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Vermilion County voters to decide fate of referenda Tuesday

Vermilion County officials are bringing two issues to voters in Tuesday's election.

One referendum seeks to give officials permission to sell Vermilion Manor, the county nursing home, while the second would allow officials to enter into an agreement with Integrus LLC.

Regarding Vermilion Manor, voters will be asked "Shall Vermilion County, Illinois be authorized to sell the county nursing home known as Vermilion Manor Nursing Home?"

County board Chairman Jim McMahon said giving the county authority to sell the nursing home does not mean Vermilion Manor will be sold.

What it will do, he said, is give the county options for the home, which is expected to have a \$1 million deficit in the FY2012-13 budget.

Eight years ago, voters approved a 10 cent per \$100 tax to help fund Vermilion Manor. The extra infusion of funds helped sustain the nursing home for a while, but "the state changed their direction" by interrupting Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements, McMahon said.

Illinois currently owes the nursing home \$1.9 million. At times having run 120 to 180 days behind in payments, the state is currently 70-80 days behind. "Everybody on the board realizes what shape the stat is in," said District 1 member Chris Leigh.

Nearly half the nursing home's income is received through state payments.

Also, the levy for the nursing home is at the maximum level, said District 1 board members Gary Weinard.

With state finances the way they are, stand-alone facilities like Vermilion Manor face an uphill financial battle. "Mom and Pop operations won't exit in this culture," McMahon said, adding officials have had conversations - but not negotiations - with companies interested in Vermilion Manor. Discussions have ranged from a

company purchasing Vermilion Manor outright to managing it under county ownership, said McMahon.

Vermilion Manor was built in 1972 and an addition was erected in 1978, bringing its total licensed beds to 220. As of last week, the facility had 176 residents. It is a \$10 million corporate enterprise with a bi-weekly payroll of \$200,000, McMahon said.

McMahon, Weinard and Leigh urge county voters to support the referendum. "If you trust the state, vote no," McMahon said. "If you don't, vote yes."

Weinard was a little more diplomatic, saying a "yes" vote "is one sure way to make sure Vermilion Manor stays a nursing home."

The second referendum asks "Shall Vermilion County, Illinois have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program?"

The referendum came about because of 2010 General Assembly action allowing local governments to combine the electricity purchasing of residents.

How it works is that a company - in this case, Integrus - purchases electricity for large groups, receiving a lower rate and passing savings to customers.

County residents who are customers of Ameren can save more than 25 percent on their electric bills, McMahon said. Ameren's rate is 6.13-6.18 cents per kilowatt hour, compared to Integrus' rate of 4.495 cents per kilowatt hour.

Customers currently involved with Integrus had to opt into using the aggregator; if the referendum passes, residents who do not wish to participate will have to opt out.

Vermilion County is using Integrus' services, and has saved about \$90,000 in a year on its own electric bill, McMahon said. Additionally, the county receives a

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Police News

Kylene M. Anderson, 18, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 1:13 a.m. Tuesday after a traffic stop at Route 9 and Sixth Avenue. She was charged with no valid license and operating an uninsured vehicle and was released on a notice to appear. Her vehicle was towed.

Billy L. Buss, 39, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday at the police station. He was charged with two counts of theft over \$300 for allegedly taking cash from Ted's Home Beverage, 101 W. Main. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Anna M. Clouse, 89, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday. Police said Clouse, in a 1992 Dodge, pulled from Community Bank parking lot and struck a 2001 Buick, driven by Steven C. Nelson, of Rossville, who was northbound on Route 1.

Sawyer J. Neal, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:38 p.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of East Maple. He was charged with threatening a public official, obstructing a police officer, disorderly conduct and resisting a police officer. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Police are investigating a report made at 11:28 p.m. Wednesday that a child's Halloween candy had what appeared to be part of a razor blade inside the wrapper. The candy was received in Hoopeston or Rossville.

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 small rebate for each customer who uses Integrys.
 McMahon estimated the county could receive enough to offset bond payments on work needed at the courthouse, including new elevators and a new roof, estimated to cost \$5-\$7 million.
 In September, Vermilion County entered into an initial agreement with Integrys that expires in December. Under the voluntary agreement, Integrys offered immediate savings to those who signed up.
 Currently, 1,031 customers have signed on, including 995 residents and 36 businesses.
 In addition, Integrys is helping promote the referendum prior to the election.

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 employer, Greene Galvanized Stairs and DiAnna's
 employer, Hoopeston Regional Health Care
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 The support of a kind word or visit, a caring
 phone call, a delicious dish of food, a monetary
 gift or help with tasks that I can't handle means
 more than you know. Greatly appreciated are
 your prayers.
 I am thankful I live in a community that has the
 ability to care and go out of their way for others.
 All your support and kindness is helping me and
 my family stay strong to fight a great battle. I
 thank each and every one of you for all the
 kindness, support and prayers that I have
 received.
 These simple words do not adequately express
 the appreciation and gratitude that I and my family
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Briefly

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Obituaries

CASTONGUAY - Jennifer C. (Dillon) Castonguay, 44, of Milford, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to the Zachary Castonguay College Fund.

Weather



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