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The positions will normally be located in the Emergency Room and will function as an ER Tech in that setting. The ER Tech positions will assist the ER Nurse in the care of Emergency Room patients. Duties may include taking vitals, performing EKG's, starting IV's and other care as directed by the Nurse.

The position would perform as an EMT - I/B with the Ambulance Department when patient care needs require it. This position is responsible for assessing the nature and extent of injury or illness to establish and prioritize medical procedures to be followed. The position administers life support care to the sick and/or injured patients in a pre-hospital setting as authorized and directed by the Physician.

Qualified candidates will have a current Illinois EMT-I or EMT-B license. The position requires excellent communication, customer service and clinical skills.

Interested applicants can mail, e-mail or complete an employment application at the hospital. The mailing address is Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange Street, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Our fax number is 217-283-4803. E-mail address is: [betsy.morgenroth@hoopestoncmh.org](mailto:betsy.morgenroth@hoopestoncmh.org)

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## County health department to cut programs to keep doors open

Attempting to keep their doors open, the Vermilion County Health Department and Board of Health will cut some of their programs and services at the end of this month.

Effective January 31, three grant-funded programs will cease operations: Healthy Families Illinois, All Our Kids Early Childhood Network, and Targeted Intensive Prenatal Case Management. "With these cuts, we are eliminating twelve positions, including six RNs, five support workers and one clerical position," said public health administrator Steve Laker. He adds, "We have serious concerns about the long term consequences of cutting these maternal and child health programs, but we believe the Board of Health is taking a proactive step toward enabling us to continue to provide our other vital programs and services."

As of early last month, the state of Illinois owed the health department \$800,000 in payments for grant-funded programs and services provided to residents of Vermilion County, and the County Board was contemplating closing the health department's doors. The state has now paid most of the money due to the health department since last fall, but Laker said the debt continues to accrue. "While we are thankful for the money we have received from the state, they are still not current in their bill-paying, and we have no choice but to find a way to reduce our reliance upon state-funded programs," Laker said.

Healthy Families Illinois began as a pilot program in 1997 to provide intensive, in-home parent education and awareness to new parents identified as being at risk of child abuse and neglect; it currently has a caseload of fifty-eight families. Vermilion County was chosen as a pilot site for Targeted Intensive Prenatal Case Management in July 2000 because of the high rates of Medicaid expenditures for infants during their first year of life; the

program currently has a caseload of fifty-seven. And the county was chosen as a pilot site in 2000 for the All Our Kids Network program, which connects families of children up to age five with the resources and programs they need to ensure good parenting.

Laker said, "This decision, while a painful one, reduces our budget by over \$423,000 overall and eliminates \$30,000 a month in mounting debt." And while he said he anticipates these cuts will keep the health department open through May, Laker expects additional program cuts may well lie ahead for the Vermilion County Health Department and other local human service providers unless the State of Illinois resolves its fiscal crisis.

### Briefly

#### 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.

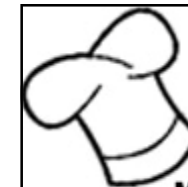
Hoopeston Area media students will tape the meeting for the documentary.

#### Meeting reminder

A meeting of all Hoopeston contractors, including general, yard, painting, plumbing, HVAC and others, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to get input into a registry system for contractors who do work in the city. The public is also invited.

#### Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. For an appointment, call Yolanda Woods, (217) 283-9556. You are eligible if you have not donated since November 13.



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## Letters to the Editor

### Will we ever learn from our mistakes?

Nearly 250 years, ago our founding fathers spent 13 years after our Declaration of Independence until they agreed upon the articles of our Constitution, which was to guide this new nation on how to run a free democratic government. They decided we needed a legislative, executive and a judicial branch, and each was responsible to insure that the others were in compliance with the written

Constitution. Of course, there have been many amendments to our constitution that reflected changes needed to insure that the needs of the times were made which all branches agreed on. There have also been many laws passed by the legislative branch, that the executive branch signed into law, and that the judicial branch did not rule on.

One thing our founding fathers did not take into consideration was they did not realize that two-thirds of our government (executive and legislative branches) would be taken over by special interest groups, with their lobbyist infiltrating both political parties, and spreading money throughout our federal and state government representatives, to a point that the average citizens votes are almost valueless. The worst part it is a perpetuating entity. These fine folks running our government are not going to do anything to lower their control and stranglehold on the mass majority of this nation's citizens. Does anyone see how we can take back control of our government and nation?

We are at war now both abroad and at home. Through our history, there have been many mistakes when we are at war. During our Civil War, there were a number of mistakes on both sides. How would the battle of Gettysburg been affected if General Lee had been advised by Cavalry General Stuart about where the union forces were located? Would that war have lasted longer?

During WWII, what if the Germans had known beforehand about our forces on D-Day, or what if our commanders in Hawaii had received the intelligence alert before the bombing. Would the war in Europe lasted longer, and would the war in the Pacific been shorter?

Right now, we are in a war at home, not against a single country, but by a misguided idea. During the 1990s during the Clinton administration is when our war with terrorists began. In this column there were a number of articles citing nearly 30 different terrorist attacks on this country and other nations (one by a highly ranked commander of a base in Florida and another by an officer who had been stationed in Iraq, and who just happens to be from Hoopeston). Most of these attacks were at U.S. embassies, bases, and one attack on a U.S. ship. There were also plane, train, and ship attacks, plus a bombing

of our New York Trade Center during this time. It wasn't until September 11, 2001, when the four planes crashed into the trade center, Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania, that the citizens of this country and our government raised our heads up out of the sand and woke up out of our slumber, and realized that we are being attacked by people that want to harm us.

Later, it was learned that there was a lot of intelligence on these hijackers, and if we had only shared the information with all the agencies that should have been advised, we may have been able to stop this attack.

Now, again, another attack has been stopped, but not by our security agencies, but by passengers of the plane attacked. Again, there were many signals in different agencies that, if put together, should have alerted everyone involved in this kind of homeland security, that this guy was an enemy. We also cannot forget the missed signals our agencies had on the officer at Fort Hood.

All of these agencies are suppose to be on our side (one side), and when they don't share information from agency to agency, they are not acting as a team. Can you imagine our Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard, acting as independent entities and not sharing all combat information with each other? There would be Americans killing Americans because of the lack of continuity. That is exactly what our government security agencies are doing. Does anyone disagree with this?

Not only is the general public put at risk, it is a complete reversal from what homeland security is all about. Even our state, county, and local police agencies can't help their citizens when they don't have important information to secure our protection. This blind-leading-the-blind system is going to get many American citizens killed.

Whether these agencies are aware of it or not, we, the citizens, are just as much at war with these terrorists as they are, and we are not afraid of sharing important in-

### Weather



Partly sunny today. High 22. Tonight, snow. Low 13. Tomorrow, snow. High 19, low 7.

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formation if it might save someone's life. We can no longer afford to pay for any agency that has to remain so secretive that information that could harm us has to be kept silent.

It is time for this nation to set up a data base with all intelligence information be made available to all agencies involved in homeland security. There needs to be an administrative position established that will be in charge of all intelligence agencies, so one agency cannot put the blame on another. I am sure that many attacks have been stopped, but do you want to be on a flight, train, or in a building when a bombing isn't stopped, but could have been. We need one intelligence agency to protect our troops and our citizens.

Tom Evans  
Hoopeston

### Police News



**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 2 p.m. Sunday at Parkview Court. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan owned by Amanda and Walter Hollis of Hoopeston.

**A 50-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 3:34 p.m. Sunday that someone damaged her vehicle while it was parked in the 800 block of Wyman.

### Court Dispositions



**December 17**

**Araceli Colunga**, Hoopeston, status check February 18, 2010.

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