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 C.N.A. PROGRAM  
 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.

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Letters to the Editor

**Praise for local hospital**  
 Our Hoopeston Hospital is a blessing to this community.  
 Within six days, our family made three trips to Hoopeston Hospital emergency room: our son with a farm accident, grandchild's broken bone and my asthma attack.  
 The doctors and staff were excellent, professional and knowledgeable.  
 Thank you so very much to the doctors and staff. Keep up the good work.

Bev Alwardt  
 Hoopeston

**Brother defends brother, questions police**  
 As you drive into Hoopeston there is a sign welcoming you, go online and a website touts the community as having "People Who Care About You!" While you are in Hoopeston, billboards and radio commercials encourage consumers to shop local because your money stays local and is re-invested in the community. Up to this past weekend, I somewhat believed in all these things  
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INTRODUCING  
**Dr. William McCarthy**

  
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With 33 years of experience, Dr. McCarthy has seen almost everything. These years of experience make him the trusted, Board Certified professional you want helping you make medical decisions. Dr. McCarthy is relocating his Sheldon practice, full-time, to the Charlotte Anne Russell Medical Center. This way patients benefit from the team approach at CARMC and the easy access to all of the services at Hoopeston Regional Health Center.

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**The PIT STOP at EAST LANES**

**Tuesday:** Beef/Chicken & Noodles  
 Open Bowling 1-close \$2.75  
**Wednesday:** Italian Beef/Ribeye Sandwich  
 Open bowling all day. \$2.75  
**Thursday:** Swiss Steak  
**Friday:** Cod & Ribeye Steaks  
 Open Bowling all evening  
**Saturday:** Prime Rib & Ribeyes  
 Open Bowling 1-10  
 Closed at 10 for Milford Post Prom  
**Sunday:** Open Bowling 12-4

**Summer Leagues now forming for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday!**

**719 W. Elm, Hoopeston (217) 283-6505**

**Letters** continued from other side

but am now starting to question whether this is a reality or a dream of someone that grew up in a small town.

I, like many people who grew up in small towns, left for perceived greener pastures as a young adult. I attended college and moved north to a suburb of Chicago. I married, had a kid and for many years never thought twice about leaving. In the past year or so I started craving that sense of community and charm that I felt the suburbs lacked. I wanted my boy to experience some of the things I did by growing up in a smaller community. After some discussions about this, my wife and I decided to purchase a house in Hoopeston. She enjoys the charm of old houses and has always wanted to fix one up and I wanted to spend more time in the area with old friends and family. We decided to use local vendors and my wife has been trying to embrace small town attitudes and ways that come with a small community. Things had been moving smoothly until this past weekend.

My two brothers, wife and I deciding to go out to dinner. Not wanting to drive out of town we went to Kelly's Pub on Main Street. After dinner we decided to walk around for a bit and ended up in the Blue Moon Saloon. This is where my faith in small towns has been broken.

In the saloon were three off-duty police officers. In our society as a whole people expect that they are never in harm's way, one would think that this would be especially so in the presence of civil servants that have been trained and taken an oath to protect and serve private citizens. This is why I was shocked when an off duty police officer (person A) struck my brother in the face and made threatening remarks not only to him but his children (they are 6 and 4 and fortunately were not in the bar). This was quickly broken up by another off duty officer (person B) and person A was escorted off the premises by person B. The end result was the police being called, my brother pressing charges, and the accused off-duty officer being placed on administrative leave.

To most people this may sound complete, but following are some questions this raises to me.

To begin with I would qualify my little brother as a law abiding citizen. He has a good job, two children, owns a house and although my opinion may be biased, I feel that the world would be a better place if more people were like him. This was compromised when an off-duty officer struck him. It seems like person A incited my brother to

break the law through promoting disorderly conduct in a public establishment. Person A was twice the size of my brother and trained to physically be able to protect himself. One could also argue that this training could be used to inflict harm on a person, which could impair someone to miss work or not be able to perform duties correctly. This act of violence could cost someone a job, limiting one's ability to maintain a home and raise children effectively. Why would someone who took an oath to protect and serve even consider inflicting this type of violence on someone?

Secondly, what would be the outcome if the situation was different? If anyone else in the establishment would have struck an individual, what would the outcome have been? I'm guessing that the off-duty officers would have stepped in and the person in question would have been taken to the Public Safety Building. Why wasn't person A treated in this manner? Why was he escorted off the premises by off duty officers? Are off duty officers not held to the same laws as private citizens. Are they not expected to enforce the same rules on themselves as they would someone else? How can we expect them to enforce the law when they don't feel the law should be obeyed?

Lastly, what is the economic loss of this situation? Three officers were called to the establishment to investigate and another was called in from home to assist. I assume the officer that came in was paid overtime and I'm sure that the three officers that arrived could have been doing something else to enforce/promote public safety. This is blatantly wasting a municipality's resources. In addition, person A was placed on (paid) administrative leave. Not only is a public servant paid while he is investigated, I'm sure the investigation comes with a price tag. In the very least, other officers will either be required to cover his shift or police coverage will lapse. I'm sure these officers will be paid overtime. Daily we hear about budget deficits and the future consequences to taxpayers. Why are we wasting tax dollars on situations like this?

Further, what is the economic cost on the community? Will I really want to spend my dollars locally? The next time I want to dine out, I may choose to leave town. This is an economic loss to local eateries. If I go Danville I may stop at other stores, purchasing things that

could be found locally.

Granted, I'm only one person, but how many people in Hoopeston may be doing this? I can't imagine the owner of the establishment was delighted to hear that an off duty officer struck a patron. Will this encourage residents to frequent his establishment? In the end incidents like this could have much larger economic ramifications than one would think, and I feel it should be addressed.

It appalls me that this happened and I feel the need to express myself. If this type of behavior has happened before then it obviously wasn't addressed properly. If this is an isolated incident then an example needs to be

**Police News**



A 26 inch Next bicycle was found at 9 a.m. Monday in the 200 block of North Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

William E. Keele III, 19, of Hoopeston, was charged with disorderly conduct after a 45-year-old Hoopeston man alleged Keele drove down an alley in the 700 block of South Market while the man's children were present.

Keele was given a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

**Open house winners listed**

Hoopeston Regional Health Center's open house to welcome Dr. William McCarthy to the Charlotte Anne Russell Medical Center drew people not only from Hoopeston but from the surrounding area. Several drawings were held throughout the event. Winners were:

- \$50 Beef House gift card-Terry Silver, Hoopeston
- \$50 Casey's gift card-Peg Rhanor, Kentland, Ind.
- \$50 Monical's gift card-Mary Bertram, Milford
- 32" Vizio LCD TV-Don Webb, Sheldon
- Ultimate Spa getaway, Heartland Spa-Linda Schroeder, Crescent City
- Sirata Beach, Fla., trip-Jane Long, Hoopeston

**Weather**



Mostly sunny today. High 70. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 42. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 67, low 46.

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made to restore my faith in the entire system and show me that small towns can rectify the situation in the correct manner.

To end on a positive note Sgt. Quentin Morgan and Officer Ephriam Bolin were both very professional and helpful; I'm hoping that they are the true standard of Hoopeston's Police Department.

Kory Nelson  
Hoopeston

**Classifieds**

**HELP WANTED**

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for the following positions:

**Families Service Coordinator**, this applicant must be bilingual spoken and written, have social work education but a degree is not required. Some work experience and familiar with migrant families. This position is full-time during the season.

**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.

Silver Brothers Construction looking for worker. Must have CDL class B or A license, must be able to pass drug test. Send resume to 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston or come in and fill out application

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