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## Cultra sponsors bill mandating drug testing for Medicaid

Citing a need to reform the Illinois entitlement system to help rein in the fastest growing segment of the state budget, State Sen. Shane Cultra (R-Onarga) is sponsoring legislation to require drug testing for public aid benefits.

## Veterans' pictures sought

Hoopeston Area High School will again present a Veterans Day program this year. Pictures of current and past veterans, along name, service branch and rank, may be sent to McKenzie Bieber, c/o Ryan Morehouse, Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange.

"People often stop me on the street and ask, 'what are you doing to help solve the budget problem?' Well here is one small solution," Cultra said. "

Cultra has filed Senate Bill 2500, which would require drug screening as a way to receive Medicaid benefits. The legislation will ask for an initial drug test upon applying for Medicaid and also subsequent random tests for current recipients. Nursing homes would be exempt.

"We will not rush this proposal through, we will obviously be concerned with the costs associated with the actual drug tests and how this will affect the state's ability to pay for them," Cultra said. **See MEDICAID on other side**

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## Blue Devils win homecoming game, defeating HA 56-29

Hoopeston Area has to win its next two games to make it to this year's playoffs, after suffering a 56-29 defeat to Bismarck-Henning in the Blue Devils' homecoming game.

The Cornjerkers were scoreless the first quarter, while BH tallied 28.

In the second quarter, Aiden Berg hit Zachary Drollinger for a 63 yard TD, followed by Terrence Poke returning a Bismarck kick-off 80 yards for another touchdown. Robert Irvin had a 68 yard kick return, which turned into another TD when Drollinger scored again.

Connor Cline added to the total, catching a 79 yard touchdown pass.

Poke was 16 for 44 rushing on the night, while Irvin and Drollinger each two for six. Nick Papanek was 1 for 14 and Coty Coon was six for -3.

Poke was five of 14 passing, with 86 yards and a TD. Berg was one of two for 63, with one TD and one interception.

In receptions, Irvin was three for six, while Cline

had one for 79, resulting in a Cornjerker touchdown. Drollinger was two for 64.

Matthew Watson led the Cornjerkers in tackles, with 17, followed by Drollinger 14, Poke 12 Irvin 11, Papanek 10, Alex Golladay six, Cody Wilson two, and Cline, Tristan Vaughn and Jordan Varns one each.

The Cornjerkers (3-4, 2-3) will host Westville's Tigers (5-2, 3-2) Friday night.

### Obituaries

**BURGE** - Grace Elizabeth (Freeman) Burge, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 423 E. Seminary, Hoopeston IL 60942.

**HURT** - Erma Jean Hurt, 67, of Hoopeston, died at 10:07 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

### Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:12 a.m. Sunday at Sixth Avenue and Honeywell. Police said Maria R. Montoya, of Hoopeston, was backing a 1999 Chevrolet from a driveway and hit a 2005 Mercury, driven by Evelyn L. Thompson.

### Court Dispositions

#### September 1

**Douglas Land Jr.**, Hoopeston, status hearing October 6.

**David T. Cannon**, Hoopeston, status hearing October 6.

### Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 54. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 74, low 56.

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### Medicaid continued from other side

ity to comply with federal regulations," Cultra said. "Reforming Medicaid and other public aid entitlements has to start somewhere."

Cultra noted that recent federal regulators have objected to bipartisan Medicaid reforms passed in January. One required Medicaid applicants to produce more than a single pay stub to establish income eligibility a requirement targeted at preventing fraud. But under the current federal administration, new attempts to verify Medicaid recipients are actually eligible for Medicaid is considered a "new" and forbidden eligibility restriction.

"It is ridiculous that the federal government has objected to Illinois wanting to verify eligibility requirements for Medicaid patients," Cultra said. "These are the same federal authorities that dangle the money in front of us, then turn around and tell us we can't be responsible for making sure it is spent sensibly."

SB 2500 will be introduced during the Fall Veto Session, later this month.

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