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County health department names new administrator

Jenny Trimmell has been named Public Health Administrator of the Vermilion County Health Department following Shirley Hicks' retirement on March 3.

"I look forward to working with the Board of Health and our community partners in making this a safe and healthy community," said Trimmell.

Trimmell will serve as administrator following the retirement of Hicks, who started working for the health department in 1985 and who has served as administrator since June, 2010.

Trimmell started working at the health department in 1997 as the Health Educator. She then spent a year as an Education Specialist at Carle Clinic in Urbana, but returned to the health department in 2001 as a staff nurse for the Family Planning/STD program.

In December 2001 she assumed the role of supervisor for the Family Planning/STD programs, and then took the position of Director of Community Health Services starting in December, 2007.

Upon Hicks' announcement of plans to retire, and after careful consideration, Trimmell was appointed by the Board of Health to serve as administrator.

Trimmell has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville. She is a life-long resident of Vermilion County, having lived in Fithian for the first 19 years of her life before moving to the Danville area.

Trimmell and her husband, Ross, live just west of Danville and have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Barickman focuses on day budget was to be released

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois taxpayers have seen it before - Gov. Quinn and his legislative majorities wait until after an election to reveal a plan to raise taxes and increase spending.

Highlighting the day the Governor was to unveil his budget plan, State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington) joined his Republican colleagues in calling on Governor Quinn to share his budget plans with the public now, rather than waiting until after the primary election.

By law, Quinn was to release his annual budget plan Feb. 19 - but was given a reprieve when Democrats pushed through a deadline extension earlier in February.

"Everyone knows this will be a difficult budget year. We have a lot of work ahead of us to balance the budget. The sooner we can get that process going, the better," Barickman said.

Keeping the budget plans under wrap until after an

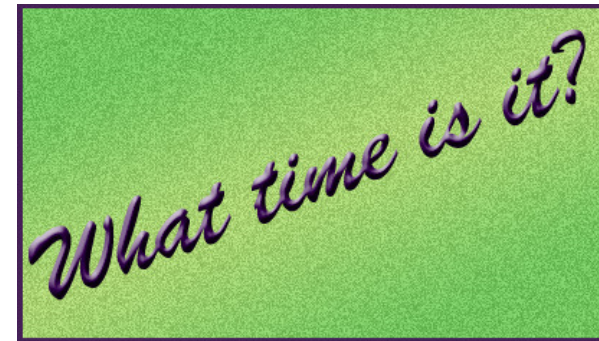
election is reminiscent of the last governor's race, Barickman said, pointing out that after the 2010 election Democrats approved and Quinn signed the largest tax hike in Illinois history. That tax hike passed in the middle-of-the-night during a lame-duck legislative session.

Barickman said the delay in releasing the budget is just one concern.

"We need to adopt policies that will reverse job losses, bring spending under control and prevent ever-higher tax increases," Barickman said. "That is going to require bipartisan cooperation that is made more difficult by the Governor's political decision to keep his budget under wraps."

Barickman said the state's unemployment rate, which is the third highest in the nation, along with Illinois' status as the state with the worst credit rating in the nation, means Illinois must focus first of turning around

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Briefly
Jaycees to hold festival forum
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Obituaries

LACY - Helen E. (Stringham) Lacy, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 10:43 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, at her son's home in Hoopeston. She will be cremated and a graveside service held at 11 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice, 206a W Anthony Dr., Champaign IL 61822. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

Budget continued from other side
the economy and creating jobs.

Barickman said several steps should be taken to move the state forward and show good faith on the part of the Governor and his legislative allies.

Enable Economic Growth

- Roll back the 2011 income tax increase as promised and required by law;

71st National Sweetcorn Festival at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Hoopeston American Legion Post, 502 E. Penn St. It is open to the public.

Everyone is encouraged to voice their opinions about what they would like to see at this year's National Sweetcorn Festival.

Police News



A 22-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 12:38 p.m. Monday that an unknown person took an undisclosed amount of cash from a business in the 1000 block of West Penn.

- Take the progressive income tax - a job-killing tax hike -off the table;
- Enact a "primary causation" standard in workers' compensation to build on 2011 reforms and bring Illinois' employer costs closer to those of neighboring states;
- Work with Republicans to develop long-range, sustainable economic development programs.

Control Spending

- Bring state spending in line with revenues;
- Prohibit the creation of new programs and expansion of existing programs;
- Target and eliminate wasteful "pet" programs/expenditures, including the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, Grow Your Own Teachers and other failed programs.

Create Efficiency in Government

- Look at other states for examples of how government can spend less but do more
- Seek bipartisan solutions to address the inequities in the state school aid formula, such as eliminating the Chicago Block Grant;
- Continue efforts to remove ineligible Medicaid recipients from receiving taxpayer-paid medical services;
- Restore SMART Act roll backs that eliminate the savings from the Medicaid Reform Act.

Weather



Wind chill advisory 12 a.m.-10 a.m. Wednesday. Sunny today. High 16. Tonight, clear. Low 6. Tomorrow, sunny. High 14, low -1.

Danville Farmers Market set to release guidelines, applications

Anyone interested in participating in the Downtown Danville Farmers' Market should attend the Vendor Information Meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Danville Public Library, 319 N. Vermilion St., in the first floor conference room. Market guidelines, applications and the market map will be handed out so vendors can sign up for this year's market. Some reserved vendor spaces will be offered.

A change for this year's market is that we are moving to an evening market one day a week. Downtown Danville Farmers' Market will take place from 2-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. The market will kick off May 17 on the library south parking lot.

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Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston
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