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Briefly

New van to arrive

A new para shuttle van is expected to arrive at the Hoopeston Multi Agency on Monday, April 6.

The 14-passenger vehicle was purchased with a \$42,000 grant from the Vermilion Health Care Foundation, said Susan Redden, Multi Agency executive secretary.

The vehicle will be decorated with emblems of the Multi Agency and Community Center, as well as those of organizations which help fund the agency, including the United Community Fund of Grant Township and East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Redden said.

Coaches needed

Hoopeston Pony League needs coaches. For more

information, call Danny Danner at 283-6831.

Man receives seven years

Valentin Torres, 36, of Hoopeston, faces seven years in prison after he pleaded guilty to narcotics racketeering.

Torres pleaded guilty Monday to charges that he profited from drug dealing between March and August of last year.

Charges that he delivered between 500 and 2,000 grams of marijuana and 15 to 100 grams of cocaine during the same time were dropped in the plea agreement. Additionally, Torres must pay a \$25,000 fine. A van and more than \$24,000 seized when he was arrested have also been forfeited.

Torres is expected to be sentenced May 8.



Letters to the Editor



President should be held to higher standard

This is in response to Joyce Brookwalter's letter last week.

William Jefferson Clinton may be human, but he is also the President of the United States. As the role model for millions of children, he above all the rest should practice the family values that he has spoken about in the past. The president cannot merely be a human, he must be an outstanding leader among other things, and to this end he should lead us not into adultery, but instead practice the high moral values that America deserves to see in a president.

James Eyrich
Hoopeston

EMTs seek input from residents

To the people of Hoopeston:

Most of you who read Just the Facts are aware of how

city officials and the Hoopeston ambulance staff have worked together to expand the services we are able to offer you. By having an intermediate level care ambulance available we are, among other things, able to administer some medications much more quickly than before, and we are able to provide care that, in some cases, might prevent the need for an ambulance trip.

For whatever reasons, the ambulance services is being used more than ever. While no one on the service wants to see anyone sick, we are pleased to be able to serve you and use the skills that we have. Unfortunately, with the increasing number of calls, it is impractical to call us a volunteer service anymore.

In the last year, the ambulance service has run on average 60 calls a month, or two calls a day. This

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The most wanted Beanie Baby

Drawing for 12

Princess Dianas

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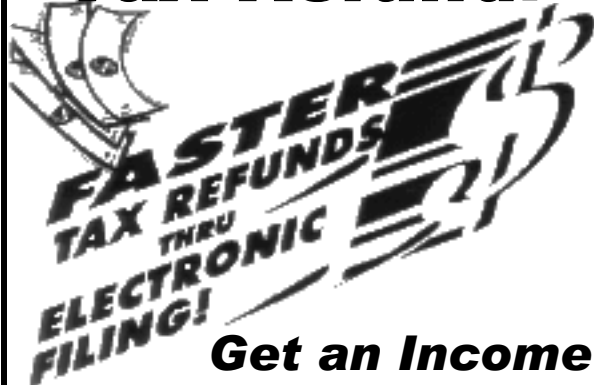
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includes calls in Hoopeston and transfers to or from ~~Danville, Champaign, Watska, Peoria, Springfield,~~ Chicago, Indianapolis, Clinton, Merrillville, Ind., and other cities. We realize "two calls a day" means some days the ambulance is not active at all. However, those other days, a single crew may run nonstop for four to eight hours.

How many businesses that you know of are willing or able to let their employees leave for four or eight hours, even if it is for a good reason? It is unreasonable to ask a business to do such a thing. However, to have daytime Hoopeston EMT staff on call, that is exactly what we are having to do. At least two Hoopeston EMTs have left or turned down jobs because they feel they are needed here for the city of Hoopeston. Customers of one EMT who owns her own business have frequently found the "On An Ambulance Call" sign up when they arrive at her business.

We are not trying to make ourselves out to be saints or

anything like that. We certainly don't feel that way. Nor are we making an appeal for money. It's ideas we're looking for. We don't mind saying we're worried. Members of the city council insist it has always been a challenge keeping a full crew going for the ambulance service, but we believe it is much more we are asking - and the city is expecting - of prospective EMTs than ever before.

We are asking you, the people we serve, to give the council your opinion. Is your family's life worth enough to have an EMT staff available at all hours? We think it is important enough to have two full-time EMTs on staff during the day. That is when most calls occur. If something doesn't change soon, there may be NO daytime service at all.

Please take the time before April 13 to let city hall know how you feel. Address your letters and phone calls

to Mayor Ault and the ambulance committee at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Respectfully,
The Hoopeston Ambulance Staff

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Court Dispositions

March 19: William Bogard, Hoopeston, noisy animal and animals running at large; nolle pros.

Larry Bridgman, Potomac, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$50 and restitution.

Brian Brant, Rossville, two counts deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$50 on each count, restitution.

Daryl Brown, Hoopeston, battery, bench trial April 23; three counts deceptive practice, pleaded guilty, one count nolle pros, two counts, \$50 each, restitution.

Everett Bryant, Hoopeston, paid balance in full.

Ashley Crawford, Hoopeston, paid in full.

Charles Crozier, Hoopeston, leash law, pleaded guilty; \$65 total.

Joseph Cannon, Hoopeston, battery, assault; alias summons.

Marcy Dalton, Danville, paid fine, costs and restitution in full.

Gayle Hilliard, Onarga, two counts deceptive

practice; one count, \$50 total; one count nolle pros.

Cyndi Houston, Hoopeston, battery, pleaded not guilty; bench trial April 23.

Joanne Hulstedt, Rockford, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$50 total and restitution.

Jayne Keith, Hoopeston, to pay restitution; rule to show cause issued.

Tisha Lawson, Rossville, paid fine, costs and restitution in full.

Elizabeth Larimer, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; bench trial May 7.

Melissa Meyers, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$50 total and restitution.

Julie Miller, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$50 total and restitution.

Dora Morgan, Hoopeston, five counts deceptive

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

March 23, 1998

Admitted: Faye Williamson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Robert Dalton.

Weather



Showers, possibly a thunderstorm, today. High 60-65. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 48. Tomorrow, chance of showers, thunderstorms. High 67, low 53..

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