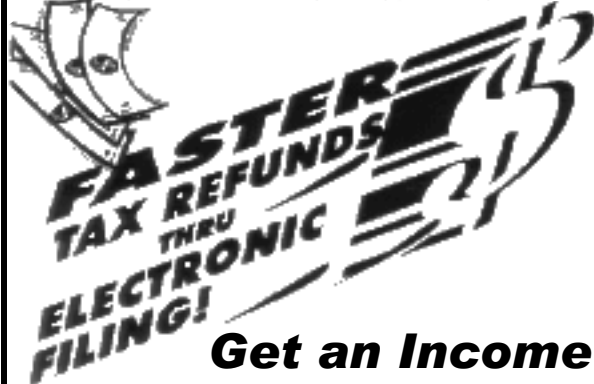


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Computer change may test hospital patients' patience

Officials at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home hope their patients will have patience.

A change in computer systems means patients will experience delays in registration, said Frank Caruso, the facility's chief operating and financial officer.

The system will go on-line Feb. 2. "The most frustrating part for the community - and the staff - will be February and March," Caruso said. "If you haven't been a patient at the hospital in a while, our staff is going to have to ask a lot of questions."

The system will track demographic and insurance

information, which officials will use to make decisions about the facility's future, Caruso said.

Answering questions during the registration process is expected to take 15 to 30 minutes.

New computers and software were purchased from CPSI, a company focusing on small and medium-sized health care facilities, Caruso said.

The new system, which will be implemented throughout the hospital, cost nearly \$500,000, including staff time, he said.

Employees, guided by CPSI representatives, will focus on registration in early February, followed by billing in late February and early March. Procedures for the nurs-

See **PATIENCE** on other side

Patience continued from other side

Briefly

Weather warning

Hoopeston Area school officials ask residents to listen to WHPO for information on school closings. WHPO is contacted before other area media. Residents are asked not to call the schools or radio station.

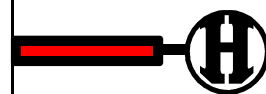
Tiny Tots

"Penguins" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the children's room of the Hoopeston Public Library. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Music Booster drawings

Drawings for the 1998 Hoopeston Area Music Boosters calendar winners will begin Jan. 30. The first drawing will cover all of January.

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WEDNESDAY: Fish nuggets, tri tator, macaroni salad, bread, oleo, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, fruit crisp, cheese & pickles, milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Hot dog/bun or Z rib/bun, baked beans, slaw, macaroni salad, pineapple, milk.
TUESDAY: Chili or ham & bean soup, crackers, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, applesauce, cookie, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Fish nuggets or ham & cheese/bun, tri tator, salad, bread, oleo, peaches, milk.
THURSDAY: Hamburger/bun or Z rib/bun, fries, fruit crisp, cheese, milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage pizza or tuna salad/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

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MONDAY: Lasagna, green beans, pineapple, Italian bread, milk.
TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, fruit, Dirty Pudding, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, baked potato, peaches, January birthday cake, milk.
THURSDAY: Beef vegetable soup, crackers, grilled cheese, orange, milk.
FRIDAY: School Improvement Day, 11:15 a.m. dismissal.



Police News



Donald R. Merrill, 807 S. Second, reported Thursday that someone broke a rear tail light on his 1997 Ford Carryall. The damage occurred while the vehicle was parked in the 100 block of East Main.

Charles R. Richardson, 41, of 403 W. Maple, was arrested at 10:57 a.m. Thursday at his home. Richardson, wanted on two warrants, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.



Court Dispositions



Jan. 8: Mike Weber, Rankin, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, six months court supervision.
Easy Redden, Rossville, illegal transportation; continued to Feb. 5.
Rachel Conrad, Cissna Park, speeding; continued to Feb. 5.
Jan. 22: Thomas Edwards, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.
Jeremy Lile, Hoopeston, paid \$115 in full.
Lina Martinez, Hoopeston, paid \$119 in full.
Larry Rhodes II, Hoopeston, to pay \$95; failed to

appear.
Peggy Andrew, Milford, deceptive practice and \$72.48 restitution; nolle pros.
Jason Coonce, Hoopeston, discharge firearm pleaded guilty, \$95 and restitution; two counts criminal damage, pleaded guilty, \$50 each; criminal damage, nolle pros. Total restitution, \$1,123.44
Joseph Thrasher, Hoopeston, paid \$75 in full.

ing home will learned in March and April.
~~The system is expected to be fully implemented by June, Caruso said.~~
Hospital workers have mixed feelings about learning the new system. "There's a lot of excitement and there's a lot of fear," Caruso said.
Although patients will initially spend more time answering questions and employees feel apprehensive, the change will help the facility. "For the hospital, it's an excellent opportunity," he said.

In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 21, 1998**

Admitted: Jewell Hughes, Hoopeston.
Discharged: Wade Swartz and Margaret Cundiff.

Weather



Chance of flurries today. High 34. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs near 36, lows near 22.
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