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FBI circulates surveillance-camera photos of person of interest in Wednesday's fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk. Coverage, A-3.

OSF HEALTHCARE

Report: Plan could create a rehab bed shortage

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URBANA — State regulatory staff have found that OSF HealthCare's proposal to reduce services in Urbana could result in a shortage of seven rehabilitation beds in Champaign County and the surrounding area. A report from Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board staff, released Thursday, found that while OSF has addressed a number of the provisions outlined in the state's administrative code, its plan does not meet the criterion of "impact on access" due to this estimated shortage. However, state staff did not indicate whether they recommend approval or denial of the plan. OSF officials wrote in a statement to the board that the company may need to make "some provisions" at its rehabilitation hospital in Peoria to account, at least in part, for the elimination of the Urbana hospital's rehabilitation unit, which sees an average of about 11 patients each day.

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'CHILDREN OF THE CORNFIELD'

Oh horrors! Oakwood native returning to make movie

By JENNIFER BAILEY
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OAKWOOD — Before heading back to her native Vermilion County this weekend to film scenes for a movie, Crystal Hughes has been keeping especially close tabs on farm field conditions through family and friends. It's the kind of information the Los Angeles independent filmmaker needs to know, given the title of the movie she'll direct, produce and star in: "Children of the Cornfield."

It's "basically a horror/comedy spoof, documentary-style," the Oakwood product said this week. "It's a whole funny thing."

Hughes will be joined by a cinematographer and sound mixer, who'll be at locations that include the Fischer Theatre and Sport Clips in Danville, friend Gabe and Jennie Shepherd's farm in Fithian, an abandoned cemetery in Oakwood, an Airbnb at Kickapoo State Park — and, of course, local cornfields. This weekend's shoot will serve as a standalone short and proof of concept for a full feature, which she plans to return to Vermilion County to shoot in December.

Hughes said the short will premiere at LA Live Film Fest on Nov. 8 and is being prepped for distribution via Filmhub, with potential placements on Tubi, Mubi and Shudder.

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