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New CEO, CFO named at Hoopeston Community Hospital

Two officials have been named to oversee Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

Frank Caruso, who had served as chief operating officer and chief financial officer, has been named chief executive officer of the facility.

Caruso replaces Darryl Wahler who resigned, citing personal reasons. Wahler began his duties in January 1997.

Caruso was hired at the facility nearly eight months ago. Since then, he as overseen the implementation of a facility-wide computer conversion and has been involved in the planning of a \$2 million hospital modernization project announced in June. He has also begun working toward getting the hospital's nearly \$4.5 million debt refinanced and has been instrumental in helping the hospital find new revenue sources and lowering operations costs.

Wahler's resignation and Caruso's promotion were "not unexpected," said facility board president Russ Leigh. "When we named Frank CFO we also said he'd be the next administrator as well. The timing was right for the change at this point in time."

Wahler may remain in the area and so some consulting work, including work at HCMH, Leigh said.

Ruth Coffey, CPA/MBA, of Charleston, was named new chief financial officer. She will begin her duties Sept. 14, Leigh said.

Coffey comes to the facility from Lincolnland Nurses Association, where she served as chief financial officer and then chief executive officer during a proposed merger.

—Briefly ——

Music Booster meeting

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday in the high school chorus room..

Community Fund collection successful

A total of \$1,816.43 was raised at Saturday's street corner collection for the Grant Township Community Fund, said fund drive chairman Troy Jacks.

The amount is up over last year's drive, which netted more than \$1,634. "We're back on track," Jacks said.

Volunteers from agencies receiving Community Fund grants manned the corners of Main and Market, Penn and Market and Routes 1 and 9 collecting for the Community Fund.

The collection is the first part of the annual fund drive, which will conclude in October.

A collection kick-off luncheon will be held Sept. 2 in

Crunch's meeting room as the official start of the fundraising drive.

Bowling meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Tuesday Night Classic League at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 10 Pin Alley. Bowlers are needed to fill the league, which begins Sept. 1.

All interested people should attend or contact Mike Dean, 283-9608.

Sports booster meeting

The Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will hold their first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 in the high school cafeteria.

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Aug. 6: Dawn Rogers, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty; \$38.

Linda Brown, Hoopeston, unlawful visitation interference, pleaded not guilty; trial Sept. 3.

Robert Pratt, Hoopeston, criminal damage, pleaded not guilty; trial Oct. 17.

Aaron Wallace, Hoopeston, criminal damage, pleaded not guilty; trial Oct. 17.

Austin Dale, Wellington, DUI, improper lane usage, pleaded not guilty; trial Oct. 17.

Theodore Herron, Milford, reckless driving, pleaded not guilty; trial Oct. 17.

Police News



Jamie Lopez, 802 W. Penn, reported Sunday that someone broke the rear wing vent on the driver's side of his 1992 Ford. The person then tried to pry open the locked door, damaging the roof and door.

Mark A. Logsdon, 32, of 1116½ Cleary, Danville, was arrested at 8 p.m. Sunday, charged with possession of cannabis (more than 2.5 grams), possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal transportation.

Logsdon, who was arrested after a traffic stop, was released on \$100 cash bond.

Tammie L. Matthews, 25, of 204 N. Market, was arrested at 10 p.m. Sunday on a Vermilion County warrant.

Matthews was released on \$300 cash bond.

Thomas B. Harris, 518 S. Fifth St., reported Sunday that someone pulled out the bottom of a window screen at his home.

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Court Dispositions



Joseph Enzbigilis, Addison, driving after suspension, speeding; failed to appear.

Brandon Pierce, Nashville, Tenn., charge not listed; failed to appear.

Lucas Pyle, Hoopeston, driving after suspension, illegal squealing, leaving the scene, failure to give information, no seatbelt, pleaded not guilty; trial Oct. 17.

Christine Rhodes, Hoopeston, driving after suspension, nolle pros.

Damian Sandlin, Danville, driving after suspension, pleaded not guilty, trial Oct. 17; uninsured, nolle pros.

Cora Pruitt, Hoopeston, DUI sentencing, \$800, costs. **Joel Arseneau**, Beaverville, no insurance, pleaded guilty, \$500, costs; speeding, nolle pros.

Charity Arivett, Danville, speeding, pleaded guilty; 895.

Donald Allison, Alvin, speeding, pleaded guilty, \$95; no valid drivers license, illegal squealing nolle pros.

Matthew Barron, Hoopeston, failure to reduce speed, pleaded guilty, \$95.

Matthew Baker, Hoopeston, no valid driver's license,

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Aug. 20

Admitted: Virginia Cartwright, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none

Aug. 21

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Florence McCalla..

Aug. 22

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Melvin Hinkle.

Aug. 23 Nothing to report.

Weather



Partly sunny, chance of rain today. High 88. Tonight, fair. Low 65. Tomorrow, sunny. High 88, low 67.

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illegal transportation, improper lane usage; pleaded not guilty.

Rogelio Bernal, Hoopeston, speeding, bond applied, paid in full; no insurance, nolle pros.

Jack Brenner, Danville, speeding; failed to appear.

Ronald Buhrmester, Milford, no insurance, pleaded guilty; \$500, costs.

Jeff Chandler, Hoopeston, no insurance, pleaded guilty; \$500, costs.

Jeremy Clingenpeel, Hoopeston, no charge listed; failed to appear.

Joan Conover, Hoopeston, no insurance, pleaded guilty; \$500, costs.

Mariela Garcia, Hoopeston, no valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$95 total; no insurance, nolle pros.

Susan Hernandez, Danville, no insurance, speeding, nolle pros.

Classifieds

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For sale: cardboard recycling business, includes baler. Call (217) 283-9606. 236-240

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is now accepting applications for the following positions: Health Coordinator, Teachers, bus aides. For more information call (815) 984-3706, ask for Joan. Application must be received by Aug. 28. EOE 231-240

Someone to move small shed. Call Rainbow Ceramics, (217) 474-1680 236,237

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