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## Hoopeston's new doctor started career from ground up

You might say Dr. Jay Colbert's route to medicine started from the ground up.

Dr. Colbert, who is expected to officially begin seeing patients at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center on July 9, began his medical career at a podiatrist before becoming a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine this year.

It was a desire to be able to do more for his patients that led Dr. Colbert to become a family practice physician after 10 years as a podiatrist.

"I did things a little backwards," said Dr. Colbert, who decided at age 37 to begin the seven-year journey through medical school.

Dr. Colbert received is podiatric training in Chicago and practiced in Pittsburg, Penn. His medical training was in Philadelphia.

Last year, nearing the end of his training, Dr. Colbert wanted to find someplace to begin his practice. Enrolled the National Health Service Corps to help pay for his training, Dr. Colbert has a four-year obligation to serve in return for his tuition. He knew he wanted to live in a small town and when he saw an available position in Hoopeston, the South Bend, Ind., native came to check it out. He liked what he saw.

"What impressed me most was the quality of the people I'll be working with," he said. A person of faith, Dr. Colbert was pleased to find that trait in fellow physician Dr. Hilary Frescoln and David Elliott, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital administrator.

Not only does Dr. Colbert like small communities - "I've had enough of city life," he said - but he believes a small town is a better place for his family, which includes Wendy, his wife of 22 years, and eight children: Andrew, 20, who will attend Geneva College this year;



**Dr. JAY COLBERT**

Madeline, 16, who just finished her sophomore year; Alexandra, 14, who will be a freshman next year; Abigail, 13, who just finished seventh grade; Emma, 10, who will start fifth grade; Sophia, nine, entering fourth grade; Eliza, seven, who just completed first grade; and Ethan, six, who wrapped up kindergarten.

The couple's children have been home-schooled, for both academic and moral reasons. Wendy Colbert is their teacher, although Dr. Colbert often works with the children on math and science lessons.

Since choosing Hoopeston, Dr. Colbert, who served his elective rotation for his residency program here, has met residents both at the clinic and at various meetings and social situations. "I haven't

met anybody here that I haven't liked," he said.

He believes people will like him, too, saying his practice "more about interacting with people than the science aspect. I enjoy interacting with people. I enjoy helping people. I think people will find me approachable and easy to talk to."

The family has purchased the former Trego home; it's proximity to his job is a plus. "I'm excited that I'm only a minute from work," he said.

Dr. Colbert is also happy that his new job will allow him to spend more time with his family. He will see patients during clinic hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. most days, with later hours on Tuesdays, but the hospital emergency room is physician-staffed 24 hours a day, allowing him to have evenings free. "That was very appealing."

See DOCTOR on other side

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## Retired Hoopeston Area School District teachers honored at annual event at Honeywell

The Hoopeston Education Association sponsored the 2007 Retired School Personnel get together from 9 to 10:30 a.m., May 9 at Honeywell Grade Center.

The group was greeted by Honeywell principal Linda Sheppard and teachers and HEA members Chris Newman, Gail Barnes, Janet Crouch, Kathy Butterworth, Kathy Marlatt and Sadie Evans.

A memorial "Moment of Silence" was observed for the following retired District #11 staff members who have passed away this year: Mary Rhae McBride, Marita Webb, Janice Burke and Leonard Roark.

Refreshments were served, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Thank-you gifts and door prizes were won by 19 retired educators and staff members. Each attendee also received a copy of the group picture taken by fourth grade teacher, Gail Barnes.

Those attending included Anna Gudeman, Evelyn Swartz, Elinor Martin, Jesse Lynch, Florence Goodrum, Linda Duffin, Anna Whiteman, Anna Jane Swartz, Judy Voorhees, Priscilla Lobb, Berverly Overbey, Richard Latham, David Christine, Chalmers Flint, Larry Lobb, Richard Forshier, Greg Anvick, Tommy McMillan and Jean Smiley.



Hoopeston Area School District retired teachers

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The following HEA members served on the 2007 Retired School Personnel Committee: Gail Barnes, Sadie Evans, Lisa Mann, and Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, chairperson. Evans served as hostess for the morning.

### Court Dispositions



**June 7**

Dalia Granados, Hoopeston, failed to appear for nuisance vehicle, found guilty by default; sentencing July 19.

Wayne A. Conrad, Rantoul, general nuisance dismissed.

### Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday to a building on fire at the Trunkline Gas substation on Cheneyville Rd. No injuries were reported.

### Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 78. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 58. Tomorrow, sunny. High 78, low 57.

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

### Letters to the Editor



### Closing lake meant better fishing for kids

I would like to thank the North Fork Conservation Club Board members for shutting down the lake for the kids' fishing derby during the picnic. It was an excellent idea; the kids caught large catfish instead of just blue gills. The kids are our future fishermen.

Don Pickett  
15 Year Member

P.S. It was catch and release.

### *Doctor* continued from other side

In his free time, Dr. Colbert enjoys playing board games and watching movies with his wife and children. He also lifts weights and, now that the long hours of medical school are behind him, he hopes to get in some golf. "I look forward to taking that up again," he said.

## Classifieds

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