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Betty Shaffer tapped as Multi Agency executive director

Betty Shaffer has been Hoopeton Area Middle School's library clerk for more than 10 years but she's checking out.

On Monday, Shaffer will become the new executive director of the Hoopeton Multi Agency Service Center.

"We're really happy to have her," said Multi Agency board president Mike Pemberton. "We think she'll do an excellent job and continue the good work Chalmers (Flint) has done."

Flint has served as the executive director since June 17, 1996. He resigned to spend more time on city duties since being elected mayor in April.

As executive director, Shaffer will oversee such things as the Teen Reach program, senior activities, including the transportation program, mental health programs and daily activities at the agency.

Her favorite part of that will be working with Hoopeton's older residents. "I guess my favorite is working with senior citizens," she said. She said she also looks forward to working with the Teen Reach program.

Going to the Multi Agency building at 206 S. First Ave., will be a sort of homecoming for Shaffer who worked in the building when the Hoopeton Chamber of Commerce office was located there. She served part time as the office manager and volunteered part time for the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center, which was housed in the building.

The Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center united with the Multi Agency several years ago.

Pemberton said Shaffer's history of dealing with the elderly, children and in fundraising are assets which made the board select Shaffer from among 10 other candidates for the position. "She has good

communication and people skills all of which are very necessary to excel at that job," he said.

Pemberton had high praise for Flint's dedication to the agency, overseeing building renovations, adding new programs and seeking new sources of funding. "The board has seen Chalmers in action the last five years and the great things he's done," he said. "He's done an excellent job and we fully expect Betty to continue those improvements."

Shaffer plans to spend her early days learning what services are available at the Multi Agency. "It's a whole new ballgame," she said. "I'm going to have to start at square 1."

Eventually, the certified fitness instructor would like to add an exercise program for senior citizens and perhaps one for students, as well. "That goes hand in hand with good mental health," she said.

Leading the agency will fit with Shaffer's educational background and dreams. "It's been a long time since I've gotten to do what I was trained to do," Shaffer said. It will be good to be back among the ranks again."

Shaffer, who has a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in sociology with a specialty in social work, will put those skills to use overseeing the Multi Agency, which provides programs for senior citizens and youngsters and houses social services for area residents.

Working as library clerk "was absolutely the greatest job I could've had because I had summers free so I could be home with the kids when they were home," Shaffer said. Now that daughter Kristi is 26 and son, John, is 20, Shaffer is ready to return to what she really loves and is looking forward to the challenges. "I'm excited," she said.

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Larry L. Bell, 37, of 710 W. Main, was arrested at

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 23-year-old Hoopeston man and his wife. The couple told police Bell yelled and screamed at them while they were in the 700 block of West Main.

Bell was released on a notice to appear in court.

Rep. Johnson lauds Bush decision on Clean Air Act request

During a phone call from the White House Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (IL-15) received confirmation from the Bush Administration regarding the decision to reject California's request for an exemption from the Clean Air Act.

"It is very encouraging to everyone in corn-producing states that the President has denied California exemption from the oxygenate requirement in federal reformulated gasoline; it is a victory for Illinois ethanol producers," Johnson said adding the decision will have five foreseeable, positive effects, including: rising farm incomes because California would be required to use corn-produced ethanol as an oxygenate blend in their fuel, as

opposed to the petroleum-based MTBE; California air quality will be preserved; consumers will save at the pump because ethanol is less expensive; domestic ethanol production will lead to more jobs and; there is ample assurance from the ethanol industry that it can meet California's needs.

Johnson has maintained that a recharged ag economy would greatly jumpstart the local economies in the rural communities of his district.

In the Hospital



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June 12

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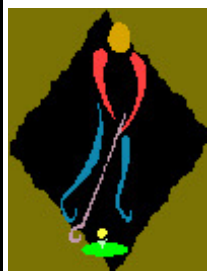
Discharged: Marjorie Orr, Nancy Furrow.

Weather



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