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Nursing home donates used beds for use in West Africa

When Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home was scheduled to receive more than 50 new beds to replace the 1970 models they were using, the staff felt it was important to see if the old beds could be used in another medical setting.

Several staff members had heard that medical equipment, considered outdated in our country, was often sent to other overseas medical clinics that had little or no equipment at all.

With some persistent research, the facility was put into contact with Bruce M. Compton, president of the Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach in Springfield. Compton expressed immediate interest in the beds for use in West Africa, where there is a desperate need for any type of medical equipment.

Compton sent some of their mission outreach staff to visit the facility to see if the beds could be used for this purpose. When they came to inspect the beds, they found them in good working order and felt they could be put to immediate use in several West Africa medical clinics – where the need was the greatest.

Shortly after the group coordinated pick up of the beds, the facility received an e-mail that the beds were



Local used nursing home beds are loaded on a truck with an eventual destination of health organizations in West Africa. Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home donated the beds to Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, Springfield.

already being shipped overseas.

Compton expressed thanks to the facility and communicated that the beds would help to save lives in the native medical clinics.

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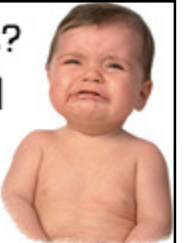
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More worry for student than soldier

This letter is in response to the horrific shootings at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on Valentine’s Day. I have a niece who attends NIU, and fortunately she was two buildings away from where the tragedy unfolded.

I also have a nephew serving in the Afghanistan conflict right now. Ironically, I worry more about my niece’s safety than my nephew’s. At least my nephew is armed and can defend himself. What on earth is our government going to do to put an end to these senseless killings in our nation’s schools? And please don’t cry “take away the guns!” Sane, law abiding citizens will lose their defenses, and the criminals and crazies will continue to obtain weapons illegally, as they do right now.

Cindy Hardwick
Hoopeston

U.S. health care for seniors is ailing

What kind of health care is coming next? Sen. Hillary Clinton said she will offer the same health care plan that is offered to members of Congress. I heard that same prom-

ise by a different politician in the year 2000 who blew his chance.

Hillary had her chances at health care reform before 2000. I didn’t hear too many complaints except the choice of doctors was limited.

New insurance plans and books with a new cost will probably arrive at the home of every senior citizen next year.

Most seniors haven’t recovered financially or mentally from the new drug program introduced in 2006.

Those of us who entered the drug program receive two 8x10 books annually, a Notice of Renewal and Evidence of Coverage. These books have approximately 89 pages of ink and seven empty pages for notes. Show me a senior who fills those pages with notes, especially those with cataracts. Most of us can’t decipher what we write anyway.

The Annual Notice of Renewal has a list of every

prescription drug on the market. The Evidence of Coverage has instructions for filing grievances, and appeals if seniors feel that their rights have been violated. I also received a 75-page book of ink with a list of pharmacies in Illinois. It teaches me how to get prescriptions filled at a pharmacy.

Some pharmacies will call seniors, reminding them not to forget to buy their drugs.

The increase in Social Security benefits was devoured by the increase in insurance premiums and deductibles ... not to mention the cost of food.

Do seniors have any rights to appeal? With a minimum of \$7,000 health care cost this year, my appeals are limited.

Vera Crozier
Hoopeston

John Greer earns PBIS honor

Recently John Greer Elementary School was cele-

brated state-wide as one of the few schools that achieved the highest rating on its PBIS evaluation. John Greer was recognized for implementing the positive social climate program (PBIS) that they began using at the beginning of this school year. This honor is often awarded to schools only after several years and some schools never earn such achievement. In the short three months between August to October, John Greer recorded a 92% drop in office referrals compared to the same time frame for the past two years. Its success is found in a pamphlet that is printed by the Illinois PBIS Network as well as on the website at www.pbisillinois.org.

By next fall all five buildings in the district will be operating under a similar program of teaching expectations and recognizing those students who choose to meet those expectations. As is shown by John Greer’s success, we have a lot of positives going on at Hoopeston Area. With your support, we can only achieve that much more. As each school begins or continues the process of establishing positive social climate, please encourage your child to become a positive participant. We will all benefit as a result.

Thanks for your support.

Ann Penicook, PBIS External Coach
Hoopeston Area CUSD #11

Briefly

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room.

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

Calendar winners

Winners to date in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawings are: Jan 4, Brandy Seabaugh, Hoopeston; Jan 11, Maggie Diskin, Rankin; Jan 18, Casey

Obituaries

CRAMER - Sandra Cramer 58, of 710 Wilson Ave., Hoopeston, died at 11:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston.

THOMAS - Loyal Dwayne Thomas, 70, of Hoopeston died at 8:14 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at Provena Hospital, Danville. There will be no services. Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

and Amber Cramer, Watseka; Jan 19, Preview Dinner Winner - Louise Lawson, Hoopeston; Jan 25, Pat Glotzbach, Oxford, Ind.; Feb 1, Ken and Dana Kuntz, Hoopeston; Feb. 8, Linda Sheppard, Hoopeston; Feb. 15, Harold Drollinger, Henderson, Nev.

Meetings

- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, City Hall
- Hoopeston Area School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, middle school conference room

Police News

A 19-year-old man reported Sunday that someone struck his vehicle several times with an unknown object. The damage occurred between 2 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday in the 400 block of South Market.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 23. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 10. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 20, low 9.

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