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Hoopeston health center adds diagnostics, plans more services

Hoopeston Regional Health Center hopes to add more services this year, including one that will aid the area's elderly population.

Speaking at the Hoopeston Community Awards Banquet on January 12, CEO Harry Brockus said the center is looking at offering geriatric psychiatry services by July.

Plans are in the works to have a licensed psychiatrist, three counselors and support staff to man the program, which will help seniors cope with such things as Alzheimer's disease, dementia, forgetfulness and depression, as well as other psychiatric issues.

Brockus said the area of geriatric psychiatry services is relatively unmet in the area and that Hoopeston could fill that niche.

Additional surgical services are also being considered. Carle Foundation Hospital is looking at a surgical residency program and Hoopeston Regional Health Center would like to offer its hospital as a place for residents to get experience.

Also, hospital officials are in discussion with two orthopedic surgeons, to offer that service locally, as well as expanding services offered by Dr. David Dillman, who Brockus called "the premier cataract surgeon in the area."

Currently, Dillman does approximately 100 surgeries each month.

In the next two months, the hospital hopes to have a new 16 slice CT scan, an update from the current four slice model. The new machine will be able to scan a patient head to toe in 12 seconds. Those images could be shared with other hospitals in the area, Brockus said.

Brockus reflected on the accomplishments of 2008, which included the addition of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, which is used 15 to 20 times per month. "It's an exciting new service that we offer," he said.

He also talked about the completion of the construction project which revamped the lab, radiology, registration and emergency room waiting room. "It's the first major construction project in a number of years," he said.

There are plans for more construction, with a plan for a new emergency room by 2010. The ER has grown 10 to 15 percent annually, resulting in a need for an expanded area.

Brockus hopes the community will take advantage of new, as well as existing services, at Hoopeston Regional Health Center. "Choose Hoopeston Hospital as your hospital," he said. "I guarantee you won't find better care anywhere. It's a diamond in the rough."

New to the health center, Brockus was named CEO on November 3, 2008 and has found his Hoopeston experience to be a pleasant one. "I've got to say it's been very friendly," he said. "My wife and I look forward to being here for many years to come."

He has been especially impressed by the people he has met. "The people in that hospital love that hospital and love Hoopeston," he said. "The people in the community love that hospital."

Although he takes his job seriously, Brockus showed a sense of humor during his talk at the banquet. "If you ever want to find me to ask about a healthcare question or anything, you can find me at the Friday Night Auction," he said.

On a more serious note, Brockus said he welcomes questions and comments on the hospital from area residents. He can be reached by phone at (217) 283-
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Briefly

Sports Booster meeting

Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the high school computer lab. Please use back entrance. Everyone welcome.

Petition filing

Candidates who wish to run in the April 7 election may begin filing their petitions on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Petitions may be filed at the offices where they were picked up, during normal business hours of those of-

CIDMCE, Inc., awarded grant funding to provide free foreclosure counseling in area

DANVILLE—As a part of a \$180 million initiative, CIDMCE, a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Intermediary, was awarded \$85,252 to provide foreclosure mitigation counseling to homeowners in Central Illinois.

CIDMCE's goal is to help eliminate the default and foreclosure of mortgages of owner-occupied single-family homes that are at risk of foreclosure.

CIDMCE will be hosting a Homeowner's Outreach Day on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 9am-12pm at the

fices.

This includes candidates for Hoopeston City Council, Hoopeston Area School Board, Hoopeston Public Library, Rossville Village Board and Rossville-Alvin School Board.

Filing period ends at the close of business Monday, Jan. 26.

Retirement party

A retirement party for Dr. Frank Laci, pastor at

Danville Public Library, 319 N. Vermilion. CIDMCE certified credit counselors will be on-site to offer free foreclosure mitigation counseling to any struggling homeowner.

For additional information about this event, please contact CIDMCE at 1-888-671-2227 or visit www.cidmce.org.

Central Illinois Debt Management & Credit Education

Community Church of the Nazarene, will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday in the church New Beginnings Center. A light meal will be served.

A freewill offering will be taken to purchase tools and a heater for the Rev. Laci's woodworking shop.

Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 at First Presbyterian Church fellow-

ship hall, 915 E. Orange. It offers face to face and telephone counseling. Offices are located in Champaign, Danville, Decatur, Galesburg, Springfield, Princeton and Peoria.

The group is dedicated to delivering professional consumer credit education, confidential counseling and debt management programs to all people of our communities served, regardless of ability to pay.



New Books at the Library



Fiction:

The All-I'll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll by Patricia C. McKissack

Lola at the Library by Anna McQuinn

On Angel Wings by Michael Morpurgo

The Worst Witch Saves the Day by Jill Murphy

Ready, Set, Skip! By Jane O'Connor

Monday with a Mad Genius by Mary Pope Osborne

Charlie at the Zoo by Marcus Pfister

Dora Had a Little Lamb by Elle D. Risco

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Cowboy & Octopus by Jan Scieszka

Nate the Great Talks Turkey by Marjorie Sharmat

Little Red Hen Gets Help by Kenneth Spengler

I Miss You Every Day by Simms Taback

The Dog Who Thought He was Santa by Bill Wallace

The Ghost in the First Row by Gertrude Chandler Warner (mystery)

I am Invited to a Party by Mo Willems

Knuffle Bunny Too: a Case of Mistaken Identity by Mo Willems

Non-Fiction:

David Beckham's Soccer Skills by David Beckham

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 25. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 16. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 32, low 18.

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

ship hall, 915 E. Orange.

To schedule an appointment, call Yolanda Woods at (217) 283-9556.

Youth Football meeting

Hoopeston Youth Football League will be holding its annual meeting to elect officers at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Hoopeston Library.

Anyone is interested in holding an office for the league is asked to attend.

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