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## Ameren/CIPS customers won't have to sweat hot spell

Area customers of Ameren/CIPS don't have to sweat the summer hot spell underway.

The company will have plenty of electricity to meet the needs of its customers, said local manager Kim Smith.

"We haven't had any problems with outages or brownouts or anything like that and we don't anticipate any," he said.

The plentiful power supply is due to equipment upgrades. "We've spent a lot of money updating equipment to avoid that situation," he said.

Unlike utilities in other areas, Ameren/CIPS has not asked customers to observe energy-conserving measures. A small reserve of power means such notices will probably not be issued, Smith said.

Should the power supply dwindle, conservation notices would be issued to industrial customers first, followed by a general bulletin asking customers to set thermostats up one or two degrees, he said.

Additional energy-saving suggestions include using some household appliances, such as dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, during the early morning or evening. "It's kind of common sense for your house but

it helps us out, too," Smith said.

Ameren/CIPS is part of a grid of electric companies that provide power to each other. Excess electricity produced by the company is being sent to other providers, such as Commonwealth Edison in Chicago, Illinois Power and Public Service of Indiana.

Sending power to those companies is not expected to affect customers in the Ameren/CIPS service area. "Our first obligation is to our own customers," Smith said.

## Patients moved when A/C dies

Patients at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital were moved to the Hoopeston Community Nursing Home Sunday when the hospital's air conditioning unit quit working.

A new air conditioner was flown in Monday from California, however it was defective. A second unit was expected to arrive and be installed by Tuesday evening, said hospital spokesperson Kathy Pickering.

Patients were in no danger, Pickering said, adding the emergency room was kept open. Patients were evaluated based on the services they required, she said.



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## Police News

**Eduardo Cordova**, 22, of 316 N. Sixth Ave., was arrested at 4:34 p.m. Monday on two Vermilion County warrants for failure to appear. He was released on \$700 cash bond.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported Monday. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1994 Chevrolet, damaging the passenger side.

**Sonia M. Leavell**, 31, of 615 E. Orange, was arrested at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Leavell, wanted on four warrants, was released on \$1,525 cash bond.

**Chad L. Wenrick**, 26, of 618 E. Young, was arrested at 10 a.m. Tuesday on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

## Briefly

### Nurses' coffee

The monthly nurses' coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Aug. 4 in the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital community room.

### Preschool screening

A free preschool screening for all three-, four-, and five-year-olds will be held Thursday, Aug. 12 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. The screening will determine each child's knowledge of concepts, speech and language skills, hearing, vision and motor

skills.

Parents are asked to bring their child's immunizations record and Social Security number.

To schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-6668.

### Rules of the Road

A free Rules of the Road review course will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 at the Hoopeston city

## In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
July 26

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Santiago Casteneda, Leona Allison, Russell Alt.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. Chance of thunderstorms this afternoon, tonight, tomorrow. Highs 92, lows 70.

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