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Anthem Chevrolet, Dependable Auto, announce merger

Anthem Chevrolet Buick announced recently that it will merge its mechanical repair and body repair services with Henry Patton and Kim Franklin of Dependable Auto Service.

As a result of the merger, Patton and Franklin will join the staff at Anthem Chevrolet. Franklin will join Butch Smith as a service consultant at the dealership under the leadership of Service Manager Maurice Daniels. Patton will bring his vast knowledge and years of experience as a service technician to the Anthem Chevrolet service team.

The merger also means Dependable Auto Service will

no longer stand as the independent repair facility it has been for the past 15 years. This allows for the transfer of all body shop operations from the dealership to the current Dependable Auto Service building, creating one of the largest body shops in the area.

The new body shop will be called Anthem Collision Center, and will be managed by current body shop manager, Steve Edwards. Because the body shop provides body repair work for every insurance carrier and repairs every make and model of vehicle, it has outgrown the current facility at the dealership. It was the growth in the body repair business, along with similar growth in the dealership's mechanical repair business that caused Dave McFadden, Anthem Chevrolet owner, to consider a larger body facility and additional service staff prompting him to discuss the merger with Patton and Franklin.

"Henry and Kim are two of the finest people in the business, asking them to join our team was an easy decision," McFadden said. "Their commitment to taking care of their customers for the past 15 years says every-

See MERGE on other side

Police News

Marcos L. Ramirez, 21, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 12:31 a.m. Monday at Main and Sixth Avenue. He was charged with driving without lights when required and no valid driver's license.

Ramirez was released; his car was towed from the scene.

A **31-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 8:20 a.m. Monday that some unspecified equipment was taken from the 400 block of West Main.

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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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Obituaries

BOYSAW - Sulema Boysaw, 62, of Westville, died at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at Kerbow Funeral Home, Eldorado, Tex. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of local arrangements.

BROWN - Jane W. (Adams) Brown, 75, of Milford, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at Iroquois Memorial Hos-

Provena's Festival of Trees seeks theme for 15th event

DANVILLE—While residents are still in the holiday spirit, Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation is already working on great ideas for next year's 2011 Festival of Trees, and has announced a contest to find the perfect theme.

"It will be the 15th year for this event," said Angie Lazzell, Development Specialist for the Foundation, "so we want to do something special to choose next year's theme—giving everyone a chance to participate."

Participants can go online and submit ideas for the theme. The top five ideas will be voted on by the public on Facebook. The winning entrant will receive a framed Festival poster utilizing their theme, as well as four tickets to the Festival public special event of their choice.

The contest is open to anyone in Vermilion and surrounding counties. Only one entry per person will be

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thing I need to know about how valuable they will be to our organization." He added "Not only are we fortunate enough to have them join us, but the move allows us to greatly increase our body shop operation. It supports our goal of being the only place customers need to go to for all of their repair needs."

Franklin said she is appreciative of their customers and the loyalty they have shown for the past 15 years and said, "Henry and I and the team at Anthem have a common goal, great customer service."

Patton added "we hope to continue meeting our customer's expectation of exceptional service in our new role at Anthem Chevrolet Buick."

The move was effective January 3.

pital, Watseka. Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church, Milford Ambulance Service or granddaughter Kylie Maples education fund. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

PRATHER - Robert William "Bob" Prather, 73, of

considered. The theme should be between one and four words. Recent themes include "Imagine" and "Rejoice."

To enter, participants need to visit www.provena.org/usmc/trees and submit the online form no later than Friday, Jan. 14. On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the top five entries will be selected and posted for voting on the Festival Facebook page, www.facebook.com/provenafestival. There will be a two-week voting period. The theme receiving the most votes will be announced on February 1.

Although the Festival of Trees is presented during November, planning for the event happens year-round. The theme is determined early so marketing materials can be developed and sponsorships secured.

"Our 2010 Festival of Trees: Imagine was a tremendous success thanks to all of our sponsors, designers and volunteers," said Lazzell. "Attendance this year reached an all time record and we raised more than \$160,000 for our outreach programs. But this event is not just a fundraiser—it's a terrific event that brings together our entire community to launch the holiday season and we want it to be a fun, magical experience. We need a theme that can help convey that spirit."

Visit www.provena.org/usmc/trees, to enter the contest and learn more about the Festival of Trees, and the outreach programs of Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Foundation that it supports.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 36. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 20. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of snow late. High 27, low 12.

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

Mahomet, formerly of Rossville, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville. Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Gideons or charity of the donor's choice.

SHEETS - Dale Wilson Sheets, 97, of Kansas City, Mo., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at Cherry Hill Nursing Home, Kansas City. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:11 p.m. Monday to the Masonic Lodge, 208 W. Orange, for a car on fire. The car was a total loss. No injuries were reported.

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