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Regional health center to submit ambulance proposal

Hoopeston Regional Health Center (HRHC) has two weeks to come up with a plan to manage the city's ambulance service.

Alderman Dave Borders, ambulance committee chairman, put off for two weeks making a recommendation on a company to manage the service after Frank Caruso, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital CEO, addressed the Hoopeston City Council Tuesday night.

Caruso said HRHC's proposal would involve using Arrow Ambulance of Champaign for approximately one year to provide billing and management service consulting along with providing continuing education for emergency medical personnel. "Our goal would be to jettison from Arrow," Caruso said.

Arrow has submitted its own management proposal, as has PRO Ambulance, also of Champaign.

HRHC has selected an employee who will manage the ambulance service, Caruso said.

Borders stressed the need for timeliness in finding a management company. "One of my concerns is our staff," he said. "We're very short. I'm very concerned about moving forward."

Effective April 1, the ambulance service stopped providing transfers to other facilities because of a manpower shortage, Borders said.

"The hospital has discussed for six months whether to get involved in the ambulance issue," Caruso told the council, adding an opening proposal, "very global in nature," had been given to aldermen.

While HRHC may have discussed the issue internally for months, Borders indicated only recently has interest been made known. "When we approached the hospital a couple months ago, you weren't interested," he said.

Although Borders seemed ready to suggest a management company, Caruso requested a recommendation be delayed "so we can bang out the details."

Hospital representatives will meet with ambulance service officers and an ambulance committee meeting has been set for 7 p.m. April 25 at city hall.

In unrelated action, the council approved applying for a 2000 housing rehabilitation grant.

The city will work with Scott Rose of the Champaign County Regional Planning office to apply for the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Community Development Assistance Program grant.

This will be the fourth year the city has applied for the grant. Two applications, totaling more than \$500,000 were approved; last year's grant was rejected. "When there is \$18 million in projects and \$7 million in the program, some projects aren't going to be approved," Rose said.

The city will spend \$1,750 for administrative work and may spend an additional \$2,500 if the Champaign Regional Planning office must resurvey the target area.

The application will focus on the city's northeast side but will be smaller than the target area of previous years, Rose said.

If the \$290,000 proposal is approved, approximately 15 homes in the target area will receive structural and energy-saving modifications including new roofing, insulation and windows.

In unrelated business, the council:

- approved a \$101,020 bid from Freesen Construction for overlay work on Young between Market and Seventh and Main between Third and Fourth Sts.

The bid was higher than the \$99,400 budgeted for the work, said engineer Jay Dingee. "I think we can make that work in the Motor Fuel Tax fund and get it done," he said.

- learned May 2 is the target date for alley clean-up.
- learned a Ward 3 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 1 at city hall.

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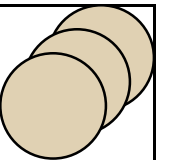
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The purpose of the camp is to provide students with the opportunity to learn about various health-care professions and to provide information about academic programs. Eligible candidates will be selected from high school sophomores and juniors with an interest in health professions.

Health Careers Summer Camp 2000 will be held June 29 through July 2 at Timber Pointe Outdoor

Center in Lake Bloomington. The camp has a \$15 processing fee but the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation will pay that fee for up to five Hoopeston Area or Rossville-Alvin high school students.

To request an application, call Khaja Khan at (217) 383-7646 or fax a request to (217) 383-3121. The deadline for registration is May 15.

For more information, call Steve Margevich, foundation director, at (217) 283-4243 or Kathy Pickering, Hoopeston Regional Health Center marketing/public relations director at (217) 283-5531.



New books at the library



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Daughter of God by Lewis Perdue
Dance for the Dead by jThomas Perry
The Whole Truth by Nancy Pickard (mystery)
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The Bean Family Pocket Guide by Shawn Brecka
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Early American Pattern Glass by Alice Hulett Metz
A Century of Country by Robert K. Oermann
The Rock Says by Rock
Ken Schultz's Fishing Encyclopedia by Ken Schultz
Crossing Boundaries
Angel Pawprints

Police News



Daniel M. Salter, 19, of 527 E. McCracken, was arrested at 12:37 a.m. Tuesday on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear for a status check. Salter was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.



Tonight is Taco Night At Hubbard Trail Country Club

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In the Hospital



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April 17

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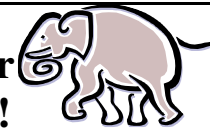
Weather



Mostly cloudy, chance of showers today, tonight and tomorrow. Today's high 77, low 55. Tomorrow's high 73, low 50.

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