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Funding forces CRIS to close meal sites, limit bus service

Area senior citizens used to partaking of CRIS senior meals at Centennial Manor will have to make other arrangements.

The agency has announced it will quit providing meals at the center, as well as those in Rankin, Westville,
 See CRIS on other side



Photo by Annette McMillan

Laying down on the job

Will Nogle lays next to a snowman he and his sister, Meegan, made while off from school Thursday. The powdery snow wouldn't pack to make a regular snowman so the youngsters decided to make one lying down.

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Police News



Chelesa D. Salinas, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for improper backing after an accident at 12:55 p.m. Friday at Penn and Third Ave.

Police said Salinas, in a 1996 Chevrolet truck, backed from a driveway into a parked 2006 Pontiac

owned by Ryan M. Carlson, also of Hoopeston.

Donald G. Hoppers, 44, of Watseka, was ticketed for an accident that occurred at 8:05 p.m. November 20, 2009 at South Fourth St. and East Maple. Hoppers was mailed tickets citing him for driving under

the influence and driving under the influence with blood alcohol greater than .08.

Esmeralda Rubio, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested

at 7:56 p.m. Saturday at Penn and Route 1. Wanted on a Warren County warrant for failure to appear/speeding, she was released on \$300 bond.

CRIS continued from other side

Ridge Farm and Georgetown, along with Vermilion House and the Laura Lee breakfast because of funding delays from the state.

The closings leave only one meal site open in Danville and resulted seven people - three from the meals program and four from the social services branch - being laid off.

Additionally, the Hoopeston Corn Cruiser bus route, which runs between Hoopeston and Danville, will have the number of daily trips reduced.

Beginning January 19, the Hoopeston Corn Cruiser route will make only two round trips per day, Monday through Friday, between Hoopeston and Danville.

The morning trip will now make pick-ups at the Hoop-

eston bus stops between 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and leave from the Hoopeston Multi-Agency at 7:45 a.m. The morning return trip will leave Danville, starting pick-ups from the Danville Mass Transit Bus Transfer Zone at 10:20 a.m. and returning to Hoopeston by 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon trip will now make pick-ups at the Hoopeston bus stops between 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon leaving from the Hoopeston Multi-Agency at noon. The afternoon return trip will leave Danville, starting pick-ups from the Danville Mass Transit Bus Transfer Zone at 2:20 p.m. and returning to Hoopeston by 3:30 p.m.

The fare for the Hoopeston Corn Cruiser is still \$3 each way per person and \$1.50 each way for seniors over 60 and disabled. No reservations are required to ride the Corn Cruiser.

CRIS Vermilion Transit will also provide a curb to curb transportation to those who need this service. Reservations for the service must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Cost is \$4 each way or \$3 for seniors over 60 and disabled.

When funding is restored, CRIS Vermilion Transit intends to reinstate the Corn Cruiser Route back to three round trips per day, Monday through Friday.

For a detailed schedule or questions about transportation options, call CRIS Vermilion Transit at 217-443-2999.

Court Dispositions



December 17

Justin Mercier, Hoopeston, status check January 21, 2010.

Jason Mercier, Milford, status check January 21, 2010.

Juan Ybarra, Hoopeston, default finding vacated, trial set for January 21, 2010.

Obituaries

LIND - Pearl E. Lind, 98, of Hoopeston, died at 9:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

NIELSEN - Margaret Elaine (Steffes) Nielsen, 69, of Hoopeston, died at 4:07 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Cremation rites will be accorded. No services will be held. Memorials are suggested to her family, c/o Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, applesauce, pudding; Maple-Pizza hut, lettuce, applesauce

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, pears

WEDNESDAY: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Mini burritos, salad, pineapple, chips & salsa

FRIDAY: Pizza Hut, lettuce, mixed fruit; Maple-chicken strips, green beans, mixed fruit, pudding

Hoopeston Area middle/high schools

MONDAY: Chicken bacon wrap or ham & cheese, salad, applesauce, cookie

TUESDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or ravioli, max stick, salad, pears

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy or pancake & sausage nuggets, scrambled eggs, pears, juice

FRIDAY: Cheese pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit

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Briefly

Meetings

- Grant Township Board, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Grant Township office
- Hoopeston City Council, special meeting on Prairie Meadows housing development, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hoopeston City Hall
- Contractors meeting, rescheduled from last Thursday to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hoopeston City Hall

Weather



Chance of snow today. High 26. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 14. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 26, low 17.

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