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Employment, training center set workshop at Multi Agency

The Vermilion County Workforce Investment Board announced that the Vermilion County Illinois Employment and Training Center more commonly known as the "One-Stop" will be hosting a workshop in northern Vermilion County through one of the One-Stop Partners the Hoopeston Multi-Agency.

The Hoopeston Multi-Agency, at 206 S. First Ave., will host a free workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30 for those interested in preparing a job resume, for a job interview or help with a job application. The workshop will also include how to improve participants budget and credit.

The IETC Partners: Illinois Department of Employment Security and Central Illinois Debt Management and Credit Education, Inc. will present the workshop. It is free and open to the public.

The workshop will include information on preparing job resumes summarizing qualities and skills in a positive manner; learning to sell yourself; samples of job objectives; when to give a job resume and information on how to network to find a job since 80 percent of jobs are never advertised. Preparing for a job interview will discuss steps in becoming job ready, how to fill out a job application correctly and top questions employers ask during an interview. Participants will be able to register

on Illinois Skills Match and match job openings with the skills the individual possess.

The budget and credit workshop will walk individuals through preparing a budget for an imaginary family with housing, utilities, car payment, gasoline and other expenses. Also included will be information in a credit report and what affects credit reports and credit scores.

Many north Vermilion County residents have barriers that make it difficult to travel to Danville. This workshop is being offered to reach out to those residents so that they are able to receive these important services.

Employers may list their job openings on Illinois Skills Match by contacting the IETC at (217) 442-0236, ext. 380. This free service, provided through Illinois Department of Employment Security, provides a 100 percent matching criteria to employer sfor job openings.

Information regarding the workshop may be found on the IETC website at www.vermilioncountyietc.com, along with additional information the 18 One-Stop partner agencies and information on programs and services that are offered.

The Multi-Agency has been a partner to the IETC for several years. They offer transportation to and from the IETC located at 407 N. Franklin St. Danville, they offer other IETC partner agency space in Hoopeston.

★ Police News ★

Jeffrey W. Strawser, 39, of 601½ S. Fifth St., was arrested at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of South Fifth St.

Strawser was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 14-year-old boy. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville for a bond hearing.

A **remote control** for an in-car CD system was found at 6:30 a.m. Friday at Convenient Food Store, 714 W.

Orange, Hoopeston. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Bradley E. Cress, 26, of 1002 W. Main was arrested at 2:06 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of East Lincoln. He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 22-year-old Hoopeston man after police answered a call for a fight in progress.

Cress was released on a notice to appear.

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Includes bone density test & radiologist reading.
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On Wednesday, Nov. 8th from
9 AM to 4 PM, Angela Wenthe
from the American Cancer
Society will be available in the
hospital lobby with breast
cancer information & resources.



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Letters to the Editor

HEA explains contract issues

The Hoopeston Education Association is a profession organization that represents all certified staff of Hoopeston Area schools. Since April our negotiating team has met with the Hoopeston School Board negotiating team 15 times to develop a contract. Though our contract expired in August, we have continued to work as professionals in the classroom throughout the first quarter of this school year. Because there are many rumors in the community, we feel it is important, at this time, to publicly state the facts.
The HEA proposals include four basic concerns: base salary, health insurance benefits, retirement incentives and Fair Share. Our entire requested package is well within the financial means of the district and is extremely important to the future well-being of the district.
At the present time, Hoopeston’s base salary and insurance contributions are considerably below that offered by surrounding schools of our size and economic demographics. In the next five years, nearly 40 current

certified employees may retire. New quality teachers must realize a competitive base salary or they will not come to Hoopeston. Hoopeston’s salary schedule appears to become competitive after the teacher has been here for four to five years. Young teachers who have worked four years and paid over \$45,000 to get their degree are not going to want to wait another four years to receive a comparable wage.
Many potential retiring certified employees have given their entire careers to the Hoopeston community and its students. Retirement incentives are not huge amounts of money. Incentives are a sign of respect for dedicated employees and motivation for younger teachers to stay in Hoopeston. The continuity and stability of the staff have historically been strengths of Hoopeston’s schools.
Due to several retirements over the past three years, the Hoopeston district has realized a large saving in the education fund. The district will continue to realize significant savings from future retirements and these savings will largely sustain the financial increases proposed by the HEA. Therefore, the new money received from the recent referendum will remain basically intact to further protect the financial status of the district.
We appreciate that the school board is fiscally responsible. We are taxpayers, too. Tax referendums that pass

are to be valued and appreciated. However, if the “roof is leaking,” it needs to be fixed. We must maintain a strong structure. New teachers must be encouraged and veteran teachers must be appreciated. All teachers must be shown respect if our district is to thrive.
Hoopeston Education Association

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Briefly

Prayer meeting

Teachers, board members, administration and community members are invited to a prayer meeting from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday at First Church of God on East Orange. The meeting is to ask God to open lines of communication between the negotiating teams and for the contract to be settled.
The negotiating teams are set to meet with the federal mediator at 5 p.m. Monday at the high school.

Weather


Breezy today. High 70. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 46. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 57, low 34.
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.