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We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of customers for their years of loyal service business, and hope to continue meeting that expectation of exceptional service, as always.

Wishing you and your families a Happy New Year.

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Year in Review

Economy crime, controversy headline local 2010 news

A \$5.1 million project that was four years in the making leads the top local stories for 2010.

Prairie Meadows, an Affordable Workforce Housing development, was completed earlier this month, marked with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The development features 25 single-family homes, which tenants began moving into the week of December 6. The pro-

The Top 10 of 2010

ject is considered a boon for local lower income families, who will be able to purchase their homes after 20 years.

Coming in second in this year's list is Hoopeston Regional Health Center, with its

renovations plans that include a new Rossville Clinic, to be located near the Rossville Fire Station, and a new nursing

See 2010 on other side

The PIT STOP at EAST LANES

Monday: Taco Salad & Meat Loaf
Tuesday: Chicken/Beef & Noodles
Wednesday: Spaghetti & Rib Eye Sandwiches
Thursday: Swiss Steak
Friday: Lunch: Cod, Ribeye Sandwich
New Year's Special:
Prime Rib, Ribeye, Chicken
Cordon Bleu, Baked Potato, Salad

Dance in the New Year to the music of Southbound Band
Bowl in a 7-8-9 Pin Tournament starting at 7

Open Bowling
Monday 12-5
Tuesday-Wednesday all day & night
Saturday 1-close
Sunday 12-4

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After Hours

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We heard you! Based on what you told us, CARMC has added Karen Langdon, MS, PA-C, for After Hours care. Patients can now walk in or make an appointment from 8 am to 6:30 pm on Monday, 8 am – 8 pm Tuesday – Friday, and from 9 am – 5 pm on Saturday.

Karen brings small town roots and larger city experience to her new position in Hoopeston. After growing up in a small town in Ohio, she earned degrees from Texas A&M and Baylor. She has treated emergency department patients in Michigan, and After Hours and Rural Health clinic patients in northern Illinois before choosing to practice in Hoopeston. Karen brings over 16 years of experience to the new After Hours care at Charlotte Anne Russell Medical Center.

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2010 continued from other side

home, planned for Route 1 across from Olympic Hardware and Anthem Chevrolet.

Both Hoopeston and Rossville have approved zoning changes for properties for the new sites. Work on the nursing home, an estimated \$6.5 million project, is expected to begin next spring.

Other stories rounding out the top 10 include:

3. Former Rossville youth minister Andy Thomas, 46, was charged March 18 with one count of criminal sexual assault-position of trust. On September 22, Thomas appeared in federal court after a grand jury indicted him on five counts of exploitation of children. Thomas, who was remanded into custody, was to go to trial November 29 but action on the case has been continued to January 5, 2011.

4. Hoopeston Area schools, along with schools throughout the state, failed to receive state funding on time. That caused the local board to lay off 15 workers at the board's March meeting. While workers were rehired into their current jobs or in new positions, funding was a concern throughout the year as the state failed to pay for its share of "mandated categoricals" such as special education and transportation. Superintendent Hank Hornbeck announced at the December meeting that the state had caught up on much of the back payment.

5. A December 30 crime did not receive much local press coverage until January 4, when Brandyn Calloway, 24, was charged with the murder of Kelly Wright, 27. Calloway, who was remanded into custody, pleaded not guilty. Jury

trials had been set for March, June, August and November but due to continuances, the case is now set for trial on February 25, 2011.

6. Who owns the rights to Jerky, the Hoopeston Area mascot, came into question in 2010 as a new website, Cornjerker Nation, was launched by alum Curt "Scooter" Ellis, who also designed a logo for the volunteer group Be A Part of It, that included Jerky. After a public meeting and the school board and Ellis and Be A Part of It volunteers, Ellis agreed to sign over his rights to the Jerky - which he said he worked on with creator Dick Hobbs - to the school district. District officials are currently waiting to hear from a copyright attorney about the transfer document Ellis gave to them.

7. A motel in Hoopeston, hoped for and worked on for approximately a decade, won't become a reality anytime soon. After deciding to give land at Routes 1 and 9 to a developer to construct a motel, and after having had two developers express interest, then back away, the motel idea is still in limbo. Earlier this year, city officials paid more than \$6,000 for a feasibility study. In May, officials announced the study showed a need for a 40-unit motel in Hoopeston. The report was shopped around to motel groups but current economic conditions, including tight financing, mean making the project a reality is more difficult, officials said.

8. The local McDonald's restaurant, which celebrated its 34th birthday earlier this year, was set to be replaced with a new facility on Route 1 between CVS and Crown Ford. Construction was set to begin in the fall but due to reported difficulties with the developer, has not been realized. Plans are still in the works for a new McDonald's but details of the project will not be released until all plans are finalized.

9. Hoopeston Area Marching Cornjerkers hope the school board will give them the green light to participate in the 2010 Liberty Bowl in Memphis. Band director Wendy Ronna made an impassioned plea at the December board

meeting. If granted, the 60 band members would need to raise \$30,000 for the trip next December.

10. After 40 years, two Hoopeston veterans were honored with a Vietnam War Memorial. William Gooden and Joseph Kelnhofer, who died in the war, were honored after Mike Bane and Terry Meador raised more than \$12,000 for the McFerren Park memorial, which was dedicated in November.

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Obituaries

DALE - Harold A. "Cookie" Dale, 83, formerly of Wellington, died at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Wellington-Greer Fire Department.

KNAUTH - Sarah M. (Morse) Knauth, 96, of Watseka, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Memorial service will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Arrangements were by Segur-Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka.

Weather



Showers likely today and tonight. High 57, low 31. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 32, low 18. Sunday, Mostly sunny. High 28, low 18. Monday, sunny. High 35, low 22.

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