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New foundation seeks contributions for Hoopeston hospital

Hoopeston area residents and businesses now have a new way of beating the tax crunch.

The Hoopeston Healthcare Foundation has started accepting tax-deductible contributions to help Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

The foundation, a separate entity from the hospital and nursing home is "an arm to receive donations and charitable contributions," said Russ Leigh, president of the hospital/nursing home board.

A five-member board will oversee foundation operations. Those members are Ed Layden Sr., development council chairman; Karla Coon, head of annual support; Tom Sheridan, foundation/business, who will seek grants from larger businesses and foundations; and Troy Jacks, chairman of planned gifts, such as trusts and wills.

Steve Margevich, director of development, rounds out the board and is the only person paid by the foundation.

Margevich will oversee daily operations, develop gifts

and make grant applications, Leigh said.

Lyons Associates Inc., of Aspen, CO., has helped the hospital board implement the foundation and will assist the foundation board in fundraising, providing expertise and training, Leigh said.

Although a goal has not been set, Leigh said Lyons Associates estimated the foundation could raise \$100,000 within the first year.

Letters seeking donations have already been sent to area businesses and those who contributed when the local board purchased the hospital from bankruptcy court in 1988-89. That letter has been "very successful," Leigh said.

Also planned are seminars on foundation-related topics such as setting up trusts and making bequests in wills. Margevich will also speak to local groups and organizations about the foundation, Leigh said.

Early contributions will pay operating expenses, such as Margevich' salary and supplies.

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It's Saturday. Everyone's in the car and it's been filled with gas. You're ready for a day of Christmas shopping.


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Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the Thursday edition that the Hoopeston boil order was lifted Tuesday. The order was lifted Wednesday. Just the Facts regrets the

Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday at Schumacher Electric, 1025 E. Thompson.

Clinton D. Shields, 501 N. Market, reported that an unidentified vehicle hit his 1993 Oldsmobile.

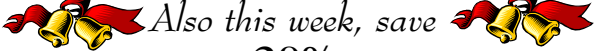
MaryAnn Diltz, 841 E. Seminary, reported Thursday that three channel boxes reportes stolen Dec. 5 were found in her garage.

Jill Nelson, 916 E. Young, reported Thursday that someone took a bag phone from her vehicle.

The vehicle was parked at Hoopeston Area High School or John Greer Grade School when the phone was taken.

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See LOCAL on other side

Local continued from other side

Shop owners pay taxes that help fix our streets, keep our schools open. When the clubs you belong to need donations, our merchants are the ones who come through for you.

Without their support, what would happen to the Music Boosters, the Sports Boosters, the Lions Club? Where would we get things to raffle off when it's time for our group to raise funds?

And don't for one minute think that your little bit of shopping won't help. If every man, woman and child in



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, oven tator tots, peas, cheese, pears, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, slaw, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, oleo, cake, fruit cocktail, milk.

THURSDAY: Fish nuggets, salad, applesauce, milk.

See FOUNDATION on other side

Foundation continued from other side

Money received above fixed costs will be given to the hospital through official requests that the foundation board will decide on, Leigh said."

The hospital may request funds for operations, as well as equipment. "You always see a need for some new-fangled piece of equipment needed out there," Leigh said.

If the foundation is very successful, community programs for the elderly and the needy, as well as educational programs, may be funded through the organization. "That's something we'd certainly like to take a look at," Leigh said.

Leigh admitted it is not easy asking the community for money, but that it is something that must be done for the hospital to survive. "Most hospitals I know of have similar foundations," he said. "Nobody likes to go out asking for money (but) it's something I think can

Hoopeston bought just one Christmas present from a local store, our merchants would have a very merry Christmas, indeed.

We moan about Silgan cutting jobs and groan about Stokely moving corn canning out of Hoopeston. We have no control over those things and the loss of income that will affect our town.

But we do have control over the success of our businesses. If we shop locally, they will stay open. If we don't, they will close. It's that simple.

A few business owners are saying privately that this

Lunch Menus



FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, cheese, slaw, pineapple, milk.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun or tuna salad/bun, oven tator tots, peas, cheese, pears, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun or sub/bun, baked beans, slaw, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles or Z rib/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, oleo, cake, fruit cocktail, milk.

THURSDAY: Fish nuggets or ham & cheese/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun or corn dog, fries, cheese, slaw, pineapple, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Taco salad, crispy Gems, spicy apple

Christmas will make or break them. If they break, we might as well kiss our town goodbye because if a few close, more will follow, just like dominoes.

Oh, it's fun to hop in the car and make a day of Christmas shopping, buying gifts, having lunch. This year, though, why not start a new shopping tradition. Visit your stores, have lunch in your town.

If you can't find that Super Duper Bop 'Em thingy-bob for little Johnny, feel free to find it elsewhere. Just please, please give our businesses a chance first.

It will help our businesses, our town and you'll still have

slices, December birthday cake, milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey roast, whipped potatoes, gravy, honeymoon salad, wheat bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, macaroni salad, peas, chilled peaches, milk

THURSDAY: Cook's choice.

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Weather



Cloudy today, tomorrow and Sunday. Highs Friday and Saturday, 35, lows 25. Sunday, warmer. High 43, low 25.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Half-price sale at Resale Mart, 227 E. Main, Hoopeston. All clothing, purses, shoes. Next bake sale, Dec. 20. For advance orders, call (217) 283-5258 or 283-7509 after 5 p.m. 338-364

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