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# DACC grant to teach common sense skills job seekers, employees

DANVILLE—Employers are constantly lamenting the fact that "too many of the workers we have lack the common-sense skills they need to keep a job."

Danville Area Community College just found a way to fund a program to teach common sense to job seekers and incumbent workers. The Illinois Community College Board awarded \$225,000 for the "Bridge and Innovation" grant to DACC to fund the college's Innovative Transitions Program.

Operations Vice President Kerri Thurman, Executive Vice President Dave Kietzmann, Dean Laura Williams, and Assistant Vice President Brian Hensgen teamed up to design the winning program and successful application. "The primary focus will be on unemployed and underemployed adults," said Thurman. But the program will also assist incumbent workers who need to upgrade skills to remain employed, as well as student veterans."

The grant will fund "life skills" educational training for three different types of students. The first are those who are simultaneously earning their highschool equivalency as well as job credentials, such as in a certified nursing assistant program.

The second group are job seekers who need shortterm technical-skills training prior to employment.

The third group are college graduates who need to See SKILLS on other side

# Plans in works for 8th annual Community Christmas Dinner

Organizers are gearing up for the annual Community Christmas Dinner, now its eighth year.

Festivities will again be held at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Christmas Day with bingo, with prizes donated from the community. Dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m., with more fun and fellowship after dinner with coffee and dessert.

Reservations are needed to make sure enough food is

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To make reservations, schedule a ride or receive a meal, call (217) 283-5544 or (217) 495-1620.

Organizers are looking for volunteers to make desserts for the dinner. Anyone who would like to volunteer in other ways may call the above numbers for more information.



Attention: Prairie Green Township Residents SPECIAL Township meeting for REGISTERED Voters on Monday, December 16th, 2019.

This meeting will be an open discussion meeting to decide and vote on the new location for the Township building and grounds.

This meeting will be from 6:00 - 7:00 pm on December 16th at the Prairie Green Fire Station at Greer. If you have any questions, please contact one of your Township Board Members.

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PEP potluck

Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main, will hold their People Enjoying People (PEP) Potluck a week early this month, at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. Everyone is welcome at this free event. Main dish,

## From the Blotter

James Brayboy, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday to Carle Hoopeston emergency department for a report of a battered woman. After an investigation, he was arrested on preliminary charges of aggravated battery, domestic battery, battery of an unborn child and criminal trespassing. Brayboy was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

### Skills continued from other side

be prepared for success in the working world. The program addresses what has become the chief concern among local employers, namely, that too many of today's job seekers lack a practical understanding of how to be successful employees.

As Lori Russell of DynaChem said during last



drinks and table service are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

#### Wreaths across America ceremony

A Wreaths across America ceremony will be held at Red Top Cemetery at 11 a.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Obituaries

**HOFBAUER** - Christopher M. Hofbauer, 36, of Champaign, formerly of Rankin, died Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. Visitatio will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Memorial services will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Grace Lutheran Church, Rankin.

month's DACC-hosted breakfast meeting with manufacturers, "What many employees today really lack is what we call 'soft skills' - or should I say, life skills. We can teach them the fundamentals of a job, but too many of the people we hire are not adequately prepared when it comes to understanding how to hold and keep a job or to advance in a job to a supervisory level."

The grant will fund a new two-hour Corporate Education program that Director Stephanie Yates recently developed in collaboration with business leaders. The program addresses both the personal ethic and the work ethic, and crosses all industry sectors.

## Weather

Cloudy today. High 40. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 30. Tomorrow, chance of rain/snow. High 38, low 19. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of snow late. High 27, low 21.

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