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Dr. Thomas Lee joins forces with Gibson Area Hospital

Second doctor planned for practice

GIBSON CITY—Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services (GAHHS), the model of excellence in community-based healthcare, has expanded its service reach to include the Hoopeston area.

Effective July 1, GAHHS acquired the office of long time Hoopeston general practitioner Dr. Thomas Lee. Dr. Lee will continue to serve the area in the same fashion he has for better than 30 years as an employee of Gibson Area Hospital.

The hospital is in the process of recruiting another physician to add to the practice as well.

"It is a pleasure and honor to join with Gibson Area Hospital to form the new Hoopeston Clinic," Dr. Lee said.

The transition will not cause any service interruptions to his patients. Dr. Lee continued, "I want everyone to know that the service here is unchanged, it is in the same place with the same people."

GAHHS CEO Rob Schmitt said, "As an advocate of local health care, this is particularly exciting for us to be able to offer our wide service offerings to the Hoopeston area, as well as complement the Hoopeston

Regional Health Center in any way that we can."

Gibson Area Hospital and Dr. Lee now bring the following services to the Hoopeston area: additional orthopedic services, maternity care, sleep disorders and cosmetic medicine services.

Dr. Anthony SanDiego, who performs surgery primarily at Gibson Area Hospital, also practices at Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He has been providing surgical services in Hoopeston for more than five years. In adding Dr. Lee, Gibson Area Hospital hopes to grow the amount of surgeries performed at Hoopeston Regional Health Center by Dr. SanDiego.

GAHHS recently signed Dr. Joseph Chung, M.D., General Surgeon. He will be available to Hoopeston Regional Health Center and Gibson Area Hospital in June 2010.

"We strongly believe that our new Hoopeston Clinic will bring added value to the Hoopeston Regional Health Center, and most importantly to the people of Hoopeston and its surrounding communities," Schmitt added.

Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services and Hoopeston Regional Health Center are both managed by Tennessee-based Quorum Health Resources.

Free summer fun continues at Hoopeston Public Library

Kids looking for something fun to do this summer can still find plenty of free activities at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Fun, Food & Friends Summer Camp, sponsored by the library and the University of Illinois Extension continues every Monday through August 3. The camp runs from 10 a.m. to noon and includes fun hands-on learning activities, games, crafts and snacks for ages five-13.

Family-friendly movies are being shown every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. All ages are welcome. Preschool children should be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Craft and Game Day is being held every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Ages preschool through sixth grade are invited for board games and make-and-take crafts.

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Police News



A **black and** chrome Mongoose BMX-style bicycle was found at 8:45 a.m. Monday in the 600 block of East Thompson. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Brian E. Field, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the 800 block of East Seminary. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Field struck her.

Field was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:11 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of North Sixth

Ave.

Police said Melissa A. Stephens of Hoopeston, in a 2008 Pontiac Grand Am, backed from a parking space into a 2003 Ford Excursion owned by Heather Douglas of Rossville.

The following bicycles have been recovered recently by the police department and main be identified and claimed at the police station:

- Black and green Mongoose BMX-style
- Red and silver Roadmaster Mountain Fury
- Blue Huffy Daytona
- Red and silver Next krusher
- Black and chrome Mongoose

Briefly

Time To Register For Fall Soccer

Children ages Toddler-13 can register to play fall soccer at www.danvillesoccer.org. Those who do not have internet can contact Bob Brown at 283-5475. Deadline

is July 25.

Mowing into street

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Retirement Estimator is popular tool to plan for retirement

By Keith Strinmoen

Social Security District Manager, Danville, IL

It's been only a year since Social Security's *Retirement Estimator* went online, but you'd never know it based on the praise it continues to receive from users. It was rated the best online service in government by the University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) for Federal



Websites in February 2009. In the most recent ACSI report, the *Retirement Estimator* tied for first place with Social Security's online application.

The *Retirement Estimator* is so popular, in fact, that people have visited the website more than three million times in the past year. You can visit it yourself online at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

The online *Retirement Estimator* is a convenient, secure and quick financial planning tool that lets workers calculate how much they might expect to receive in Social Security benefits when they retire. The attractive feature of this calculator is that it uses your earnings information on file at Social Security, without displaying your personal information. So you get an instant estimate of your future retirement benefits. And, it's so easy to use.

The *Estimator* even gives you the opportunity to run personalized scenarios and "what if" situations. For example, you can change the date you expect to retire or change expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. This can

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 79. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 62. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 85, low 66.

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help you as you plan ahead.

To use the *Retirement Estimator*, you must have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits and you must not be receiving benefits currently.

Experience the best online service in government now by visiting Social Security's *Retirement Estimator* at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Then, once you've sketched out your retirement plans, you'll know where to go when the time comes to apply for benefits: www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Hoopeston Area School District is seeking applications for the following positions:

Bus Driver Start date will be August 20, 2009

Substitute Bus Drivers

Cafeteria

Start Date will be August 20, 2009

Substitute Cafeteria Workers

Application deadline is July 13, 2009. Applications are available in the Superintendent's Office, 615 E. Orange, Hoopeston. Office hours are 7:30-12:00, 1:00-4:00.

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