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**Carle Hoopeston nurses among best in patient communication**

A publication that focuses on healthcare industry news recently listed Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center (CHRHC) among the top hospitals in the country, including among only 15 in Illinois, to be the best in nurse communications for patients.

Becker's Hospital Review came up with the list based on the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems data from the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services. The star rating is based on responses to three survey questions on how patients feel about nurses providing clear explanation, nurses treating patients with courtesy and nurses respecting and listening to patients. The data, released Jan. 31, 2024, is from post-visit patient surveys done between April 2022 and March 2023.

"We are very proud of our nurses at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center," said Heather Tucker, DNP, RN -BC, NEA-BC, hospital administrator at Carle Hoopeston. "The care and respect the nurses offer each

patient is evident each day. The nursing teams have provided a commitment to a rural area that is otherwise limited to care received close to home. The nurses take pride in providing access to world-class care, listening to individual patient needs, and ensuring they have the information they need for healthcare decisions."

CHRHC nurses are on a journey to Magnet designation, the highest recognition for nursing excellence in the healthcare industry. They are dedicated to creating an inclusive and compassionate care experience and are proud to earn the trust the community has in their care.

For more information about Carle's exemplar nursing capabilities, visit [carle.org](http://carle.org).

*Briefly*

**Meetings**

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include: discussion on the common wall between 308/310 E. Main; hen ordinance; 209/211 E. Main; wind ordinance for Invenergy Musketeer project and partial payment approval for Lee Excavation.

**Floral Hill cleanup**

Cleanup of Floral Hill Cemetery will begin soon. Please remove winter decorations by Thursday, March 8. Items left after that date will be disposed of by cemetery staff.

**At the library**

**Mary Hartwell Catherwood Book Club**, 1:30 p.m. Monday. This month's selection is *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:45 a.m. Tuesday. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to  
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**Auctions**

**Griffith Online Auction**  
ZTurn, washer dryer, tools, upright freezer, Sectional and more  
Everything was bought in 2020/21  
Clean auction ends March 7 @ 6pm

**Doyle Law Office**  
**Furnishings Online**  
The building is being Demolished  
Desk, chairs, tub chairs, Lane table,  
Bassett Mid Century Buffet ...  
Ends March 11@ 6 pm

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March 23, 2024

**FARM SAFETY DAY**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Farm Safety Demonstrations / Free Blood Pressure Checks / Farm Vendors  
Bounce House / Pedal Tractor Races / Touch a Truck and Tractor / Free Lunch

McFerrer Park Civic Center  
Hoopeston, IL

## Obituaries

**HOLLEN** - Norma Jean (Abbott) Hollen, 86, of Hoopeston, formerly of Champaign, passed away at 5:10 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston. She was born February 12, 1938, in Potomac, the daughter of Harold and Grace (Sollars) Abbott. She married Gary Leroy Hollen on April 28, 1957, in East Lynn. He preceded her in death on May 24, 2020.



**NORMA JEAN HOLLEN**

She is survived by two sons, Mark (Deb) Hollen of Waynesboro, PA and John (Mary) Hollen of Lakewood; two sisters, Virginia "Ginger" (Bill) Judd of Medford, OR and Janice (Ronald) Dowell of Champaign; one brother, Dennis "Denny" (Jackie) Abbott of Champaign; five grandchildren, Danielle (Jeffrey) Kardisco, Gillian (Garrett) Austin, Michael (Natasha) Hollen, James (Anna) Hollen, and Thomas Hollen; three great-grandchildren, Ivyn and Judah Kardisco and Nikolas Hollen; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Charles "Chuck" Abbott.

Norma Jean worked at the University of Illinois as an Administrative Assistant until her retirement. She was a member of St. Peters United Church of Christ in Champaign. In her younger years, she enjoyed singing with her trio and later enjoyed doing cross stitch. Norma Jean's greatest love was her family as she was a devoted wife and especially loved her grandchildren.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated, and burial will be held at a later date.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Norma Jean's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling arrangements.

**BUSENBARK** - Allen David "Dave" Busenbark, 88, of Watseka, died at 4:59 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital, Peoria. He was cremated and a memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene. No burial will be held. Anderson Funeral

Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**FIELD** - Larry J. Field, 74, of rural Wellington, died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, February 29, 2024, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**ST. JOHN** - Karen F. (Weidenburner) St. John, 79, of Potomac, died at 8:04 p.m. Sunday, February 24, 2024, at home. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. A celebration of her life was held at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial was in Potomac Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hooves of Hope. Condolences may be shared at [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com).

## Lunch Menus

### Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Grilled cheese, baked beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, celery sticks, pears, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, baby carrots, peaches, milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli, Max Stick, baby carrots, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hotdog/bun, chips, baby carrots, Veggy Juice, apple slices, milk

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken, broccoli, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Fiestada, baked beans, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti, Max Stick, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

### Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken or hot ham & cheese, salad bar, broccoli, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Fiestada or BBQ rib/bun, salad bar, baked beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or calzone, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Hotdog or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

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age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Those who crochet, knit, sew or other portable handcrafts are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Builders Club**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages! Free building, challenges, buddy builds and more!

## HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday. Come join us!

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

## Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Hoopeston First Church of God, 1004 E.

## From the Blotter

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 2:55 p.m. February 26 at West Orange and South Second Ave. Police said Deborah Clayburn, 60, of Hoopeston, in a 2012 Ford utility, stopped at the stop sign, entered the intersection and hit a 2005 Saturn Vue, driven by Nathaniel Sims, 23, of New Lisbon, Wis.

**Joseph Wilson**, 43, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:53 a.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Young. Wanted on a warrant from Parke County, Ind., he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

**Julius P. Thomas**, 25, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:39 a.m. Friday to the 900 block of West Penn for a theft report. Wanted on a Vermillion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville, by a county deputy.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:21 a.m. Thursday to Plaza Commons, 715 W. Elm, for a report of the smell of natural gas. Nothing was found.

## Weather

Breezy, partly sunny, slight of showers today. High 72. Tonight, showers. Low 51. Tomorrow, chance of storms, showers, then mostly cloudy. High 61, low 38.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

Orange. It applies biblical principles to any hurt, habit or hang-up you're struggling with. All are welcome. Dinner and/or snacks at 6, lessons begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by small group discussion. Transportation available on request. Call (217) 283-6301.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Experienced caregiver needed for elderly male with dementia. Daytime hours. Emails may be sent to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) with Box G in the subject line.

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The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for the position of dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or on our website at [www.cityofhoopeston/employment/](http://www.cityofhoopeston/employment/). For questions, please contact the police department at 217-283-5196.

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