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Letters to the Editor

Responding to anonymous caller

To the Anonymous female who called me Tuesday about 3:30 p.m.:

Your first statement was "Get your facts straight! Dr. Kuha has not been terminated" Please reread my letter, I said, "about to be terminated". The second statement from you was "You don't know all the facts!" I'm sure I



Sweets for the sweet

Angelina Limon, seven, receives a candy cane from Santa Saturday at Rotary Park. Santa arrived on a fire truck, accompanied by Hoopeston Police, and visited with scores of local children.

don't, but I didn't get any further info from you. The third statement from you was, "I work at the hospital and I could lose my job" (Which you repeated several times) My response- I don't care.

I do know one fact and that is Dr. Kuha's job is much more important than that of an office worker.

You had time to #1-Read "Just the Facts" on the computer during working hours. #2-Research for my phone number and #3-make the call. That all takes time.

If you had the courage of your convictions you wouldn't have said "Oh no, I'm not going there" when I asked what your name was. Which means to me what you said has no merit. I stand behind what I said.

Marcia Miller
 Hoopeston

In support of Dr. Kuha

Need to keep Dr. Kuha and get rid of another doctor!!!!

Jean Akers
 Hoopeston

Dr. Timmons responds

I am writing to respond to the recent letters concerning Emergency Department (ED) physician staffing at Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

I have been criticized for somehow being personally responsible for declining healthcare at the hospital. Instead of just leveling charges on an emotional level or responding in kind to what has been said, let's set some of the facts straight and let the reader decide.

When we were asked to staff the ED at Hoopeston a little over four years ago, admissions were at an all time low of just over 200 annually. The hospital board realized something needed to be done. It seemed another rural hospital was slowly losing its patient base to the larger surrounding hospitals. Since Hoopeston Emer-

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WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese, beef vegetable soup, crackers, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY: Country fried steak sticks, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, bread, butter

FRIDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, chips, fruit chews, pudding

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or hot pocket, corn, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza or corndog, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Ham/au gratin potatoes or chicken patty/bun, bread, butter, peaches

THURSDAY: Lasagna or hotdog/bun, salad, garlic bread, pineapple

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger/bun or fish sandwich, fries, fruit cocktail

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, apple, chocolate chip cookie, wheat bread.

TUESDAY: Grilled chicken breast, garden blend wild rice, peas, fruit cocktail, granola bar, white bread.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib patty, sweet potato casserole, peas, raisins, white bread.

THURSDAY: Breaded fish, rosemary roasted potatoes, Italian vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Broiled cod, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, pineapple, cupcake, wheat bread.

Obituaries

HOUMES - Dolee Aliss Houmes, 67, of East Lynn, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Rossville Church of Christ, Rossville. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery, East Lynn. Visitation was 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hanging Rock Christian Camp or American Cancer Society.



Police News

A **63-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 10:41 a.m. Thursday that someone scratched her vehicle while it was parked in a driveway in the 800 block of East Seminary.

Dennis E. Baker, 26, of 426 E. Honeywell, Apt. 216, was arrested at 8:20 p.m. Thursday in the 300 block of East Seminary. He was charged with possession of under 2.5 grams of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia and communicating with a witness.

Baker was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, to await a bond hearing.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Henning's Restaurant, 411 S. Dixie Hwy.

Police said James Wisdom of Hoopeston, in a 1994 Buick, was trying to park when he hit a parked 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier owned by Jeanne Shore, also of Hoopeston.

Letters continued from other side

gency Medicine Specialists (HEMS) began providing ED and inpatient (hospitalist) care beginning on October 1, 2003, the average number of admissions has soared to near 600 annually. The ED patient volumes are at an all-time high and there have been significant and consistent increases in lab, x-ray and respiratory treatments.

The local hospital has once again become the busy center of much needed emergency and urgent health care for northern Vermilion County. Patients have returned to their hometown hospital in droves and the new revenue generated has provided the money needed for more advanced equipment, more stable job opportunities for employees and for facility improvements.

Additionally, outstanding new Primary Care doctors and Physician Assistants have been recruited for the Charlotte Russell outpatient center and volumes there are now increasing steadily. I believe Hoopeston Regional Health Center is positioned for a bright future as a direct result of the rebuilding decisions by the Board of Directors over the past several years, the dedicated efforts of the administrative team in many different areas and the entire team of health care professionals, including but not limited to Hoopeston Emergency Medicine Specialists.

To raise the level of quality emergency care was

why I was asked to bring my group here by the board of directors and judging from the ever-increasing numbers of citizens that are seeking out our services, we have been highly successful in achieving our goals. And as a result of our efforts, HEMS was recently recognized by the Hoopeston community with the Outstanding Service Business of the Year Award by the town's business leadership.

I can assure the community that the Hoopeston ED Medical Director, Dr. Victor Garber and I will continue, as we have in the past, to strive to make decisions that are sound and in the best interests of the hospital and community. We look forward to many more years to help build on what has been an amazing revitalization of our local health care system in the last four years.

John Timmons, MD

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