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Seniors seek housing after Country Terrace seeks to close

At one time, a new Country Terrace was considered for construction next to Hoopeston's new nursing home.

Now, not only will a new one not be built, but the existing one is closing and senior citizens who have been living at Country Terrace will have to find a new place to live.

Residents and families were notified of the closing last week. There are currently 20 residents in the complex, which opened in 1995 as a 30-apartment independent living complex, affiliated with Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, said Harry Brockus, member of Hoopeston Retirement Village board.

Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation owns both Country Terrace and the new Hoopeston Heritage Health Nursing Home. The foundation is a pending 501c3 operation.

Brockus, who also serves as CEO of Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center (CHRHC), said Country Terrace has lost residents through attrition - those who need nursing home care or who die - and new residents tend to choose Autumn Fields over Country Terrace.

Autumn Fields which opened last year, began as an assisted living facility, and then added independent living options. By having both under one roof, Brockus said, they have a greater population to market to and gain residents from, making the likelihood of their success greater.

Additionally, Brockus said, Country Terrace has run at a deficit for several years and has been subsidized by other parts of Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Rates were increased in October, but as openings have gone unfilled, keeping Country Terrace open became unsustainable.

The tardiness of state funding to the nursing home also played a role. Agencies owe the nursing home more

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League Meetings
 Monday Night Ladies 6:30 p.m. Mon. Aug. 5
 Thursday Night Men's: 7 p.m. Thurs., Aug. 8
 Sunday Night Mixed: 7 p.m. Sun., Aug. 11
 Friday Night Mixed: 6:30 p.m. Fri., Aug. 23
 Youth League: sign up Saturday, Aug. 10
 Cost is \$10 per week. Bowl at 6:30 p.m.
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Briefly

Girls basketball practice
 Basketball practice for girls going into fifth or sixth grade this year will start Monday, Aug. 5. Practice will be from 8-9:30 a.m. at John Greer gym. Athletes will need a physical, tennis shoes, gym clothes and water bottle.

Marching band practice
 Hoopeston Area Marching Band camp will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. August 5-9. Parent performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8.

La Casa del Sol to help HAYS
 La Casa Del Sol will donate 10 percent of every purchase to Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer from 3 p.m.-close Thursday, August 8. HAYS appreciates the management of La Casa for hosting this event and for their generosity. No flyer needed!

CNA Classes at Hoopeston
 DACC Hoopeston Higher Education Center will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) evening course in the Fall 2013 semester. An orientation session

will be held on August 8th at noon at Danville Area Community College in Prairie Hall, room 106.

To qualify candidates must be a resident of DACC district. Admission requires testing, a live scan fingerprint background check, and an application. If interested, please call 217-443-8784, Susie Landers, for testing. There are a limited number of slots for this highly competitive program and preference will be given for those living in the northern part of the district.

New Tdap vaccine, physicals available at special CAR clinic

Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center in Hoopeston will host special clinic times for all children grades 6 and up who need the tdap vaccine.

Tdap is a required vaccine for all students who have not had their pertussis or tetanus boosters.

Students in grades 6 and 9 will also receive their required school physicals during this visit.

Student who receives either their vaccine or physical during these special clinic dates will receive these services at a reduced rate of \$15. This rate is only good during special clinic times and you must have an appointment.

Clinic dates and times are...

August 5: 3 pm – 6 pm
 August 6: 8 am – 12 pm
 August 7: 8:30 am – 1130 am

You must call CARMC at 217-283-5644 to schedule your appointment.

Students from any school district are welcome.

Obituaries

BURTON - Athel S. Burton, 73, of Hoopeston, died at 11:09 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, at home. Arrangements are pending at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 79, low 64. Tomorrow, high 85, low 70.

Country Terrace continued from other side

than \$1 million, hampering the foundation's ability to maintain sufficient cash operating levels at both the nursing home and Country Terrace. "The HRVF Board struggled with this decision for several months, but in the end, determined our core business was the nursing home," Brockus said.

In the announcement to families, a closing date of February 1, 2014 was set but that is contingent upon completion of a planned expansion of Autumn Fields, both construction and licensure. Country Terrace will open until Autumn Fields is ready to accept residents, Brockus said.

Country Terrace currently has four full time staff and the board is still working through severance options for them. They hope to transition many to other positions with Autumn Fields or Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center over the next six months.

The Country Terrace building does not meet Illinois Department of Public Health codes for hospital occupancy and so cannot be used for hospital purposes. It will remain dormant and the CHRHC board is expected to have a strategic planning meeting in September to discuss future plans of expansion for the hospital campus.

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