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Late state payments force health department program cuts

Following the Vermilion County Board's rejection of a request for an additional loan of \$400,000 to the county health department, the Vermilion County Board of Health last night officially voted to terminate four grant funded contracts with the state of Illinois. Family Case Management, Healthworks Illinois, and Healthy Child Care will cease operations at the Vermilion County Health Department on May 31; they are all funded through the Department of Human Services. Also ending May 21 is the Case Coordination Unit, including the gap-filling and flexible senior services contracts, all of which are funded through the Illinois Department on Aging. Public Health Administrator Stephen Laker said the Illinois agencies are being formally notified immediately, as per their 30-day prior notice of termination agreement. "We have no choice in taking this action, since the state now owes us \$500,000, and that number could escalate to \$700,000 by June," Laker said. This action is expected to save \$67,000 in payroll, and will reduce the extent of debt owed by the state, and continue operations. "It is critically important for us to reduce our costs while maintaining resources and services for as

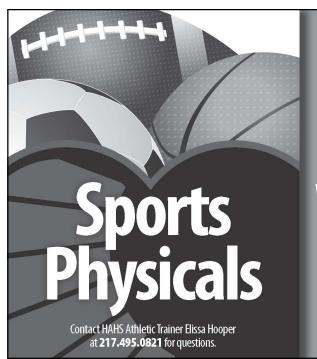
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Hoopeston Regional Health Center will be hosting a C.N.A. class. The class runs from Monday, May 24, 2010 through June 22, 2010 and normally meets Monday - Thursday from 8 AM to 4 PM. On June 28, 2010 the class meets from 7 AM to 11 AM and the final exam is scheduled for June 29, 2010 at 8 AM, Classes will normally be held in the Community Room at Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

If you're interested in taking the class, please complete a class application by 4 PM Friday, May 7, 2010. Applications are available at the Hospital Reception Desk at:

> Hoopeston Regional Health Center 701 E. Orange Street Hoopeston, IL 60942

Applicants are required to be tested prior to acceptance into the program. The mandatory testing will be held Monday, May 10th at 1 PM at Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Tuition for the class is covered by a grant that DACC received. Payment to DACC for the cost of the text book and background check, which is \$87.58, is required before the class starts.



An employee of Casey's General Store, 115 E. Orange, reported at 4:21 p.m. Thursday that someone in a dark colored Chevrolet Cavalier took gas without paying for it.

Daniel L. Ferrell, 22, was arrested at 12:50 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of South Sixth Ave. He was charged with criminal damage to property over \$300 on a complaint from a 20-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Ferrell broke the rear window of his vehicle.

Ferrell was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 23-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 11:15 a.m. Friday that someone took several items from her vehicle while it was in the 600 block of East McCracken.

Robert A. Ferrell, 49, of Lafayette, Ind., was arrested after an incident at 4:07 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of South First Ave. He was charged with battery and criminal trespass to property on complaints from at 40-yearold Milford woman and a 20-year-old Hoopeston woman, who alleged Ferrell was trying to force his way into the home. One of the women was injured trying to get between Ferrell and the other woman.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, applesauce, cookie

TUESDAY: Pizza rolls, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, peaches, juice

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

FRIDAY: Hotdog/bun, fries, mixed fruit Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, corn, applesauce, cake

TUESDAY: BBQ rib/bun or chicken salad wrap, California blend/cheese, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Chicken fettuccini or sub sandwich, max stick, salad, pears

THURSDAY: Turkey & noodles or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, corn, pineapple, hot roll

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

Police News

Ferrell was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

A driver for Davis Express, Inc., of Boswell, Ind., reported at 4:56 a.m. Saturday that air hose lines running from a semi cab to a trailer had been cut. The truck was parked in the 700 block of East Orange at the time of the damage, estimated at more than \$300.

Perry D. Carswell, 48, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 2:25 a.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East Young. He was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 40-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Carswell hit her several times.

Carswell was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Melody L. Voyles, 40, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 8:03 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of East Washington. She was charged with domestic battery on a complaint from a 37-year-old Hoopeston man who

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long as possible," Laker said.

With the program cuts, 20 people will lose their jobs; 14 of whom are registered nurses. "We began the year with 74 employees, and since December we have lost 32 individuals, or 43% of our workforce," Laker said. He said every effort is underway to retain the Women, Infants and Children program and Family Planning. "If we cut those, we will be down to minimum certified health department status, with about 20-22 employees total," he said.

Laker said the health department will work diligently within the community to facilitate the transfer of programs and services to other agencies. "We believe these programs will continue to serve clients, but we know things will never be the same, with services centralized and well integrated within the health department," he said.

Weather

Chance of showers today, then mostly cloudy. High 58, low 40. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 61, low 38. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

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Education Coordinator must have a degree in early childhood education or a minimum of a CDA or State equivalent credentials. Have knowledge and experience of Head Start philosophy and practices, Spanish speaking preferred but not required. Must be healthy which does not interfere with responsibilities and have the education or experience in collaborating with parents to educate their children. This position is full-time during the season. Assistant Coordinator must be bilingual spoken and written, assist in the operations of the center. This position is part-time during the season.

Bus aides, this is a split shift position, part-time during the season. Age requirement for all positions is 18, due to the requirement of passing the background check. Please fax resumes to 815-984-4500 or send to HMHS, P.O. Box 136, Wellington, IL 60973, or call 815-984-3706 and leave a message. Accepting applications until 4/30/2010 EOE.

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