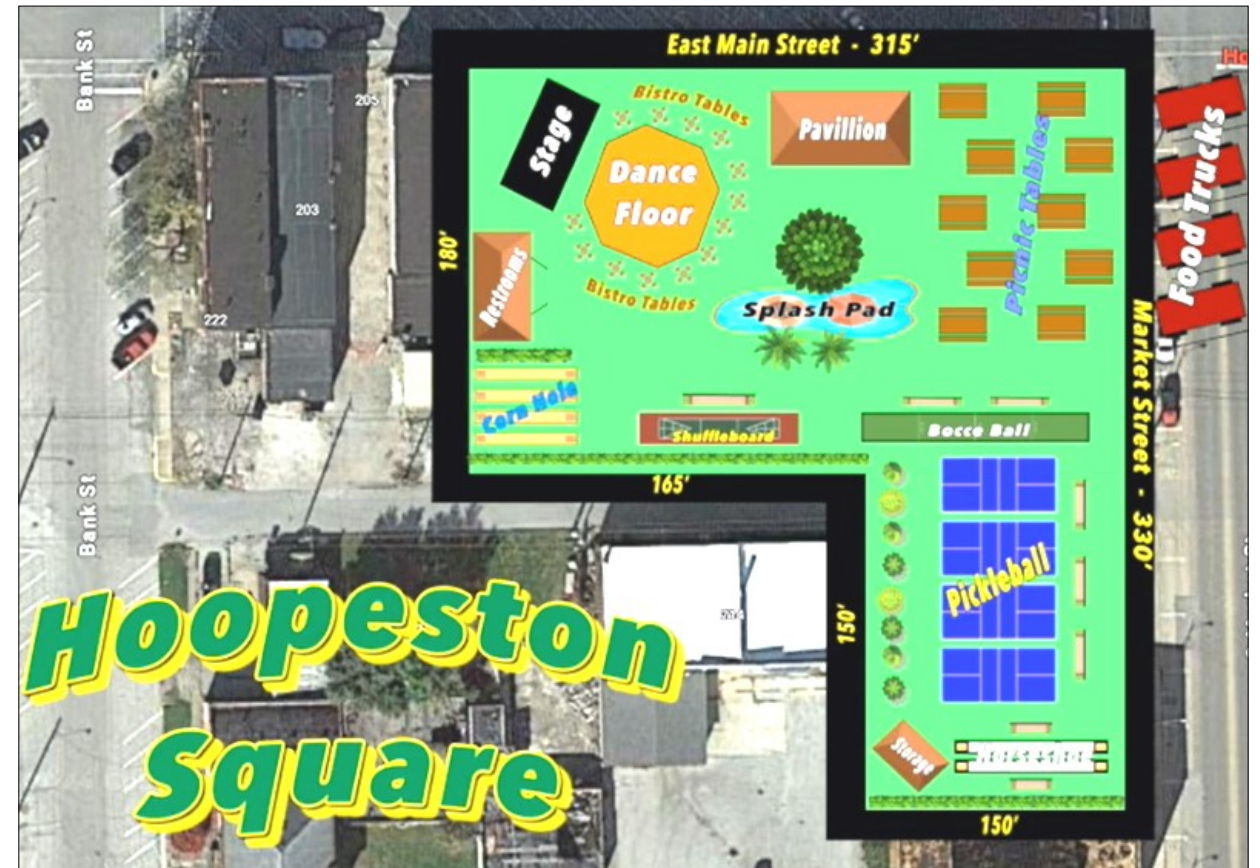
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A rendering of a proposal presented at Tuesday's Hooperton City Council meeting details a plan to turn the area into a place where city residents of all ages can gather for camaraderie and fun.

Doyle presents proposal for developing newly-cleared area

A long-time resident is asking Hooperton City Council to consider developing recently-cleared downtown property into an area for residents to get together and enjoy each other.

Dick Doyle's proposal would use much of the 200 block of East Main into an area where Hooperton residents - as

well as those from neighboring communities - could get together to listen to music, play games, dine from food trucks and garner a sense of community.

His proposal is based on the revitalization of East Liverpool, Ohio, where his daughter, Kim Doyle Smith, and her
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Most people think the US Constitution is a four-page document, however, it is has five pages. The fifth page is known as the "Transmittal Page," which contains the signature of George Washington and a detailed description of the ratification of the Constitution and how the precepts of the document will be put in effect.

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Proposal continued from other side

family, live. "East Liverpool is one example of a small town doing something that I found intriguing," Doyle said. "I would like us to consider doing something similar here.

"From April through September on the first Friday of every month- but I think we should do it on a Saturday here - the town blocks off the main street to car traffic and throws a citywide block party. The local businesses stay open late, they string Italian lights around the block and put up a portable stage where local musicians perform. They bring in vendors and food trucks. They serve barbecue, beer, pizza, tacos, and funnel cakes. They have games for the kids; the youth organizations and the sports teams set up tables to raise funds' there's even dancing. But most importantly, it's a time when neighbors can put down their smartphones and visit with one another face to face."

Ohio is not the only place where Doyle, and his wife, Pat, saw such community togetherness. "Just about every small town and big city I saw in Italy has what is known as a piazza, whether grand and ornate like Rome's expansive Piazza Navona or just an intimate village square with a few café tables and a bocce ball court. These open gathering spaces are the heart of every community throughout Italy. I'm suggesting we consider turning this property into a similar type of space."

Doyle presented a preliminary design that would include a portable stage on the northwest corner of the area, fronted by a dance floor surrounded by bistro tables. Those could be used for block parties, rallies, outdoor church services, dance recitals and many other activities, he said. The stage and café tables could be "hailed off to make room for farmers markets, swap meets, craft shows and so on."

On the west side, he envisions a restroom facility and on the east, an open-sided party pavilion and picnic tables. A splash pad could grace the center of the area, allowing parents to keep an eye on their children while enjoying a game of corn hole, shuffleboard, bocce ball and Pickleball.

A horseshoe pit and secure storage area would be at the far end of the property. While the storage area would have security lighting, during evening events, the entire area would be lit by strings of Italian lights "for a pleasant and warm glow" Doyle said.

The area could also be used for other things, like car shows, Oktoberfest activities, and Halloween trunk or treat. "There are already plans to coordinate with the Lorraine Theatre for events tied with any particular movie they are showing and maybe the space could occasionally be rented out for personal use such as family reunions or outdoor wedding receptions thereby generating self-

supporting funds.

"And with a little bit of clever engineering I believe we could remove the picnic tables and turn that northeast corner into an ice skating rink in the winter months suitable to teach them to ice skate and bring parents downtown. There's also plenty of space for Santa and his elves at Christmas time in addition to fostering stronger friendships between neighbors. Events held in this communal space would draw folks from nearby communities and help boost Hoopeston and area commerce."

To get the idea off the ground, city officials, partnering with Visit Downtown Hoopeston Inc., and the Lorraine Foundation could apply for revitalization grants, he said. "With a dedicated and enthusiastic effort, we could see an amazing change in the next several years and the continuing development and growth of our downtown thereafter.

Doyle said using the East Liverpool program as a guide should work. "Demographically and socio-economically, East Liverpool is very similar to Hoopeston and is experiencing many of the same challenges we are," he said.

According to 2020 census information, East Liverpool, had a population of 9,958, down from 26,000 in the 1960s. The median household income in 2018- 2022 was

\$34,560 in 2022 dollars and the percentage of those in poverty was 31.6%, based on the 2022 American Community Survey five-year average.

In 2020, Hoopeston's population was 4,812 and the median household income was \$46,529 (+/- \$8,357). The city's poverty rate was 21.7% (+/- 7.9%).

"You know, when Pat and I first moved to Hoopeston 55 years ago, it was a happening place," Doyle said. "I want it to be a happening place again."

Doyle's entire presentation may be viewed at www.youtube.com.

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Letters to the Editor

Thankful for care at local hospital

We would like to take a minute and thank the Hoopeston Hospital staff for the outstanding care we received. We are very lucky to have them in our community.

Penny and David Gaddis

HMA thanks donors for back-to-school drive

The Hoopeston Multi Agency would like to thank everyone that helped to make our "Back to School" drive a HUGE success! We appreciate the many supplies, shoes, and monetary gifts that were donated.

This is such an invaluable program for our families and it wouldn't be possibly without all the amazing community members. This year we were able to assist nearly 300 students with school supplies and shoes.

Thank you again for your support to make this possible.

Beth Bray Knecht
HMA Executive Director
Board President

The destiny of man is known

Most humans are so impressed with Man's accomplishments that they completely forget that it was God, The Creator, who created an un-ending Heaven, and the Earth, and us.

So they were impressed when NASA announced that the Voyager 1 spacecraft had encounter some communication problems, and that after some months, our NASA scientists had fixed the problem, while the spacecraft was fifteen billion miles away in outer space.

Surely the scientists consider this a great human achievement, while refusing to give God any credit. It is God who created them, the planets their equipment explored, and the speed of light which made it possible for them to communicate with their equipment at such great distance.

A writer, who writes about NASA's great exploration achievements, stated that "human destiny will remain ever unknown," while, "the fate of our artifacts can be calculated in staggering detail."

However, that is totally wrong, because God has made the destiny of man known to Mankind. And that destiny is NOT GOOD for those who reject Him and His plan for Salvation!

He made it known by his documented word, the Bible, through Moses, a multitude number of his prophets, and Jesus and his disciples.

Like most of the world, America has disobeyed God and failed to teach the children about God and the "Word

of God."

The words "separation of church and state" were mis-used to keep God and His Word out of our schools and all government places, including state and city offices. Now, not even God's Ten Commandments, can be posted at these facilities.

The results have been disastrous as we see every day in this country.

One example of how immoral and sick America has become can be seen in what our current president said about the shooting of former president Trump. He said it was "sick" and that "There is no place in America for this kind of violence." he is so morally blinded that he does not realize, the terrible violence committed when they tear arms and pieces of body parts from babies being aborted/

From the Blotter

Joseph Asbury, 34, was arrested at 12:37 am. Saturday at South Sixth Ave. and West Penn. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, he was processed at the police station and later transported by an Iroquois County deputy to await arraignment.

Zack Curry, 23, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 4:03 p.m. Monday at Rtes. 1 and 9. He was cited for operating when registration suspended for non-insurance and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic Court.

Kevin Lambert, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 6:16 p.m. September 11 to CVS, 805 S. Dixie Hwy., for a reported theft.

Lambert was arrested at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday at West Main and South Second Ave. He was taken to the police station, where he was charged with retail theft, then transported to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Roger Catron, 66, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after police were flagged down at 3:19 p.m. Tuesday at South Third Ave. and West Lincoln. A woman reported a dog would not let her get away. An investigation showed the dog to be Catron's.

He was cited for restraint of dogs by owner or keeper and issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

During that incident, police became aware Catron was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant. He was arrested at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of West Maple and later taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville by a Vermilion County deputy.

killed. He, along with a great number of other politicians, supports that.

The Word of God says that if we disobey one of God's "Ten Commandments" we are guilty of all of them. And of course we are guilty.

When God decides it is time, He will begin the mass punishment upon the human race. is called "the end of times." He already knows it is going to happen!

At that date and time, He will hand Jesus the sealed book and Jesus will break the first seal. That starts the punishment. Breaking of the second seal will "take peace from the earth, and they will kill one another." The breaking of the rest of the seals, and the sounding seven trumpets, plus the seven angels doing their assigned duties, will bring additional death and destruction upon the world. By that time, more than 80 percent of the earth's population will die before the seven-year tribulation begins.

The destiny of those who die unsaved is a terrible time in Hell, until the White Throne judgment, and then eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone forever.

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Final men's team results were Hoopeston area first, with 172, followed by Iroquois West, 188; Cissna Park 206; and Watseka 211.

Meet medalist was Cornjerker Cy Tuggle with a 9-hole score of 38. Other HA scores were Felix Cantu 42, Trent Montez 45, Parker Robinson 51, Owen Field 47 and

Briefly

Meetings

Police Pension Board special meeting, 5 p.m. Friday, Hoopeston City Hall. Agenda items include adding an officer.

Rossville Village Board special meeting, rescheduled from Monday to 5 p.m. Friday, village office. Agenda items include rescind motion to award demolition bid for 308 Maple; motion to award demolition bid for 308 Maple; ITEP grant/resolution.

At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **September adult craft**, 1:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23. Lampshade Ghost, an easy, fun lighted decoration. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

FREE books at the library. Lots of good material left after the book sale. Upstairs next to the main desk.

For more information on programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston.

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day. Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its free monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so. All are welcome.

Sports

Gavin Miller 54.

The win put the team at 15-1 for the season.

Volleyball

On September 7, the Lady Cornjerkrers trekked to Farmer City to play in the Blue Ridge Volleyball Tournament. At the 9 a.m. Match with Lowpoint-Washburn, Brylie Cox's 10 kills were supported by Ava Taubert's seven aces and six kills as Hoopeston prevailed, 25-11, 24-26, 15-11.

The 11 a.m. contest was highlighted by six kills from Addy Kelnhofer and three aces from Bre Goodrum, as HA found its way to victory, this time against Deland-Weldon, in comeback fashion, 13-25, 25-23, 15-11. The 1 p.m. contest finished with a 20-25, 25-23, 5-15 loss to Villa Grove, featured five kills an ace from Cox, four kills and an ace from Layla Birch and three kills and blocks from Abby Stiner. The day was completed by a two-set loss to Juda Christian, 14-25, 22-25, with Steiner at five kills and Cox three, a block and an ace.

Bowling

Fast Lanes Sunday Night Mixed League

Men's High Games: Marvin Dobkins 276; Geoffery Berlin, 258; Kevin Tyler; 247

High Series: Devan Thomas 669; Marvin Dobkins 663; Nick Gonzalez 650

Obituaries

PHILLIPS - Karla Marie Phillips, 63, of Danville, died at 2:33 p.m. Thursday, September 12, 2024, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

TORRES - Severo Jimenez Torres, 64, of Hoopeston, died at 8:07 p.m. Monday, September 16, 2024, at home. Private family service will be held. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy Low 62. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of showers late. High 87, low 65. Sunday chance of storms. High 79, low 59.

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Ladies High Games: Jaylyn Linder 228; Leslie Miller 214; Karen Eighner 211

High Series: Jaylyn Linder 618; Leslie Miller 562; Karen Eighner 522

Week 2

Men's High Games: Todd Keith 289; Doug Wagoner 277; Bobby Gossett 268

High Series: Doug Wagoner 729; Todd Keith 682; Geoffery Berlin 680

Ladies High Game: Jaylyn Linder 278; Kayla Woodby 233; Leslie Hardcastle 231

High Series: Jaylyn Linder 712; Kayla Woodby 597; Leslie Hardcastle 557

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:17 a.m. Saturday to Autumn Fields, 325 E. Orange, for a fire alarm. The department cleared after resetting the alarm.

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