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Hoopeston Regional Health Center gets care quality recognition at remote conference

The Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) recently recognized Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center (CHRC) for its ongoing commitment to exceptional quality of care, during a ceremony held November 17 during ICAHN's Annual Conference via Zoom.

As part of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Program (MBQIP), ICAHN asked Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center and other critical access hospitals voluntarily to participate in four defined domains of quality outcomes. These four domains include Patient Safety/Inpatient, Patient Engagement, Care Transitions and Out-

patient Measures.

"Often, in rural hospitals, having a devoted staff member to abstract and submit this data can be both time-consuming and burdensome," Laura Fischer, ICAHN Flex Coordinator, said. "This hospital realizes how important quality of care and an engaged staff is for its patients...From its top leadership on throughout the facility, each strives for continued quality on a daily basis and that is what we are celebrating today."

ICAHN honored CHRC for demonstrating the most improvement over one year in ensuring continuity of care when transitioning patients to other healthcare facilities.

"We are very proud of our team for achieving this level of excellence in health quality," Heather Tucker, MSN, RN-BC, NEA-BC, Hospital Administrator at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center, said. "This is truly a team effort that recognizes our dedication to delivering a healthcare experience of which our patients and staff can be proud."

ICAHN, located in Princeton, IL, is a network of 57 small rural Illinois hospitals dedicated to strengthening

the operations of its member hospitals through collaboration. The organization is composed of Illinois hospitals who have earned critical access hospital designation by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. ICAHN is recognized nationally for its work with rural healthcare and administers several state, federal, and private healthcare programs.

Obituaries

BERTRAM - Mary Ann (Watts) Bertram, 74, of Milford, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be at 11 a.. Saturday at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Milford Fire Department, Milford Christian Church or her granddaughter, Megan Bertram. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

BESSLER - Michael Bessler, 48, of Bismarck, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be held at a later date. Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville, is handling arrangements.

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:44 p.m. Monday at West Orange and South Dixie Hwy.

Police said David Weber, 47, of Hoopeston, in a 2016 Chrysler van, was reentering the roadway after leaving First Farmers Bank when he accidentally collided with a 2017 Ford van driven by Timothy M. George, 61, of East Lynn.

James F. Shoulders, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 5:31 p.m. Monday at South Second Ave. and West Main. He was charged with driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. He was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Court Dispositions

November 18

Joshua J. Fiala, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing December 9.

Joshua J. Fiala, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft, case being sent to state for further enforcement.

Weather

Patch fog then sunny today. High 50. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 28. Tomorrow, sunny. High 51, low 37.

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