



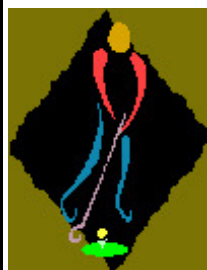
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Migrant Head Start plans housing, daycare construction

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start hopes to complete a project that would benefit area children as well as migrant families.

The total project, estimated at \$6.5 million, would provide new housing for agricultural workers, a daycare center centered on infants and toddlers and an area to combine social services for children and migrant workers.

Joan Moser, director of Hoopeston Migrant Head Start, unveiled the proposal at Thursday's Hoopeston Area school board meeting, saying the agency has passed the first leg of funding to build housing for agricultural workers.

Under the proposal, Hoopeston Migrant Head Start would purchase the existing migrant camp on the Chiquita property on First Ave. Existing housing would be torn down and new housing erected, Moser said.

That phase of the project, estimated at \$2.5 million, would be constructed in stages, with 40 apartments being built initially. It would be paid through an \$800,000 grant and a \$1.7 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Affairs program. The loan would be repaid through rents paid on the apartments.

Keeping agricultural housing in Hoopeston would be

an economic boost to the community, Moser said. Approximately 300 migrant families come to Hoopeston each year to work for local and area companies. Those families spend money in Hoopeston and put their children in Hoopeston schools, increasing the district's state aid.

Although housing is a top priority, so is providing services for children, Moser said. Hoopeston Migrant Head Start needs more space. The existing site in Wellington does not lend itself to expansion, she said.

Other programs are experiencing growing pains, as well, she said, including the Community Action Program's Head Start and Hoopeston Area schools' Home Intervention, Children at Risk Educationally and Early Childhood programs. A new facility in Hoopeston would provide more room for those programs, as well as providing continuity of services for children and their families, Moser said.

The proposed facility would also include areas to combine services offered to migrant workers such as the Community Health Partnership and Illinois Migrant Council.

Moser expects to receive word on final approval in September.

Attorneys, financial advisors discuss estate law changes

Changes in estate taxes may make things interesting for investors, according to local attorneys.

Hoopeston attorneys Paul Manion and Karen Wall were the featured speakers at a recent federal estate tax seminar sponsored by First Allied Securities.

Under the change, taxes will be imposed on estates valued at more than \$675,000, Manion said. Although the amount is high, so are the accompanying taxes. "Once you start paying tax, you pay a lot of

tax," he said. Currently, 55 percent is the top estate tax rate.

The new law increases the exemption amount to \$1 million in 2002-03, \$1.5 million in 2004-05, \$2 million in 2006-08 and \$3.5 million in 2009. The exemption amount does not apply in 2010 under the way the law is written, said Wall.

The top estate tax rate will drop to 49 percent in

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Danville Area Community College lists 2001 graduates

More than 270 students received associates degrees at Danville Area Community College this academic year.

Area students and their degrees included:

Alvin: Elizabeth Helck, cum laude, applied science; Shawn Lanham, science; Miranda Quick, cum laude, science; Amanda Reifsteck, science.

Bismarck: Andrew Edington, science.

Hoopeston: Susan Burt, applied science; Mary Bushong, magna cum laude, arts; Erin Hollen, arts; Christopher Inman, cum laude, applied science; David Kiser, magna cum laude, applied science; Ronald Lacy, cum laude, applied science; Matthew Lee, magna cum

laude, applied science; Dean Lingley Sr., cum laude, applied science; Angie Lohnes, arts and science; Felicia Mahorney, applied science; Jessica Martinez, applied science; Angie Reed, applied science; Rebecca Schull, applied science; Angela Schuske, cum laude, applied science; Troy Stevens, applied science; Jennifer Tweedy, magna cum laude, science; Suzanne Vandenberg, cum laude, arts and science; Telisa Walter, arts; Adrain Wood; Phillip Lithgow, cum laude, applied science.

Milford: Andrea Dawson; Jacob Heeren, applied science; Betty Allen, magna cum laude, applied science.

Rankin: Krista Sheppard, applied science.

Rossville: Becky Drennan, magna cum laude; Jennifer Buck; Matt Crabtree, applied science; Jennifer Cremeens, applied science; Debra Goodwin, cum laude, arts; Phillip Martin, applied science; Larry Marx, magna cum laude, applied science; Allen Willard, applied science.

Wellington: Melissa Storm, applied science.

Obituaries

FOSTER—Gladys M. Foster, 70, of Rossville, died at 2:58 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2001 at Vermilion Manor Nursing Home, rural Danville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Wolfe Family Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to her grandson's education fund.

Estate continued from other side

2003 to 45 percent in 2009. The wording of the law indicates the top rate will be repealed in 2010 and increase to 55 percent in 2011, she said.

For federal tax purposes, almost everything is included as assets, including life insurance, cash, stocks and bonds.

There are ways to pay less tax, Manion said. Husbands and wives should take full advantage of their exemptions and should have assets in each of their names. "You don't worry about it to the last nickel but you want there to be some equity," he said.

Also, people may make donations of \$10,000 per year per donor, allowing couples to donate \$20,000 to one recipient, he said. A caveat on the donation exception is that gifts given within three years of a death, given in contemplation of death, are taxable.

The government also allows a special use valuation for things such as farmland passed to one's children to farm. Children must continue to farm the land for 15 years.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital July 19

Admitted: Lanna Rae Lage, Charles Greene, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

July 20

Admitted: John Evar Olson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Lanna Rae Lage.

July 21

Admitted: Geneva Nelson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

July 22

Admitted: none.

Discharged: John Evar Olson.

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