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## Kid at heart opens Hoopeston home daycare center

Frances Burke-Hernandez says kids like her. Maybe that's because she's one of them.

Burke-Hernandez is opening Hoopeston's newest day-care center, Carousel, at 319 W. Main. The center will open Aug. 17.

Formerly of Cissna Park resident, Burke-Hernandez chose Hoopeston for her business "because I like the community. And I love my house."

Burke-Hernandez' large house is ready for children. Cutouts decorate the windows of her porch while inside, Burke-Hernandez has all kinds of fun stuff for kids, talking about the job she loves. "I'm good with kids," she

said. "They love me. They never want to go home (because) I'm a kid myself."

The kid in her enjoys taking part in activities scheduled for her young charges, including music awareness, computer basics, outdoor play and daily arts and crafts.

Burke-Hernandez' love of children goes beyond providing daycare for 16 years. She also works for DCFS, with parents whose children have been taken from the home, as well as supervising visits between parents and their children.

"My job is to go in and start from scratch and teach them how to have a life," she said. Burke-Hernandez teaches parents reading, writing, parenting skills, providing nutritious, economic meals and money management. When children visit their parents, Burke-Hernandez supervises to make sure parenting skills learned are being used.

Seeing the situations her DCFS clients are in gives Burke-Hernandez deeper appreciation for children. Dealing with children who carry scars from being beaten, who have needed reconstructive surgery from molestation, makes the little cuts, scrapes and complaints of other children less of a "frazzle factor."

In her spare time, Burke-Hernandez is a DCFS literacy teacher, teaches English to Spanish-speaking people, is a registered electrologist and has a weekend disk jockey service, Locamotion.

Even when Burke-Hernandez isn't doing anything, she's still busy. "I'm moving all the time," she said. "I never finish a movie. I just keep jumping up to do things."

Burke-Hernandez and Carousel can be reached at (217) 283-4218



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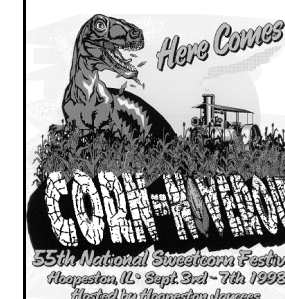
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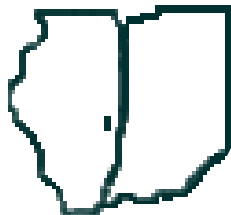
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For more information, call the Chamber office, (217) 283-7873.

#### Bowling meeting

The Friday Mixed League will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 at 10 Pin Alley. For more information call Teresa Cox, 9217) 283-5195.

### Obituaries

**POLLOCK** – Darlene Pollock, 69, of Alvin, died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Sager campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Morrison Funeral Home, Bismarck. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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### Police News



**Amanda M. Abbott**, 19, of 313 S. Third Ave., was arrested at 1:36 a.m. Wednesday, charged with driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and no insurance.

Abbott was charged after an accident at 1020 W. Chestnut. Police said she struck handicapped parking signs and cart return holder in the Pamida parking lot.

She was released on \$100 cash bond.

**David D. Anding**, #29 Baer's Trailer Court, reported Wednesday that someone entered his trailer, damaging a wall, television rabbit ears, CDs and a CD player and took several CDs.

### Court Dispositions



**July 23: Bench trials: Robert Akers**, Hoopeston, trespassing; nolle pros.

**Natasha Mathews**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct; nolle pros.

**Cathy Baird**, Henning, battery; nolle pros.

**Pam Morgeson**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct; nolle pros.

**Esmeralda Cordova**, Hoopeston, illegal transportation, pleaded guilty; \$50 total, 90 days court supervision.

**Aug. 6: Robin Irvin**, Hoopeston, battery, pleaded guilty; \$50 and costs converted to 19 hours public service work.

### In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**

**Aug. 11**

**Admitted:** Goldie Lawson, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Wilson Lomax.

### Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 84. Tonight, fair. Low 60. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 85, low 62.

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