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Former fertilizer plant president has different kind of coverage

For years, Jeff Stipp helped farmers decide how to cover their fields with the right kind of fertilizers to raise good crops.

Now the rural Hoopeston man is helping farmers and others choose the right kind of coverage for their families, both in their insurance needs and for their homes and farms.

Stipp recently assumed the American Family Insurance agency on North Gilbert St. in Danville and became a realtor with Devonshire Realty, also in Danville.

The agency had formerly been operated by Beth Farrell-Eyrich.

In March, Stipp, president of Hoopeston Fertilizer, announced the plant's closing after 54 years in business. Closing that door meant Stipp had to find another opportunity to provide for his family and chose insurance and real estate as the way to do it.

Stipp passed both his insurance and real estate licensing tests and was hired by American Family at the end of September. He had expected to work for an agency but when he started on Nov. 1, his supervisor told him Farrell-Eyrich had left her agency and that the position was open. He spent two weeks with her before assuming the office. "I got thrown right into it," he said.

The change to insurance and real estate seems a natural one for Stipp. "I like meeting people," he said. Also, working with farmers at Hoopeston Fertilizer, he was often asked if he knew of available farm ground, a question he hopes to turn to sales.



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His experience at the fertilizer plant helped prepare him for dealing with all kinds of people, from farmers to bankers to lawyers. "I try to learn something every day and move on," he said.

While he has always had insurance, Stipp said it wasn't until he started studying about it that he realized its importance. "The biggest thing I've realized is that it's such a need," he said. "It's vital to have it."

Life insurance is especially important to those with families, he said. "It's really important to take care of your loved ones when you're gone,"

he said. After becoming a licensed agent, Stipp reviewed his own coverage and, based on his families needs, including getting children through college, decided he needed more coverage.

While Stipp will offer coverage to everyone, he plans to specialize in the needs of farmers. "American Family has an outstanding farm and ranch program," he said. "I really want to try to stay in touch with the farmers as much as possible."

For now, Stipp will concentrate primarily on insurance. As for real estate, "I'll dabble in it on the side," he said. Later he plans to increase the amount of time he spends selling property.

American Family offers life, health, home, auto, farm and ranch and commercial coverage. "We cover just about everything," he said, adding he will also offer annuities.

Stipp's office is located at 711 N. Gilbert St., W Suite, Danville. He may be reached at his office, (217) 442-8120 or cell phone (217) 304-0882.

For Devonshire Realty, he may be reached

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots will not be held until Jan. 3.

Auxiliary dues due

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Please send your dues today to HRHC Auxiliary, 705 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Call Charlene Ervin at 283-9215 with any questions.

Food for Fines

The Hoopeston Public Library is holding its

County health department to participate in smallpox plan

DANVILLE—In accordance with directives from President George Bush, the state of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Vermilion County Health Department is actively participating in phase one of a statewide pre-event smallpox vaccination plan.

Public Health Administrator Stephen Laker said he is submitting a plan to the department of public health entailing the preparation of the county's public health workers to provide smallpox vaccinations to first responders, emergency personnel and, if necessary, to the general public. "Our first responsibility is to ensure we have nurses prepared to provide smallpox inoculations," Laker said. "That means we are asking some of our nursing staff to step forward and voluntarily receive the smallpox vaccine now so that we will be able to protect others who may need to be inoculated in the future.

According to the Illinois Department of Public

Obituaries

SPANN - Betty R. Spann, 82, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston and West Lebanon, Ind., died at 3:50 a.m. Wednesday at Waters Nursing Home, Covington, Ind. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Food for Fines program during December. Each donated food item counts as \$1 towards an overdue fine.

The program is for overdue books only. Lost items will still require full payment.

All food collected will be donated to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

DACC at HMA

Kevin Jett, Danville Area Community College coordinator for community education, will be at the Hoopeston Multi Agency from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

Jett will answer questions about the college or specific programs offered. He will also work with busi-

ness and organizations that would like to bring corporate training classes to Hoopeston. Registration services will not be available; however Jett will have course information and will make referrals to appropriate campus departments. Both appointments and walk-ins will be welcome.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-9348.

Weather



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