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Extended hours offered for in-person absentee, early voting

Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster will offer extended hours for in-person absentee and early voting prior to the general primary election on February 2, 2010.

The county clerk's office conducts absentee and early voting for the 59 precincts located outside the city limits of Danville.

The Voting Center, located on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex, will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2010.

Under a new provision in Illinois law, a voter who wishes to vote absentee need not declare a reason for doing so. Absentee voting is available in person or by mail.

Those who wish to vote absentee by mail should request an application from the county clerk's office as soon as possible after Thursday, Dec. 24. Once the

office receives the application, a ballot can be mailed. The last day on which an absentee ballot may be mailed to a voter is Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010.

Voters who are permanently disabled may request an application for a special identification card which will entitle them to automatically receive absentee ballot applications for every election for five years. The card is renewable.

"This card is very convenient for our permanently disabled voters," Foster said. "We have had great success with this outreach program."

For further information, call (217) 554-1911.

Rural Rossville man's condition good after fire at his home

A rural Rossville man was listed in good condition Monday after he was burned in a fire at his home.

Jerry Nuss was taken to Provena United Samaritans Medical Center following the fire, reported at 1:44 a.m. Sunday at 34336 N 1700 East Rd. He was later transferred to the intensive care unit of Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis.

Nuss' home was fully engulfed in flames when firemen arrived. Reporting the fire was delayed because Nuss had walk more than a half mile to a neighbor's home to report the blaze.

Rossville Fire Department was assisted by Hoopeston and Bismarck firemen and were on the scene until almost 6:30 a.m.



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For more information, call Tanya McVicker, (217) 283-5531, ext. 255*

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Durbin 'in dark' about healthcare reform

No, this is not a joke. Last week, on the floor of the U.S. Senate, Illinois' senior Sen. Dick Durbin admitted that he is "in the dark" about the national health care "reform" bill.

During the debate, Senator John McCain from Arizona raised the issue of being informed about the healthcare bill before asking the entire senate body to vote for it. Durbin's answer was, **"I would say to the senator from Arizona that I am in the dark almost as much as he is, and I am in the leadership."** (Emphasis added)

Yet Senator Durbin and his fellow Democrats are considering a "nuclear option" to rush this unknown bill through the voting process. This means that a simple majority – only 50 votes – would impose government-run healthcare on all Americans.

Even if elected officials, who will be deciding the fate of every U.S. citizen's healthcare, don't know what they are doing, there are some facts that are

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clear.

To start, Americans will be taxed an additional half billion dollars, while Medicare services will be reduced by \$464 billion.

Obama/Reid/Pelosi government-run healthcare would lead to rationed medical care – meaning less time spent with a doctor, less preventative care, and more time spent waiting for important medical procedures and tests. Mandated insurance will provide coverage you don't need and deprive you of needed

Briefly

Library to host 'Gifts in a Jar'

Youngsters five to 13 are invited to Hoopeston Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 22, for the children's program "Gifts in a Jar." Kids will be able to make hot chocolate mix, cookie mix, reindeer food and some surprises.

Space is limited to 30 people per session. Two sessions are set, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sign up for only one session per person. To register, call (217) 283-6711.

Lights on

Rossville's Christmas display at Christman Park will be lighted from 5:30-9 p.m. nightly through December. Come enjoy the scene. There is no charge.

Christmas Eve service

First Christian Church, 502 E. Main, will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

Lorraine interviews

Area residents who have had interesting experiences at the Lorraine Theatre and would like to be included in a documentary about the theater are invited to a meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010 at the Lorraine. Hoopeston Area media students will tape the meeting for the documentary.

Weather



Sunny today. High 28. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 19. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 37, low 21.

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

coverage.

Insurance companies can't compete with reduced government premiums. Some are estimating it will take as little as two years for insurance companies to fold.

Now is the time to flood Senator's Durbin and Burris with calls to oppose this proposal that even Durbin doesn't understand.

David E. Smith, Executive Director
 Illinois Family Institute
 6732 W. 173rd Street, Suite 7
 Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Police News



A 45-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12 p.m. Monday that someone took a tan 1990 Buick Park Avenue from the 100 block of South Fifth St.

Classifieds

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