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Thank you to the families for your interest and time spent with the kids. It was great.

Thanks, too, to anyone I forgot. Please remember it was for fun and for the kids!!

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Ambulance personnel costs have unhealthy budget effect

Paying for the final weeks of ambulance service is having an unhealthy effect on Hoopeston's budget.

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are being paid \$7 to \$9 per hour while on call and many are racking up significant hours and sizeable checks, said Alderman Bill Goodwine at Wednesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

On-call hours for some EMTs during one week's time totaled up to 160, Goodwine said. Other EMTs logged 97 and 108 hours, he said, adding the city is spending \$5,000 to \$6,000 weekly on EMT wages.

The city has, in previous years, budgeted \$30,000 to \$40,000 annually for ambulance service. "But we budgeted nothing (this year)," Goodwine said. "At a rate of \$66,000 per year, I wondered if I could apply," he said.

Nothing was budgeted in the fiscal year beginning May 1 because Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will take over ambulance operations. The hospital was expected to operate the service beginning June 1, then July 1. A contract signed Wednesday night sets the start date at Aug. 1.

Mayor Bob Ault, who agreed to the contractual salaries with EMTs, said the pay includes on-call time as well as time spent on ambulance calls. "This proposal

was the only way we could service the people," he said.

Ambulance committee chairman Dave Borders said the committee knew nothing of the contract. "It didn't come through the committee or council or nothing," he said.

Council member Susan Comstock said EMTs are claiming on-call for hours when no coverage was reportedly available. "Where is this money coming from," she asked.

Where the funds will come from is a unknown. "I don't know where the money will come from, but they'll get paid," Goodwine said. "Maybe this is water over the dam, but I sense a little greed here."

Some EMTs who had quit or planned to quit the service, have remained since the agreement was reached last month. "They quit, but for this kind of bonanza, maybe they came back," Goodwine said.

The pay rate did not sit well with at least one city employee. "I'm on call 24 hours a day," said sewer superintendent Greg Gress. "Can I get that rate?"

Borders said the tactics are nothing new. "Every time something didn't go their way, they threatened to quit," he said. "Another three weeks and it'll be over."

Annual Vermilion County Fair & Expo starts Thursday

The Vermilion County Fair and Expo opens its doors Thursday. The event runs through Tuesday. Highlights include:

THURSDAY: 8 a.m., 4-H and junior swine and rabbit shows; 6:30 p.m. Junior horse show; 7 p.m., queen pageant in the grandstand. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-11.

FRIDAY: 4-H and junior beef, sheep and steer shows; 6:30 p.m. Western horse show; 7 p.m. Hot laps, grand-

stand; 7:30 p.m. stock car racing, grandstand. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 7-15. Pit passes (must be 14 or older) are \$12.

SATURDAY: 8 a.m. open sheep and swine shows; 4-H and junior poultry show; 11 a.m., halter classes, draft horses, draft pony and mules; 2-5 p.m., carnival ride special; 4:30 p.m., Ag Olympics; 5 p.m., hitch class, draft horses, draft pony and mules; 5 p.m., tractor/truck pull,

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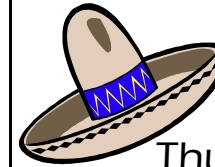
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Briefly

Puppet show

The Millikin Puppets will be showcased at 2 p.m. July 7 during a free puppet show at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

The young and young at heart are invited to attend.

Neighborhood Watch

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch, which normally meets the first Monday of each month, will meet at 7 p.m. July 10 at city hall.

Leigh Busby Hughes and Susan Ponder Miller, Vermilion County Circuit Clerk candidates, will speak.

DACC orientation

Danville Area Community College will host new stu-

dent orientations for first time students for the fall 2000 semesters.

Sessions will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 8 and 9-11 a.m. Monday, July 31, Monday, Aug. 14 and Friday, Sept. 1.

To register or for more information, call Dianne Marble at (217) 443-8750.

Youth Soccer signups

Final sign-up for youth soccer will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Children between the ages of 4 and 14 (not in high school) interested in playing the 2000-01 youth league

are eligible.

Cost is \$45 for first child; \$35 for each additional child in family.

Those with questions may call Kathy Franklin 283-9540 or Hank Hornbeck 283-6391.

Placement testing

Danville Area Community College will conduct ASSET/CSI testing for all new students entering the fall semesters. The ASSET test determines placement in college-level coursework and the CSI (College Student Inventory) is a general demographic overview of all students.

All first-time students who have not taken the tests are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions: 5:30-7:40 p.m. Thursday, July 20 or Thursday, Aug. 10 or 12-3:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, Monday, July 24, Monday, Aug. 14 or Friday, Sept. 1.

To register or for more information, call Suzie Hobbick at (217) 443-8708

New books at the library

Talking Books

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling

Sleeping Tiger by Rosamunde Pilcher

Sabine's Notebook by Nick Bantock

Videos:

World of Pets: Cats

Spencer's Mountain

Sign Language

Stretching for Seniors

Drop Dead Gorgeous

Star Wars I: The Phantom Menace

Stuart Little

Dream Trains, Short Hops and Whistle Stops

Police News

Dustin A. Riddle, 25, of RR 3, Hoopeston, was arrested at 5:17 a.m. Wednesday, charged with disorderly conduct and disobeying a police officer.

Police said a resident of the 800 block of South Third St. reported Riddle was intoxicated and would not leave the home. He left, then returned after being advised by police not to come back.

Riddle was released on notices to appear.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 3

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Bonnie Fouse.

July 4

Nothing to report.

Weather

Mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 70. Tomorrow, partly sunn, humid. High 89, low 70.

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

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grandstand. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$2 children 6-11. Pit pass is \$10.

SUNDAY: 8 a.m., open beef show; 2-5 p.m., carnival ride special; 5 p.m., one-day open steer show; 7 p.m., combine demo derby, grandstand. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$2 children 6-12.

MONDAY: 4-H horse show; 5 p.m., overall junior livestock showman contest; 6 p.m. Friends of 4-H livestock auction; 6:30 p.m., baby contest, grandstand; 7:30 p.m. Little Miss and Little Mister contest, grandstand, 8 p.m., talent contest, grandstand.

TUESDAY: 3 p.m., 4-H horse show; 7 p.m., Northern All Star modified stock car races, grandstand.

Wolfe Funeral Home

907 W. Main St.
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Classifieds

LOST & FOUND

Lost: brown male ferret in 200 block of West Orange. Call (217) 283-7416.

RUMMAGE SALES

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