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Local health care mapping, Farm Progress Show discussed

Hoopeston Regional Healthcare Center will be asking for community input into the medical needs of the area as a way planning the future of local health care.

The health center will utilize Western Illinois University's "Mapping the Future" program for health care to plot a course for the future, said marketing director Charlene Drawdy.

Drawdy spoke to the Hoopeston Visioning for the Future committee Thursday.

The health care center received a grant to cover most of the program's \$8,000 fee, Drawdy said. Remaining costs will be covered by the hospital through other funding sources, she said.

The mapping process will take six to eight months to come up with a plan and longer to take action on the plan. "It doesn't happen overnight," Drawdy said.

Currently, an in-house steering committee is overseeing the program. The next step is to meet with 25 to 30 residents to get their perspective on the health care needs of the community as well as how those services may best be delivered.

In other business, the Visioning Committee discussed the 2003 Farm Progress Show which will be held next Sept. 23-25 near Henning.

The show, which attracts nearly 300,000 visitors from around the world, could be a boon to Hoopeston, said committee secretary Jean Minick. "We need to be looking now and thinking about what we're going to do," she said.

The Farm Progress Show will celebrate its golden anniversary next year, will be located on the Peter Germand and Scott Clark farm operations, about five miles from the Earl Bass farm, where the first Farm Progress Show was held in 1953. That show hosted about 75,000 farmers.

Next year's event will be located on 1,800 acres, offering exceptional potential to showcase the Farm Progress show exhibit field along with hundreds of acres of field demonstrations. The show will feature the latest from the world of agriculture available on modern farms.

Vermilion County officials, as well as those on the local level, have planned a trip to this year's show in Iowa to see what impact it will have locally.

Alderman John Haughee will represent Hoopeston on the trip.

Police News



David E. Mendoza, 23, of 1115 W. Orange, Lot 12, was arrested at 9:15 a.m. Monday at city hall. Mendoza, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$300 cash bond.

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We would like to thank all of the sponsors who helped support the 2002 Sweetcorn Festival Truck and Tractor Pull and to those that donated the equipment used both nights. Thanks also go to everyone who worked at the pull: the gates and registration, track workers, flagmen and tractor operators. All of you did a wonderful job and your help was greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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