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Midwest Medical Center of Galena held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new facility on November 15. During the IHA Leadership Summit, small and rural hospital members had the opportunity to visit the facility. While still under construction at that time, Jeff Hill, CEO addressed the visitors, sharing his vision of building a new facility.

Midwest Medical Center will offer several services including surgery, a new pain clinic and a sleep disorders center. The new facility plans to open on

December 5. For updated information on the opening of Midwest Medical Center, visit their website by [clicking here](#).

Workforce Web site Information Updated

The workforce information on the IHA web site has been updated. New information, including "Stats and Figures," "Grow Your Own," and "Past Program Presentations" is available in the Health Care Workforce section of the web site.

Simply visit [IHA's front page](#) and select [Health Care Workforce](#) on the left side of the page to view the new information. For more information about workforce please contact [Bridget McCarte](#) at 630-276-5843.

Hospitals Featured by Illinois Farm Bureau

In collaboration with IHA, the November issue of Illinois Farm Bureau's *Partners* magazine cover story, "Extended Care," features innovative programs by several member hospitals. Small and rural hospitals featured in the article include **Crossroads Community Hospital**, Mt. Vernon; **Genesis Medical Center**, Silvis; **Mercer County Hospital**, Aledo; and **St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital**, Effingham. The complete article is available by [clicking here](#).

Illinois Valley Community Hospital Brings Play Area to Local Mall

Illinois Valley Community Hospital (IVCH) of Peru has partnered with Peru Mall to bring a play area to the mall. IVCH is the health and wellness partner of Peru Mall. GK Development, Inc., mall owner, wants to offer amenities to shoppers while allowing IVCH to extend its community outreach program.

The play area will feature colorful, fun elements and a soft play area designed to encourage healthy lifestyles for families. The grand opening is expected to take place in early December.

In the News - October Highlights

Small and rural hospitals were highlighted in the news during October. Newspaper articles included **Cottage Hospital** opens wound center; **Paris Community Hospital, Harrisburg Medical Center** and **St. Joseph's Hospital** name new CEOs; extended care facilities prepare to close at **Hillsboro Area Hospital; Thomas A. Boyd Memorial Hospital** and several other articles of interest. Visit [Small and Rural Hospitals In the News](#) for the complete articles. If you have a news article that you would like to share, please contact [Anne Stilwell](#).

News About Small and Rural Hospital CEOs

Please join us in welcoming new CEOs to the Small and Rural Hospitals Constituency Section.

[Monica Gustafson](#), Interim Administrator,
Illinois Valley Community Hospital
Effective November 2007. Telephone 815-223-3300.

Steve Hayes announced his resignation from Illinois Valley Community Hospital as Administrator to attend to family priorities.

Electronic Medical Records Sent to Illinois DDS

The Illinois Disability Determination Service has the ability to send and receive electronic medical records through the Electronic Records Express secure web site. Several hospitals and clinics are taking advantage of this option with DDS.

Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital of Rushville; **Taylorville Memorial Hospital** of Taylorville; **Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center** of Mattoon and **Shelby Memorial Hospital** of Shelbyville have been recognized by Illinois DDS with an Excellence of Service Award for improved service to disabled patients. The use of the Electronic Records Express website expedites review of records process for disability claims.

For more information about the electronic medical records at the Illinois DDS, please contact [Roseann Haven](#) at 800-225-3607, ext. 5-7498.

Monthly Calendar Available

Monthly health care alerts and education program calendars are available on the IHA web site. Visit the [Resources for Health Educators](#) page to view the current monthly calendar and the next month's calendar.

If you have information that you would like added to the monthly education calendar, please contact [Abby Radcliffe](#) at 217-541-1178.

Centegra Will Save \$900,000 Annually Through the IPC

The Illinois Purchasing Collaborative (IPC) recently issued a savings report for Centegra Health System, the first IHA member to join the new statewide group purchasing organization as an affiliate member. The report documents an outstanding GPO conversion success story with achieved savings of nearly **\$900,000** (annualized). This savings exceeded Centegra's initial goal by nearly 300%!

Joe Hurshe, vice president of system operations at Centegra, indicated in a recent *Modern Healthcare* article that joining IPC has been a good financial and operational move for his hospitals. Additionally, John

Cashmore, director of materials and supply chain formulary, stated he has been extremely pleased with the conversion process. The savings report can be viewed on the [IHA website](#).

To learn more about the IPC, contact: [Patrick Sonin](#), Director, Regional Contract Operations, at 630.276.5458.

IHA Regional Meetings

Region 4, November 28, 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. with breakfast
Holiday Inn, Collinsville

Region 5, November 28, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. with lunch
Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon

Resources for Small & Rural Hospitals

[CMS Open Door Forum Overview](#)

[CMS Rural Health Open Door Forum](#)

[KidneyMobile®](#) National Kidney Foundation of Illinois

[Medicare Rural Billing Information](#), CMS Medicare Learning Network

[My Care Counts](#), American Hospital Association

Tell Congress to Keep Quality Health Care in Our Communities and Oppose Medicare and Medicaid Cuts - Sign the National Petition

[Rural Health Resource Center](#)

Rural Hospital Performance Improvement Education

[USDA Rural Development](#), Illinois Office



Save-the-Date

[Financing Community Projects](#)

November 29, Scott County U of I Extension Office, Winchester, IL

[New Tools, New Benefits for Your Hospital Commercial Card](#)

November 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Webcast sponsored by National City

[Treatment of Sexual Assault Survivors, New Requirements and Procedures](#)

December 4, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Central Time
Webcast

[Strategic Partnerships: Affiliations That Win for Large and Small Hospitals](#)

December 5, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (Eastern)
Webcast sponsored by *HealthLeaders* magazine

[Regulatory Inspections Education Program](#)

January 23, 2007, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Video Conference

[Improving Stroke Care at your Critical Access or Rural Hospital](#)

January 31, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
Great Lakes Regional Stroke Network

[MRSA Education Program](#)

February 27, 2007, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Video Conference

Annual Meeting of Small and Rural Hospitals Constituency Section
June 24 - 26, 2008, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL

Share Your Hospital Story

We are looking for your story. Throughout 2007, we have shared several hospital stories in the e-Newsletter. We want to share your story also. If you have news that you want to share and see featured in the upcoming issues, please contact [Anne Stilwell](#) at 217-541-1163.

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