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## Local hospital, clinics, plan to join Carle Foundation

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, and medical clinics in Rossville and Cissna Park may become part of Carle Foundation in October 2012.

Carle and Hoopeston's top priorities are to further enhance the quality of healthcare services being performed in Vermilion County and to provide additional specialty services to the area.

"Access to high quality care should not be limited by where a person lives," said James C. Leonard, MD and president and CEO of The Carle Foundation at a press conference Friday. "We, as healthcare providers, must

find ways to increase our ability to care for the people of the region. Integrating with Hoopeston Regional Health Center is the right thing to do."

"The ability for a Vermilion County area resident to receive the same type of treatment available at Carle, here in Hoopeston, will be a major enhancement for the communities we serve," said Russ Leigh, Hoopeston Regional Health Center Board chairman. "This will be a partnership we can be proud of."

Under the proposal, assets of the hospital and clinics would be transferred to Carle Foundation as a sister enti-

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Danville Area Community College [DACC], in partnership with Hoopeston Regional Health Center, will host a C.N.A. class on their Danville campus for Hoopeston area residents. The class runs from May 18, 2011 through June 28, 2011.

The classroom (Theory) will be held at DACC from May 18 to June 17<sup>th</sup>. Starting on June 20<sup>th</sup> the students will finish out their schedule at Hoopeston Regional Health Center doing their clinical competencies.

Applicants are required to be tested prior to acceptance into the program as well as passing the mandatory electronic fingerprint scan. The mandatory testing will be held on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> on the DACC campus. Costs for the class will be discussed at this time. Applicants must live in the DACC school district.

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## Hospital continued from other side

ties to Carle Hospital, Arrow Ambulance, Health Alliance, and others under the foundation umbrella, said Harry Brockus, Hoopeston Regional Health Center CEO. The local board would continue to oversee hospital/clinic issues.

Hoopeston and Carle physicians have teamed together since November 2009, resulting in better patient care. Brockus highlighted an instance in which the partnership has paid off for local women, who, because of the partnership, can have a mammogram in Hoopeston,

have it read by Carle's radiology professionals, and have results in 24 hours, rather than in days.

Financial details of the asset transfer - and whether Carle Foundation will assume the medical facility's debts - are not yet available. Carle Foundation's capital connections made possible a \$4 million loan for Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital to revamp its emergency and surgery departments. In addition, the health center has \$8.4 million in outstanding obligations, Brockus said.

The agreement must still be approved by local and foundation boards and the Illinois Health Facilities Service and Review Board.

Under the proposal, Hoopeston Community Nursing Home and Country Terrace Apartments will be spun off in a new non-profit entity and a separate board established.

Plans are already underway to relocate the nursing home to a 25-acre tract on Route 1 and Thompson. A new Country Terrace will be built on the site, expanded

from 30 to 50-60 apartments, and a 24-apartment assisted living center will be the final addition to the property, Brockus said. Proceeds from the asset transfer will be used for that project, he added.

The nursing home project has a \$6.4 million price tag and will be funded through a low-interest USDA loan. HRHC is also applying for a state Community Development Assistance Program grant. Costs for the new Country Terrace and the assisted living complex were not available; however Brockus said those projects have expected completion dates of 2014 and 2015, respectively.

How the agreement with Carle Foundation will affect HRHC's management contract with Quorum Health Resources is unknown. QHR and Carle are negotiating and had their first meeting March 10, Brockus said.

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## Lunch Menus



### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, applesauce, cookie

TUESDAY: BBQ rib, fries, pears

WEDNESDAY: Maple: Pizza Hut (cheese), salad, pineapple; Honeywell & John Greer: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, Mandarin orange, grape juice

THURSDAY: Maple: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tri-tater, Mandarin orange, grape juice; Honeywell & John Greer: Pizza Hut (cheese), salad, pineapple

FRIDAY: No school

### Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

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

TUESDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY: Cook's choice

FRIDAY: No school

All meals include milk.

## Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 47. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 50, low 34.

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## Classifieds

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