

## North Fork Conservation Club



Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

At the club

Fish, chicken, shrimp & clam dinners  
plus 2 sides **\$5.50**



## Hoopeston Jaycees Pancake & Sausage Day

Saturday, Jan. 19

6 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hoopeston Multi Agency  
206 S. First Ave.

\$4 donation. Children under 6, free

## The Great Trade-In Sale is underway!

Get a new piece of clothing for  
Christmas that isn't quite "you"?  
Bring it in this week and trade it for  
**30% off** our new arrivals.

Good on unused items only.

While you're trading, check out our

**50% Off Sale**

in our resale department.

Clearance racks EVERYWHERE!!!

**Global Fashions**

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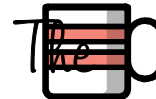
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## Hospital CEO seeks public input in making hospital better

Changes in Medicaid funding  
have hospital officials throughout the  
state scrambling to make up shortfalls in  
outpatient reimbursement.

The situation is no different at  
Hoopeston Community Memorial Hos-  
pital, where CEO Frank Caruso is pre-  
dicting a \$100,000 decrease in Medicaid  
funding this year.

The only conceivable way the hospital can



*Second Cup*

by LOURDINE FLOREK

make up much of that is by increasing  
the number of people who use not only  
the hospital for inpatient stays but also  
other services, such as physical therapy,  
lab and x-ray.

Trouble is, many local people  
hesitate to use the hospital and that is  
cause for concern. "I'm scared," Caruso

told me recently.

See HOSPITAL on other side



Photo by Lourdine Florek

### Chilly work

An unidentified worker gets rolls of insulation ready for the Hoopeston Foods warehouse on Maple Wednesday. The new warehouse was built after a July storm demolished the old one.

## Spring is blooming in the greenhouse

Daffodils, hyacinths, crocus,  
primroses for as little as \$3.98

*Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert*

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## Bus Winter Poker Run

Jan. 19. Sign up today! \$15/person

After the run, enjoy

**Maui Club 9 p.m.-1  
a.m.**



## Fish Fry

5-8 p.m. Friday

**American Legion**

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

**Fish Dinner \$5.50 Shrimp Dinner  
\$6.50, Chicken Dinner \$7.00, ribs: half  
rack \$8.50, full rack \$16**

Includes slaw, baked beans, roll & fries.



**Did you slide  
through that**



**Sign?**

**Are your brakes  
working properly?  
We'll inspect, clean  
and adjust your  
brakes for only**

**\$20**



900 West Orange, Hoopeston  
(217) 283-5131 (877) 925-



Jeep



A **31-year-old** Rossville man reported Tuesday that someone broke the right front headlight, scratched the paint on the front passenger door, dented the metal on the back quarter panel, broke the right tail light lens, broke a wiper blade, bent the antenna and dented the metal behind the driver's door on his vehicle.

### **Hospital** continued from other side

If something isn't done to boost income, we face the very real possibility of losing our hospital.

We shouldn't let that happen.

We need our hospital for so many reasons. First, it's a convenience for us. Unlike residents of so many communities, we don't have to leave town to get our routine medical care. It's right here.

The services provided at the hospital are another convenience. The walk-in clinic, the emergency room are godsend to people who need them. Having a physical therapy department means people can use those services rather than traveling to Danville, Champaign or Watseka to get stronger. The same is true of the lab and x-ray departments. It's so much easier to drive to the hospital for such things than to be forced to drive out of town.

Second, our hospital is a lifesaver in emergency situations. There are many medical procedures that cannot be done at Hoopeston Community Memorial and those patients who need them are sent to hospitals where the procedures can be done. But in crisis situations, it's not only comforting but critical that we have our hospital to stabilize severely injured or sick patients before they are sent to other facilities. Unless you've watched your mother having a heart attack or seen your child bleeding profusely after an accident, it may be hard to understand the importance of that role but I'm sure countless numbers of lives have been saved because our doctors and nurses stabilized someone before sending them on.

Having a hospital is important not only from a medical perspective but also from an economic standpoint. Officials say the hospital is the largest employer in our community. Unless income is kept up, many hospital employees may face cuts in hours and salaries, if not their jobs. That won't help the local economy.

## Police News



The damage occurred in the Parkview Court parking lot.

**Two 15-year-old** girls and a 16-year-old girl were arrested at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, charged with violating the daytime curfew ordinance. All were released on notices to appear and returned to school.

Furthermore, if we hope to bring industry to town, or if we want to build a housing development to attract people to Hoopeston, having a hospital will be a plus.

Hospital officials hope Hoopeston will get behind the hospital turning out in a way similar to when the city was a contender for a new prison. That needs to be done but first, residents must be comfortable using the hospital and its services. To do that, Caruso has asked that citizens who have questions or problems with the hospital make those concerns known and has asked me to help.

During the next few weeks, Just the Facts will publish a series of articles on the hospital, including pieces on the services offered as well as those addressing what you see as problems there. Caruso wants to hear concerns about all aspects of the hospital, from patient care to the physical structure, to the board and even himself.

So I'm asking you to get your concerns off your chest, either by calling Caruso at (217) 283-5131 or by letting me know and I will pass the information along. Questions, comments and suggestions may be made by calling Just the Facts at 283-9348, emailing [publish@justthefacts.tm](mailto:publish@justthefacts.tm) or mailing them to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL 60942. If you want to remain anonymous, you may, however, your comments and concerns will be passed along to Caruso.

We as a town have lost enough already. Our

## Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 30. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 15. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 37, low 18.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopes-

**Anthony D. Wooten**, 22, of 725 S. Dixie Hwy., was arrested at 7:31 p.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of South Dixie Hwy. He was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, status check.

Wooten was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

## Obituaries

**ANDREW**—Ruth E. Andrew, 81, of Rossville, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Ind. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville, Ind. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery, Rossville, Ind. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Rossville School Foundation, Rossville, Ind.

## Classifieds

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