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Hospital independent living complex gets first residents

Some senior citizens are taking advantage of new living quarters in Hoopeston.

Country Terrace Apartments, an independent living complex, opened Aug. 1.

Approximately eight apartments in the 30-apartment complex have been rented, and two or three more are expected to be rented in the near future, said Rod Burkett, administrator of Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

The complex, and an additional 25 nursing home rooms, are part of a \$3 million-plus expansion program at the facility.

Work on the complex is nearly complete, Burkett said. "We still have to lay sod and adjust this door and that door," he said.

More work remains on the nursing home rooms, including installation of nurse call, sprinkler and fire systems, he said.

Once work is completed, the nursing home ad-

dition must be approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health before rooms can be occupied.

Burkett estimated 30 people will eventually fill positions "once everything is totally occupied and at maximum capacity."

Workers will be needed for the apartments, nursing home rooms, adult day care center and resulting expansion of the dietary and maintenance departments.

The addition will be open for public inspection perhaps as early as next month. "I'm roughly looking at a dedication ceremony/open house right after (the Labor Day weekend National Sweet Corn Festival)," Burkett said.

Planning for the expansion began in 1991. Construction began in July 1994. Heritage Development and Construction of Kankakee was the project developer. Hensel Construction of Goshen, IN. was the construction manager.

New faces to reopen familiar local dining establishment

The name and owners will be different, but Hoopeston residents will soon be able to dine at a familiar location.

David Howard and Robyn Jones of Danville plan to open Sundaes, a family-style restaurant, in the former Mister L's building on Penn St.

The new eatery will open "sometime in September," Howard said, adding an opening date will depend on how quickly renovations are completed.

The restaurant will have typical family fare, such as roast beef, hamburgers and sandwiches

and will also offer Italian dishes, such as spaghetti, mostacholi and linguine. "I don't want to do just Italian," Howard said. "I don't feel Hoopeston's big enough to specialize like that."

The pair also plans to have an ice cream bar, salad bar and perhaps a small outlet for Arholt bakery goods.

That Howard and Jones are opening in a building familiar to Hoopeston restaurant-goers is "just sort of a fluke," Howard said. "For years, I've been nosing around old buildings. I was looking

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Up & Coming

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Senior potluck

The Rossville area senior citizens will meet at noon Aug. 14 at the Rossville Church of Christ for a potluck, followed by blood pressure checks. Stephanie Groom, a foreign exchange student in Denmark, will give the program. Any senior who is interested is invited to bring a covered dish and participate.

Pumpkin Family Reunion

A Pumpkin Family Reunion meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 9 in Crunch's back room. Anyone who has ideas or can volunteer is invited to attend.

Sports practices

Practice schedules for Hoopeston Area sports teams have been set. Football practice begins at 7 a.m. today. Cross country practice will start at 7 a.m. Aug. 14.

Also starting on the 14th are volleyball practice at 8 a.m. and soccer practice from 6-8 p.m. at Honeywell Grade School

Dining continued from other side

at a building downtown and happened to be going

Police News



Roland A. Reiners, route 2, Milford, reported Monday that someone took numerous tools from a tool box at 424 N. Dixie Highway.

A Buick Park Avenue was towed Tuesday from the 900 block of East Young at the request of street and alley commissioner Dave Knake. The car, owned by Rogelio Espinoza, was blocking a street torn up for resurfacing.

Richard Doyle, 805 E. Lincoln, reported Tuesday that someone climbed the fence at his home and damaged a spa.

Obituaries

BAKER - Donald L. "Donnie" Baker, 25, of Watseka, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kankakee, IL.

down the street when I saw this."

Howard and Jones plan to lease the building for a year, then purchase it. The lease agreement was signed Monday, Howard said.

The pair has not decided on a decor, but Howard is leaning towards a nostalgic theme with classic photos of Hoopeston and Vermilion County. "In a couple of weeks, we'll know a lot more," he said.

Howard is no stranger to the restaurant business, having worked in it "on and of since I was 16," said the 38-year-old.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Aug. 7, 1995

Admitted: Maurice McVicker, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Wilbur Little, Ambia, Ind.; Sue Reed, Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny, hot and humid today, with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the low 90s. Tonight, continued chance of rain. Low in the mid 70s. Tomorrow, isolated thunderstorms. High near 94, low near 74.



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