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Residents and birds coo about aviaries at nursing home

You might say Hoopeston Community Nursing Home is for the birds.

The nursing home on Wednesday became home to several finches, canaries and doves.

Two aviaries from Living Designs of South Dakota were put up at the facility. Each aviary contains diamond doves from Australia, blue cap wax bill finches from Africa, zebra finches, Australian shaft tails, society finches from China and Java rice finches.

The aviaries, each 8 feet long, 6½ feet high and nearly 3 feet deep, contain silk vines, tree branches and nesting materials so birds will mate, said Vaughn Canady, Living Design delivery supervisor. There is at least one pair of each type of bird except a lone male canary. Canady explained males sing more than females and sing more when no females are around to hear the mating call.

Residents listened intently as Canady explained the lifestyles and habits of the birds, including the pecking order. The male canary will be at the top of the order, with the bigger doves at the bottom. "You really, a lot of times, don't see a pecking order but it's there and they know where they belong," he said.

Each of the aviaries cost approximately \$4,500, including shipping, said hospital CEO Frank Caruso. Quarterly maintenance from Living Designs will cost \$100 to \$150. It is money well-spent. "The birds will be very good for the residents," he said. "Can you imagine how long it's been since some of them have heard a bird singing?"



Photo by Lourdine Florek

Vaughn Canady of South Dakota-based Living Designs talks about a new aviary at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home.

The birds will lift their voices at 5 a.m. daily when the timed lights come on. The songs will continue until 9 p.m. nightly, Canady said.

The aviaries were a special purchase funded through a direct appeal from the Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation's annual support committee. Each year, the committee funds a special project at the hospital or nursing home, said chairman Dave McFadden. The committee sent 4,000 letters requesting money for the project, McFadden said. "We pretty much hit our goal," he said.

Grand Opening



Feb. 8-14

Unger's Jewelry

314 E. Main St., Hoopeston
Beta fish aquatic vase \$20
Free gift with purchase

Fish Fry

5-8 p.m. Friday

American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

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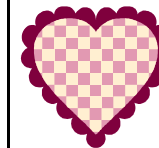
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the one I love very much*

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Letter to the Editor

Carnival bill causes concern

Editor,

I would like to express my concern regarding House Bill 60, proposed amendment to the Carnival Regulation Act. I am very suspicious of any law that would require citizens to check in when they get to town. I believe that it is every citizen's right, no matter their occupation, to go anywhere in the United States of America whenever they like without notifying the government or any law enforcement agency where they are. I believe that this law is just one more step towards all citizens being tracked and having to check in. Ever heard of the Digi-

tal Angel (<http://www.digitalangel.net/>)?

Yes this law only applies to carnival workers, however every time a law is created that targets a certain segment of the population it is only a matter of time before every segment has been targeted and the laws are universal to all except the very elite.

If people would like to make sure that carnival workers have not been convicted of crimes against children then perform a back ground check as a requirement of employment but not every time the carnival moves to a different town.

This seems like a step towards Orwell's 1984. It may

Police News

Jarred I. Stone, 19, of #45 Baers, was arrested at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday at his home. Stone, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear for a violation hearing, was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

Jeremiah J. Gocken, 22, of 2050 E 1150 North Rd., Milford, was arrested at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of South First Ave.

Gocken was charged with aggravated battery to a child on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston woman who told police she left her two-year-old child with Gocken for a few minutes and when she returned, found bruises on the child's back.

Gocken was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday in the 400 block of West Main. Police said Ryan Standifer, in a 1998 Ford ambulance, backed into a parked 1988 Plymouth owned by Rebecca Sparling of Watseka.

Police said Standifer was at fault for improper backing.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 13

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Jackie Stump.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 35. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, chance of light rain or snow. High 37, low 25.

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

Aerobics/Interval Circuit/Resistance

Training

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Mon.-Wed.-Thurs.

5:15-6:15 p.m.

Betty Shaffer

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Classifieds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up to get hour house on map for HOOPESTON'S TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE, Sat., March 17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Send your name, address, phone number, \$5 fee (per house) and list of items you're selling to Brianna's Baby Shop, 107 E. Main St. You'll receive a confirmation call. 3 members of any local non-profit organization or church are needed to volunteer in civic center on March 17 in exchange for donation to your group. Businesses may buy an ad for the map. Stop in Global Fashions for more details. 046-059

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