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One down

Candy Burton picks up daughter Lauryn Edwards after her first day of kindergarten Wednesday at Maple School. Burton's older daughter, Jessica, is a senior at Hoopeston Area High School.

Health center seeks community input for strategic planning

Hoopeston Regional Health Center is asking the community for directions.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, hospital CEO Mike Brown presented the council with a list of questions, the answers to which will be used to devise a strategic plan for the hospital, nursing home and Country Terrace.

Along with city leaders, Brown said he hopes residents will also answer the questions. Surveys are expected to be distributed at the National Sweetcorn Festival, the CVS grand opening and to civic groups in the community. Residents may also respond to the questions to help Brown and the board develop a plan.

The questions are:

- 1) What are the most pressing healthcare needs in this community?
- 2) What is the community's current perception of us?
- 3) What are the most critical strategic issues facing our organization in the next three to five years?
- 4) What organizations should we partner with to address the community's health needs?

Certain trends have become apparent and the health center is trying to meet those needs. For example, Brown said, nationwide, heart disease is the most common health concern but that does not hold true locally. "One thing very obvious is the number one healthcare concern we have is diabetes," Brown said. To meet that need, the healthcare center has started a diabetes education program using a certified nurse educator to provide information.

Other areas of need include smoking cessation programs along with programs to keep young people from
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Briefly

Well-Baby Clinic

Hoopeston Well-Baby Clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange.

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Trash Walkers

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Bowling meeting

Cissna Park Bowl is having a bowling meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the bowling alley.

Health continued from other side

smoking, obstetrical/gynecological care and more preventative care.

Another challenge in the future will be taking care of Hoopeston's aging population. The population with the most change in healthcare needs is that of people who are 80-85 years old. "We need to look at how we meet the needs of those people," Brown said.

Answers to the survey will be used to determine what residents see as the needs that need to be met and services that should be provided. The strategic plan will incorporate as much of that information as possible. "As a community hospital, we're never going to be able to meet everybody's needs," Brown said, but they will try to fill as many as they can.

Residents who wish to take part in the survey may write answers to the questions and mail them to Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Responses may also be taken to the hospital front desk.

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is completed

Anyone interested in bowling or any new teams are all welcome to attend. If you are interested and are unable to attend, call (217)304-1948.

Class reunion

Hoopeston-East Lynn Class of 1989 Reunion will be held from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2 at Tater's Bar & Grill. Families are welcome. RSVP or direct questions to Kevin Jett, (217)283-4422 or kevin.jett@countryfinancial.com as soon as possible.

Festival gate passes available

Gate passes to the 2004 National Sweetcorn Festival

Police News



Richard D. Kleckner, 42, of Parkview Court #23 was arrested at 6:21 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Court. He was charged with battery after a 24-year-old Hoopeston woman alleged he kicked her cat.

Kleckner was released on a notice to appear.

Jody L. Tyszko, 32, of 725 W. McNeil was arrested at 12:13 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of East Wyman. She was charged with aggravated assault on a complaint from a 23-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Tyszko threatened her with a knife during an argument.

Tyszko was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:23 p.m. Tuesday to Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell for a report of smoke coming from a second story window. The smoke was caused by food burning on a store. No injuries were reported.

The fire department was called at 7:57 p.m. Tuesday to the 100 block of Bank for a Dumpster on fire. The fire was extinguished before firemen arrived.

Weather



Chance of showers today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 82, low 60. Tomorrow's high 79, low 58.

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

are now available. The cost is \$7 each and they are available at Jerry's IGA, Hoopeston Multi Agency, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and The Chronicle.

The cost is 50 cents less than half price of daily admission for the festival which is \$3 per day this year.

Meetings

Rossville-Alvin will host a joint meeting with Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning school boards at 7 p.m. Monday in the grade school library.

Classifieds

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