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CRIS offers wide range of programs to area senior citizens

Vermilion County senior citizens can get help with everything from going to the grocery store to stopping abuse thanks to programs offered by CRIS Senior Services in Danville.

René Riegle, protective services/elder abuse caseworker, and Rose Henton, elder abuse caseworker, spoke about available CRIS programs at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

CRIS programs are "designed to help seniors stay in their homes," Henton said. Services include the SAMS congregate meal program at Centennial Manor, senior information services and help dealing with elder abuse.

One misunderstood CRIS program is the transportation program, Henton said. "A lot of people think it's only for going to the doctor but we'll take you anywhere you want to go. You can go to the hairdresser or visit a friend," she said.

Additionally, CRIS offers in-home care programs with certified nurses' aides and a homemaker program, as well as a home-delivered meal program.

Two programs often used by senior citizens are protective services and elder abuse programs.

Protective services is designed for people age 55 or

older who are victims of or witnesses to crime. Crimes must be committed by non-family members for this program, Riegle said.

Under protective services, victims and witnesses are provided with legal advocacy. CRIS workers will also accompany the victim/witness to police departments, the State's Attorney's office, and other places related to the crime. "You look at whatever happened and if needs arise, that's what we do," Riegle said.

The elder abuse program is for those people who are victimized by family members or caretakers. Abuse may include financial, emotional, physical or sexual forms.

Victims of both the protective services and elder abuse programs may be eligible for financial compensation to cover medical and other costs related to the crime, the women said. That portion of the program is funded through the Illinois Attorney General's Office using fines paid by convicted criminals. In 1999, more than \$20 million was paid in compensation, Riegle said.

More information on offered services is available from the CRIS office at (217) 443-2999.

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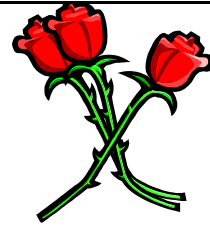
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Police News



Manuel J. Robello, 52, of 202 N. Market, was arrested at 6:30 p.m. Monday, charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 42-year-old Hoopeston woman.

Robello was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A **38-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone damaged her overhead garage door. Police reported the person who damaged the

door will have it fixed.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday at Hoopeston Plaza, Routes 1 and 9.

Police said Olive H. Garrison of Hoopeston, in a 1986 Mercury, left from a parking position and hit a parked 1986 Chevrolet owned by Florence Barker, also of Hoopeston.

Two people turned themselves in to police at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday in connection with a Feb. 6 battery.

Briefly

Town Hall meeting

Sam Ewing, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, will hold a town hall meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

The public is invited to attend.

Class reunion meeting

A Hoopeston class of 1970 reunion meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Hoopeston American Legion.

All interested class members are invited to attend.

DACC instructor returns from Rotary-sponsored Malaysia trip

DANVILLE—Kathy Jenkins, a Danville Area Community College physics instructor, has returned from a trip to Malaysia.

The Group Study Exchange trip took place Nov. 17-Dec. 15.

Jenkins, who was nominated for the trip by the Hoopeston Rotary Club, traveled with other educators to study the institutions and ways of life in Malaysia. She also developed personal acquaintances and observed educational practices in the country.

Funding for the trip was provided by the late Lowell Samuel, a Rotarian who felt Malaysia is an important country from which to learn.

Jenkins is available for speaking engagements and presentations about her trip.

To schedule a speaking engagement, Jenkins may be reached at (217) 443-8829.

Tiny Tots

“Valentine’s Day” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program. Children may wear red or pink.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Developmental screening

Children three, four, and five years of age are eligible to receive a developmental screening free of charge. It will be held Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church. Please call 283-6668 to make an appointment.

Concert cancelled

The Hoopeston Area Middle/High School mid-winter concert scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13 has been cancelled.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 7

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Glenn Umbanhowar, Leo Strain.

Weather



Partly sunny, windy today. High 47. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 35. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 47, low 33.

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

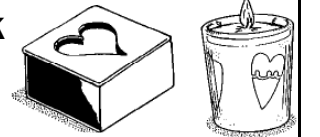
Brian L. Edwards, 24 and Michelle L. Miller, 22, were charged with battery in connection with the beating of a 43-year-old woman. The woman received medical treatment after the incident.

Edwards and Miller were released on notices to appear.

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