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Medicine is about relationships for new Hoopeston doctor

Hoopeston wasn't Dr. Hilary Frescoln's first choice for starting a practice but after just a few weeks on the job, she wouldn't change a thing.

Dr. Frescoln came to Hoopeston from Eminence, Mo., a town of 614 people and it was near Eminence that she thought she would practice medicine.

But God had other plans and Dr. Frescoln is quite happy with His choices.

"When we prayed about it, it seemed like we were being led here," she said. "Everything has just fallen into place."

On the medical side, Dr. Frescoln is impressed with the local hospital, including the quality of emergency room doctors and number of visiting specialists.

On the personal side, Dr. Frescoln said her family fits with the community. "We just felt so welcomed," she said. "Everybody is always smiling."

Dr. Frescoln, 29, attended Drury University in Springfield, Mo., where she double majored in biology and chemistry. "And I played volleyball so I was a busy little lady," she said.

She attended the University of Missouri School of Medicine at Columbia, graduating in 2003, and did her residency in Florence, S.C., near Myrtle Beach.

A practitioner of family medicine, Dr. Frescoln chose the broad avenue after completing all aspects of medicine during her training. "I loved it all," she said. "Every rotation I went through, I thought 'I want to do this.'"

For Dr. Frescoln, being a doctor is not only about medicine but also about relationships. "Every door I open, I go in and become part of someone's life," she said. "I've been working 11 years to do this. It's just really neat. Everything is different."

That sense of relationship and community was ex-



FRESCOLN

pressed in an essay Dr. Frescoln wrote prior to being accepted for her residency. "I know how valuable it will be to watch the football game where Johnny injures his ankle before seeing him in my office and sensing Mrs. Blake might be depressed because she has not been in church lately," she wrote. "She envisioned a practice where 'I can sit on the floor and color with a pre-schooler while assessing her development, share in the excitement of a new mother seeing her unborn child on ultrasound, and hold an elderly man's hand while explaining his prog-

nosis. Family physicians have the unique opportunity to connect intimately in another's life.

Dr. Frescoln wrote that she appreciates "the closeness of rural communities as I was delivered at home with a midwife and raised in a small town in the country." When she was 12, Dr. Frescoln's sister, Gretchen, was killed in a car accident. "I grew up realizing relationships are the most important things in life," she wrote.

Currently, Dr. Frescoln sees patients at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center full time on Tuesdays and Fridays and half days on Mondays.

The rest of the time, she is "Mom" to son, Jonas, nearly two, (who is "amazing and fun and creative,") and wife to husband, Joe.

The Frescolns met in kindergarten in Eminence who dated in high school, parted during college and came back together, marrying in 2001. "We ask each other, 'remember in third grade, who was that girl,'" she said, laughing. "Not many couples can do that."

Joe Frescoln has a degree in information technology and had served as a computer systems administrator for schools but is currently serving as general contractor for

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Letters to the Editor

In support of teachers

I am writing to thank our teachers for continuing to teach even though they do not have a contract. My daughter recently came home from school telling me that in one of her classes, the kids were asking about the negotiations. Her teacher responded by telling the class that although it is hard not to think about what is going on, it is her job to

teach and that is what she is going to do. I applaud our teachers for their professionalism and for putting the best interest of our children first.

I had the opportunity to work within our school system and was able to witness first hand what our teachers do. Our teachers go above and beyond the call of duty. They stay late or come in early to give

students the extra help they need.

I have seen teachers reach out to help kids that are not in their class but are having problems understanding a subject or having personal problem. As a parent you hope your child will always come to you when they are having problem, but that does not always happen. How lucky we are to have such caring

teachers.

I would like to urge the school board to listen to our teacher with the respect and dignity they deserve. It is time to step up and work with our teachers to give them a fair contract.

Kristi Barr
Hoopeston

Briefly

Tiny Tots

“Halloween” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Children may come in costume.

Tiny Tots is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Neighborhood Watch

Bruce Vogus of the L.S.T. 325 will be the featured speaker at the Nov. 1 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Vogus was the Number 3 officer who brought the W.W. II landing vessel back from Greece and helped restore it to a living museum.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited.

Doctor continued from other side

the couple’s new home. The family now lives in Rossville but is building a home in Hickory Hills subdivision south of Hoopeston, she said.

When building is completed, Mr. Frescoln would like to open a computer store. “That’s really important to us,” Dr. Frescoln said.

When not practicing medicine, the couple likes outdoor activities. “We’re both very active,” she said. Adding a child to their lives has not hampered their adventurous spirit. Six days after Jonas was born, the couple took him on a camping trip. “Having a child hasn’t affected our lives in a negative way,” she said.

Since coming to Hoopeston, Dr. Frescoln has gotten involved with bible study and Mothers of Preschoolers and enjoys being outside with her family and inside making Pla-Doh with Jonas.



Hoopeston Women’s Bowling League

10/9/06

	Won	Lost
1. Olympic Hardware	16	4
2. HRHC	15	5
3. Gillins Oil	13	7
4. Main Source Bank	12	8
5. R&R Body Shop	10	10
6. Webers	9	11
7. Mike’s Team	9	11
8. Adda Girls	8	12
9. Mike’s Lady Bugs	7	13
10. Bye	1	19

High Team Handicap Series: Webers 2395, Gillin’s Oil 2321; **High Team Handicap Game:** HRHC 808, Mike’s Lady Bugs 808, Mike’s Team 796; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Karen Porth 225, Mona Birch 201, Candis Clayborn 197; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Mona

Obituaries

INMAN - Kenneth “Cherry Cheeks” Inman, 72, of Hoopeston died at 4:26 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice.

LaBOUNTY - Eileen LaBounty, 84, of Hoopeston died at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at home. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

McBRIDE - Mary Rhae McBride, 83, of Rossville died at 4:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at her daughter’s home in Bartelso. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

Bowling Scores

Birch 562, Candis Clayborn 555, Karen Porth 536.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies League

10/12/06

	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	15	3
2. Carolyn’s	11	7
3. H&R Block	8	10
4. Unger’s	7	11
5. Tooth Fairies	7	11
6. Knuth’s	6	12

High Team Handicap Game: Unger’s 846, Tooth Fairies 835 Pla-Mor 834; **High Team Handicap Series:** Unger’s 2416, Pla-Mor 2393, Tooth Fairies 2372; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Darlene Musk 186, Judy Clark 178, Tammy Bertram 178; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Darlene Musk 536, Jackie Langdoc 488, Linda Van-Burk 478.

Thursday Night Men’s City League

10/12/06

	Won	Lost
1. Wilson Race Car	31	11
2. Tax Service Plus	29	13
3. Big Dogs	28	14
4. Ross Electric	28	14
5. Cappellano	25	17
6. ConAgra Foods	19	23
7. Silgan Containers	17	25
8. Henson	13	29
9. Pla-Mor Lanes	11	31

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 52. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of showers late. High 51, low 41.

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