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Vermilion County SWCD, others to cover burning issue

Vermilion County Soil & Water Conservation District (VCSWCD) will co-host a workshop on prescribed burning for those interested in preparing grassed fields for spring growth.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the Kennekuk Education Center. Light refreshments will be available at 8:30 a.m. and a free lunch will follow the workshop.

Topics to be covered include the overall benefits of fire, using fire as a mid-contract management activity for CRP acres, the required components of a successful prescribed burn, how to get assistance with completing a prescribed burn, as well as a chance to speak with some biologists and natural resource professionals in person, said Jon Felix, VCSWCD resource conservationist.

Co-sponsors and speakers include representatives from Illinois Pheasants Forever; Vermilion, Ford,

Champaign county Pheasants Forever chapters; Lincoln Heritage RC&D; and National Wild Turkey Federation.

The workshop is for county landowners interested in wildlife habitat management, Felix said. "Fire, specifically prescribed burning, is the best method to maintain and enhance grassland habitat for wildlife," he said. Setting back grassland succession and keeping habitat in a productive state for food, cover and nesting for many wildlife species are just some benefits of burning, he added.

Safety is a concern, so the workshop will also educate landowners on the requirements for an Open Burning Permit and a Prescribed Burn Plan that outlines safe conditions to complete a burn.

Those interested in attending should RSVP by January 16 to VCSWCD at (217) 442-8511, ext. 3 or at the office, 1905A U.S. Rt. 150, Danville.

Carle, Riverside plan to expand Iroquois County services

WATSEKA—Riverside Healthcare and Carle Health System have announced plans for a joint expansion of clinical services in Iroquois County to better serve the region.

The ambulatory campus on Route 24 in Watseka, which houses Riverside specialty care services, will be expand, and primary care providers from Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center will relocate their Watsekabased Roberts Clinic practice to the facility. Riverside will continue to provide primary care with obstetrics and gynecology, occupational health, physical therapy and sleep studies, cardiology, neurology and neurosurgery, medical oncology and infusion, pulmonology and rheumatology as well as lab and radiology.

"We are continuing our long-term commitment to residents of Watseka and the surrounding area," said Riverside president and CEO Phil Kambic. "Riverside has had a provider based in this community for over 25 years, and we now look forward to partnering with Carle to provide additional access to care."

With this location, the two health systems will offer complementary services.

"We are so pleased to coordinate efforts with Riverside to serve the community," said Harry Brockus, CEO, Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. "By moving into a new and expanded space, we also hope to rotate additional physician specialists to provide care to people closer to where they live. This helps patients get the care they need without having to travel great distances."

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Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 3:49 p.m. Wednesday on Daisy Lane. An activated smoke alarm malfunctioned. No injuries were reported.

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Weather

Sunny, cold today. High 5. Tonight, mostly clear. Low –8. Tomorrow, sunny. High 16, low 13. Sunday, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 28, low 22





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tary healthcare services to the community," Kambic said. "The upcoming expansion will increase access to both primary and specialty care providers, and will offer the region an array of local clinical services in a medical facility that is easy to reach with convenient parking and will ultimately allow residents to have more options for high-quality healthcare."

The new 8,000 square foot space for Carle services housing 14 exam rooms will be complete in the spring of 2015.



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