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You are cordially invited to join  
**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

In welcoming **Dr. T.M. Venkat**  
At an Open House from 4:30-7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Hoopeston  
Medical Center, 847 E. Orange St.

**Kag's BBQ** 

Will be in the  
**Hoopeston American Legion**  
parking lot starting at 11 a.m. Friday.  
The Legion will open at 11 a.m.

**Clean up continues on diesel fuel spill near Wellington**

WELLINGTON—Cleanup is still underway from a July 6 diesel spill near here, a spill a local official said could have been better contained.

The spill happened on July 6, after fuel tanks on two CSX locomotives were pierced by pieces of metal at the Bismarck crossing and leaked fuel from Bismarck to just south of Wellington, said Wellington fire chief Ross Butzow.

Access to the cleanup site, on a siding near the village, has been difficult. Butzow said an access road had to be constructed to allow crews to reach the spill.

As of Tuesday, 220 yards of soil had been excavated from along the tracks, said Dennis McMurray, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency spokesman. Tiling must still be done and an environmental consulting firm hired by the railroad must submit a remediation plan to the EPA, he said.

The plan is expected to call for bio-remediation, using microbes or an oxygen-releasing solution to remove petroleum from the area, he said.

But fire chief Ross Butzow said the spill was made larger than necessary thanks to a decision made by an environmental contractor.

The Wellington Fire Department, called to the leak at 1:58 a.m. used sticks and rags, to plug holes in the tanks, Butzow said.

Although Butzow wanted the train backed up to an area accessible to heavy equipment that could empty the remaining fuel, the unidentified Chicago-area environmental contractor had the plugs removed and the fuel dumped along the track, he said.

Butzow said he is not sure how much fuel leaked, but estimated the locomotive tanks held approximately 4,500 gallons each. "They're not little tanks," he said. The locomotives were filled at Evansville, Ind., before traveling to Bismarck where they were damaged, he added.

That the fuel was ordered dumped is news to the McMurray. "Our people didn't mention that," he said.

Butzow is unsure why the contractor decided to dump the fuel. "I think he could see dollars in his pockets," he said.

This is the first – and last – time in Butzow's 26 years  
**See FUEL SPILL on other side**

**Fuel spill continued from other side**

**Local residents appear in Danville dinner production**

DANVILLE—Some local talent is getting experience acting and singing as part of a Danville production.

Jill Ritter of Rossville is performing in "Moon Over Buffalo," a production of Sunshine II, while Hoopeston's Scot Danner, son of Linda Danner and Dan Danner and Xan Park, son of Barb and Dan Park, and Sarah Woodard, granddaughter of Marg Shouffler, are members of the Sunshiners, high

school and college students who greet and entertain guests during the dinner portion of the event.

Three performances of the comedy remain, tonight, Friday and Saturday, all at the Bremer Conference Center on the Danville Area Community College campus.

Tickets are \$25 for dinner and the performance. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with the show following. Reservations may be made by calling (217) 442-

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## Police News



**Leon D. Deck**, 22, of 525 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday charged with retail theft after police said he took a pack of cigarettes from Jerry's IGA.

Deck was also found to be wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant.

He was released on a notice to appear on the theft charge and \$95 cash bond on the warrant.

**Matthew L. Goble**, 25, of Wellington turned himself in to police at noon Wednesday. Goble, wanted on a warrant, was released on \$400 cash bond.

**Steve M. Long**, 715 E. Washington, reported Wednesday that someone jumped into three bushes

at his home, breaking branches. Five night lights along the driveway were also disturbed.

**Eugene Warner** of the city parks department, reported Wednesday that someone broke four trees at McFerren Park and broken beer bottles inside the swimming pool.

## Court Dispositions



**July 23: Cleofas Garcia**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; bench trial.

**Maria Furlong**, Hoopeston, three counts deceptive practice, \$175.75 restitution; summons issued.

on the department that fuel has spilled near the village. "Experience is a good teacher," he said. "It will be over my dead body next time they pull that stuff. We're not going to tolerate it."

CSX officials did not return telephone calls.

## Obituaries

**SMITH** – Irene P. Smith, 93, of Chicago, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 1998, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Private burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

### Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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## In the Hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital July 28

**Admitted:** George Reynertson, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

## Weather



Cloudy today, showers, thunderstorms likely. High 84. Tonight, showers and thunderstorms continuing. Low 67. Tomorrow, clearing. High 84, low 68

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

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Temporary help. Pick up applications at Hoopeston Foods. Second shift. Start mid- to late August. \$6.50/hour. Applications must be in by Aug. 7. 210-216

### MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Tappan electric stove, almond color. 10 years old, good condition. Asking \$150 OBO. (217) 283-9335. 204-210

Grant Township will be taking sealed bids on the following items:

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Bids will be opened August 10, 1998 at 4 p.m. at Grant Township, 525 S. Market St., Hoopeston, IL. The Township reserves the right to reject and or all bids. 209-219

Schwinn bike, \$20; steel weights/bench, \$100; car seat, \$12; lawn spreader, \$8; Mountain Climber, \$100; sapphire ring, \$230. (815) 889-5196.

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