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Illinois First grant to help fund hospital renovations

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital's renovation program got a shot in the arm this week when officials learned they received a \$205,000 Illinois First grant.

The grant, through the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, took nearly a year of work, said hospital CEO Frank Caruso. He approached Rep. Bill Black (R-Danville) about backing the grant application. "I said 'we can't get money from Medicaid and we've never applied for a grant so can you help us out,'" Caruso said.

It took three months for Black to get an application for the capital improvement grant, and several more months to gather information for the grant.

Money from the grant should arrive by the end of October, Caruso said. It will be combined with about \$200,000 in unused funds from the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center project and a 1999 bond issue for \$1 million to pay for the project, estimated at \$1.2-\$1.4 million. It includes a new outpatient entrance, radiology suite, lab area, expanded therapy services and to create more privacy in the emergency room, he said.

The price tag on the renovation, originally estimated at \$1 million, increased because of the age of the hospital and other factors, causing Caruso to seek more funding. "This covers us," he said.

Caruso learned of the announcement reading a Champaign paper Monday morning. "I nearly spit out my coffee when I read it," he said. "It was one of the



Project superintendent Wayne Pinson of Stratum Inc., St., Louis, saws wood as son, Jarrod looks on. Meanwhile, Rick Leuthauser gathers cut wood to make ladders as a façade for the new ambulance entryway at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

best Mondays I have ever had."

Caruso credits Black with getting the money. "It is almost impossible for us as an organization to express our gratitude to Rep. Black for helping us receive this grant," he said. A small amount as far as state grants go, "it means the world to us," he said.

Stratum, Inc., a St. Louis-based design/build company, is the project contractor. Local subcontractors are being used, including Hoopeston Electric, Leemon Enterprises for the rubber roof and break metal and Ervin Construction for concrete work, said project superintendent Wayne Pinson.

The project is expected to be completed by late

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Bowling Scores



Thursday Afternoon Ladies League
Standings 9/19/02

1 Knuth's		
	2.5	6.5
2. H&R Block		
	5.5	
3. Iron House Gym	3.5	
	5	4
4. Carolyn's		
	5	3
5. Pla-Mor		
	6	
6. Gress 1		

3
6

High Team Handicap Game: Carolyn's 906, H&R Block 879, Knuth's 827; **High Team Handicap Series:** Carolyn's 2,577, H&R Block 2,418, Knuth's 2,330; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Ramona Birch 205, Marilyn Williams 189, Edith Baldwin 184; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Rhonda Ramona Birch 550, Rhonda Gilbert 495, JoAnne Gress 493.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League
Standings 9/16/02

1. Caddy Shack Bar & Grill	5	1
2. Easy Sliders		
	5	1
3. Family Circus		
	4	2
4. Rut-Roh		

4	2
5. Main Street Travel	
	3
	3
6. Yaden-Rethelford	
	3

English/2nd language course set
Danville Area Community College's Adult Education Department will hold English as a Second Language courses beginning Thursday, Sept. 26. Classes will meet from 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays for 12 weeks at the United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main, Hoopeston. Classes are free. Aprendan hablar ingles

Las clases se comienzam el 26 de Septiembre Los martes y los miercoles, 6:30-9 p.m. Por doce semanas En la Iglesia Methodista, 403 E. Main, Hoopeston Para mas informacion llame (in la manana 283-6738, en la tarde 283-7838. Las clases son gratis

Police News



Correction
It was incorrectly reported in the Sept. 24 issue that Donald Inman was ticketed for failing to yield the right of way at a marked intersection. The ticket was given to Norman J. Pearce. Just the Facts regrets the error. An employee of Clark Station, 301 W. Penn, reported Monday that the driver of a tan Geo Metro did not pay for \$20.61 in gas.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 78. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 55. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 75, low 50. For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

7. Beerdrinkers	3
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Obituaries

GOODRICK - Helen Elaine Goodrick, 74, of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., died Sept. 20, 2002 at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery near Ambia. Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Association of Cancer on Line Resources (ACOR) 173 Dwane St, Suite 3-A, New York, New York 10013-3334.

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