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Construction on hospital expansion may be near

Construction on the planned expansion at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital may begin soon, if signs are any indication.

Although a groundbreaking date has not been set, hospital administrator Rod Burkett said the construction manager for the project has been in Hoopeston seeking a place to rent.

That is a sure sign construction will begin in the near future, he said. "They don't want to spend money if they don't have to."

Burkett made the announcement at Monday's Community Involvement Committee meeting.

The planned expansion includes 25 additional nursing home beds and an independent living complex for senior citizens.

Burkett and some members of the hospital board recently toured a similar complex in Pigeon, Mich., built by the same construction company. Burkett said he and board members were impressed by that project.

In other news, Burkett said the hospital received a state grant to expand primary care. Grant money was used to expand the Rankin clinic to Cissna Park. That clinic opened June 6, Burkett said.

In other news, Burkett announced that wet weather put a damper on attendance at the recent rodeo. "It wasn't near the money maker we thought it was going to be," he said.

The rodeo, sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees, ended up "somewhere around the break-even point," he said.

Saturday evening's performance was well-attended, but rain caused a low turnout at Sunday

afternoon's event.

Burkett estimated 1,500 people attended both performances.

In other community news:

See HOSPITAL on other side

New office manager hired at Hoopeston Chamber

A new face will be greeting visitors and fielding questions at the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce.

Kim Seggebruch will take over duties as Chamber office manager, effective July 18, said Chamber president Rod Burkett.

Seggebruch has past Chamber experience, having served as last year's treasurer, Burkett said. She has also worked on special projects.

"We feel by serving as treasurer, that will give her good insight into working with the Chamber," he said, adding Seggebruch's "good level of enthusiasm" and "excellent organizational capabilities" will allow her to "hit the ground running."

Seggebruch replaces Jeanne Lotz, who was hired as director of the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Seggebruch will get some early assistance from a volunteer from the Hoopeston Jaycees.

A volunteer from that group will help man the Chamber office for four weeks before the Sweet-corn Festival. "We think that will be a big blessing for the Chamber, the Jaycees and the new office manager," Burkett said.

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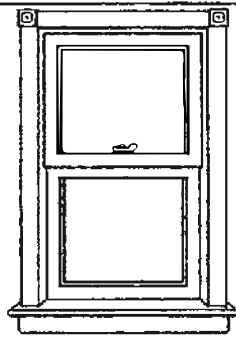



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Hospital continued from other side

• Lou Graham, head librarian at the Hoopeston Public Library, said 200 people turned out for the puppet show recently.

Also, she said, the library purchased a micro-film printer/reader.

"It's a superfantastic thing we've wanted for so long," she said. "It's one of the greatest things that has happened in the five years I've been here."

• Don Dean, Hoopeston Area school superintendent, said the Maple School addition will not be completed in time for next school year. "We've gotten lots of questions about that," he said. "It isn't supposed to." The building should be done in August 1995.

Court dispositions



Marcia Gossett, Hoopeston nuisance weeds, nolle pros.

Michael Anderson, Hoopeston, junk car, nolle pros.

David Lackey, Hoopeston, junk car, \$75.

Terry Swanson, Hoopeston, junk cars, summons to be issued.

Mary Beth Justice, Hoopeston, trespassing, battery, pleaded not guilty.

Ronald Justice, Hoopeston, battery, pleaded not guilty.

Rhonda Schramm, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, dismissed.

Police News



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called to Hunt's Trailer Court on Route 9 at 6:43 p.m. Sunday. The department had originally been called to the scene at 1:01 p.m., but the fire re-ignited.

A set of keys was found at the tennis court at Northside Park. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Don Wolfe, 518 E. Penn, reported that between July 8-11, someone took a wicker love seat and cushion and two wicker chairs from his residence.

• Joyce Shore, director of the Hoopeston Multi Agency, announced that the agency will have a new counselor from Crosspoints in Danville. The starting date for the weekly service has not been set.

Also, she said, the agency's new van - complete with a power step - is on the road.

Shore, who will be leaving the agency to move to Colorado, told CIC members that the Multi Agency was "very fortunate" to get her replacement, Jeanne Lotz.

• Vicki Johnson, of Stokely USA, said corn pack is "going pretty good considering it's the first week." Approximately 255 people are working the pack this year.

• Kelly Berry, representing Western Temporary Services, announced the company's Watseka office hopes to find customers in the Hoopeston area.

The business offers temporary employees to businesses and have 350 offices worldwide.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
July 7, 1994

Admitted: Hazel Marie Wells, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Tyler Robling, Rossville. Randy Pratt, Alvin. Richard Swope and Margaret Taflinger, Hoopeston.

July 8, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Rodell Lage, Hoopeston.

July 9, 1994

Admitted: Candy Burton and Rodell Lage, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Hazel Marie Wells, Hoopeston; Charles Reed, Danville.

Weather



Sunny today. High in the upper 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid to upper 60s. Tomorrow, strong thunderstorms. High near 85, low near 66.

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