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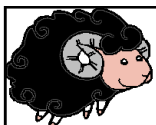
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## Bowling pins to fly to raise money for Community Fund

### Fund drive is short of goal

The United Community Fund of Grant Township hopes the sound of bowling pins crashing will equal the sound of more money in its bank account.

The group will hold a bowlathon from 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Feb. 28 at Pla-Mor Lanes to raise money for its 2004 fund drive.

The event will also feature music by Duane Sheppard and Full Circle and a silent auction of donated items, including two tickets to Disneyworld and accommodations at a New Smyrna, Fla., condo, valued at \$1,000. A 50/50 drawing and raffle are also planned for the night.

Cost of the evening is \$15 per person with \$7 of each entry fee going to the Community Fund. A \$5 cover fee will be charged for those who only want to attend the dance.

The Community Fund board hopes the bowlathon will increase its bottom line in order to meet requested donations from area agencies. The board has allocated \$33,520 to the agencies and has collected nearly \$35,300 as of last week.

## Extended hours set for Vermilion County voter registration

DANVILLE—Lynn Foster, Vermilion County Clerk, will offer extended hours for voter registration on four Saturdays: Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7 and 16. Hours will be 9 a.m. to noon.

New registrations as well as address and name changes must be completed by Saturday, Feb. 16 for voters to be eligible to vote in the March 16 primary.

"I am frequently asked if voters are required to re-register periodically," Foster said. "In general terms, the answer is 'no.'" Voter registration in Illi-

A goal of \$40,000 was set by the Community Fund last year but the local economy made collecting that amount difficult. Some agencies scaled back or did not request funds from the Community Fund this year, said Community Fund board member Mike Pemberton, who serves on the group's allocations committee. "Everybody was really cooperative when they came in to talk to us," he said at last week's meeting.

Midget Football, the Hoopeston Area Youth Club and Colt and Pony Leagues reduced their requests. Hoopeston Migrant Head Start did not file a request by the August deadline and the YWCA Sexual Assault program, T-Ball Association and Honeywell After School program did not request funds.

Other agencies receiving Community Fund donations are: American Red Cross, Honeywell PTO, Catholic Social Services, CRIS Senior Services, Cub Scout Pack 118, Grant Township Food Cupboard, Girl Scouts, Hoopeston Girls Sports Assn., Hoopeston Swim Team and Little League.

Also, Hoopeston Ministerial Association, Well Baby Clinic, Multi Agency, Hoopeston Youth Soccer

nois is permanent; however voters who move or whose addresses are changed must update their registration and voters who change their names must re-register because their signatures will be different.

To register to vote, applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years old by March 16.

People who wish to register but who cannot do so in person may request a form to apply for voter registration by mail or via the internet by going to the Vermilion County website, [www.co.vermilion.il.us](http://www.co.vermilion.il.us).

Further information may be obtained by call-

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## Social Security's Ticket to Work program for disabled people is now available nationwide

**By Keith Strinmoen**

**Social Security Manager in Danville, Illinois**

Social Security's Ticket to Work program -- designed to help people with disabilities go to work and achieve their employment goals -- is now available nationwide.

The Ticket to Work program is one of the best ways to help Americans with disabilities realize their dreams through meaningful and successful careers. People receiving a ticket in the mail also get information telling them how to use it to get vocational rehabilitation services, as well as employment and other support services from any of the employment service providers. Social Security now has contracts with hundreds of groups and organizations around the country, called Employment Networks, to help people with disabilities find work.

Beneficiaries will receive services from Employment Networks for free. Social Security will pay the Employment Networks for successfully helping people go to

work. Employment Networks may choose to be paid based solely on helping beneficiaries achieve self-sufficiency, or they may choose to receive payments when beneficiaries achieve different milestones during their attempt to go to work.

The Ticket to Work program includes other provisions to help people with disabilities who try to go to work. For example, the law extends health care coverage. Under the Ticket legislation most Social Security disability beneficiaries are protected by Medicare for at least eight years and six months after they go to work. And some states allow working people with disabilities to buy Medicaid coverage even if they are no longer eligible for Supplemental Security Income benefits. People with disabilities who get Supplemental Security Income should contact the state Medicaid office in their area for more information.

The Ticket to Work program is voluntary. Social Se-

curity and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries who receive a ticket are not required to work, but may choose to use their ticket to attempt to go to work.

Another feature of the Ticket to Work law helps people restart benefits if they try to work but then have to stop work because of their disability. For 36 months after a "trial work period" ends, Social Security can restart a person's benefits almost immediately after he or she stops working. And even beyond that three-year period, there are protections. For another 60 months, people can request reinstatement of benefits without filing a new application.

If you're getting Social Security or Supplemental Security Income disability benefits, and haven't received your ticket yet, you soon will. Anyone who wants a Ticket immediately can call 1-866-968-7842 (1-866-YOURTICKET). TDD/TTY users should call 1-866-833-2967 (1-866-TDD2WORK). For more information about the Ticket to Work program, visit Social Security's website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and click on "Ticket to Work" under the "Disability and SSI" section of the home page.

## Obituaries

**HOWELL** - Beverly J. Howell, 66, of Hoopeston, died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004 at home. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will

be at a later date in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before the memorial service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**TRAUTVETTER** - Richard Allen Trautvetter, 45, of Paxton, formerly of Hoopeston, died Nov. 26, 2003 at home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

## Police News



A **27-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone took CDs and DVDs from her home at Parkview Court.

## Weather



Mostly cloudy today and tonight. High 26, low 21. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of freezing rain late. High 34, low 27.

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

## Bowling Scores



### Thursday Night City Men's League

1/8/04

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|----|------------------|----|
| 1. | Pla-Mor Lanes    | 75 |
|    |                  | 37 |
| 2. | Team America     | 71 |
|    |                  | 41 |
| 3. | Tax Service Plus | 63 |
|    |                  | 49 |
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