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Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
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Ham Walk
Saturday, Jan. 19
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Smoke River
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\$3 single, \$5 couple

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Hoopeston Police Department statistics reflect busy 2001

The Hoopeston Police Department's 10 officers and Chief Mark Drollinger had a busy 2001. According to statistics released by the department this week, officers responded to 5,213 in-service calls last year. In-service calls are reported any time an officer has contact with residents, either for a crime report, escort duty or for motorist assistance. Some major crimes decreased in 2001. Although police had a five-year high of burglary calls in December, which Drollinger attributed to warm weather, total burglaries for the year dropped from 56 last year to 52 this year, a four-year low. Thefts also showed a four-year low, with 134, compared with 163 in 2000. Vandalism reports were at a five-year low, at 138. Drollinger credited increased police effort with reducing vandalism. The Police use map pins to track locations of such crimes and increase patrol. See STATISTICS on other side

2001 Crime Statistics

YEAR/CRIME	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	4	3	5	1	3
Robbery	1	1	0	2	1
Domestic Battery*	19	16	36	17	20
Aggravated Battery	27	26	21	13	26
Total*	45	46	62	33	50
Burglary	52	56	68	48	54
Theft	134	163	163	117	123
Auto Theft	11	8	13	8	6
Arson	1	2	1	0	1
Vandalism	138	165	167	200	170
Total	336	394	412	373	354
Drug Arrests	29	27	21	12	11
Traffic Accidents	174	157	165	180	192

*Domestic Battery that also included aggravated battery not reflected in totals


Rossville boy hurt in one-car wreck

ROSSVILLE — A nine-year-old boy was in critical condition Wednesday afternoon after being injured in a one-vehicle accident. Andy Partin was listed in critical condition at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, where he underwent surgery Wednesday afternoon. The child received "what looked like severe head injuries" in the accident Wednesday morning, said Gary Miller, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department chief investigator. The boy's mother, Monica L. Wisecup, 31, received minor injuries, Miller said. Further details on the



Cancer Society Benefit
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday
American Legion
502 E. Penn, Hoopeston
with **Full Circle**
\$3 single/\$5 couple
All door proceeds to American Cancer Society & local hospice

New Year's Sale

Jan. 10-12
Save on Ling Calendars, Key West Aloe products, Christmas items & Vidalia products
 **Gift Bas-**

2nd annual
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brakes for only**

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Obituaries

BLOYD—Vera M. Bloyd, 80, of Port Charlotte, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 10:23 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2002 in Florida. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the unreal home. Memorials are suggested to Horace Baptist Church, 13888 E. 1700 Road, Chrisman, IL 61924.

KNIGHT—Collin W. Knight, 15, of Rankin, died at 3:40 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2002 at home. Private services will be held at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Cissna Park. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Area High School.

RIPLEY—Charles F. Ripley Jr., 82, of

Hoopeston, formerly of Rossville, died at 4:40 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Elliott Cemetery, Elliott, with military honors by the Rossville American Legion. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Associa-

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Froggie" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots sponsored by the Hoopeston Public Library. Children will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. Tiny Tots is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Statistics continued from other side

trols in high-activity areas. "We were able to put the fire out before it gets started," he said.

Other numbers increased. Officers handled four sexual assault cases in 2001, up from three in 2000. Domestic battery was up by three to 19 and aggravated battery reports inched up one, to 27.

Three more auto thefts were reported in 2001, for a total of 11. Police made two more drug arrests last year than in 2000, at 29. That number is the most the department has had since it began keeping track of arrests, Drollinger said. While many people would not look at a higher number of drug arrests as a good thing, "I kind of look at it as the glass is half full,"

2001 Investigative Crime Statistics

Open Cases	24
Cleared Arrest	65
Referred to State's Attorney	29
Referred/Other Authority	7
Unfounded/Refused Cooperation	52
Inactive	182
Total	369

Free computer hardware

Hoopeston Area school district will hold a computer hardware give-away from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. It will be held in the bus garage behind the Hoopeston Area High School. Parts to be given away include outdated district computer hardware and miscel-

Drollinger said. "There are 29 people not selling drugs or using drugs."

Traffic accidents were at a four-year high, with 174.

Investigators Doug Wagoner and Darin Tate were also kept busy in 2001. The two were assigned 369 cases, with a clearance rate of 47 percent, Drollinger said. Last year's clearance rate was 55 percent.

The drop came from adding hit-and-run investigations to the mix this year. Officer Steve Bane heads those investigations. That crime "is about unsolvable," Drollinger said. "It really takes a stroke of luck."

Of the total 5,213 calls handled last year, 1,025 were traffic stops, 207 were for escort duty; 206 were burglary/theft reports; 169 were vandalism reports; 163, suspicious person/vehicle; 157 domestic violence calls; 137 threat/harassment calls; 131 loud music/noise complaints; 121 were wanted person arrest activities; 115

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 42. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 37, low 24

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopes-

laneous peripherals including printers, monitors, keyboards, mice and other add-ons.

No returns will be allowed, there will be no warranties and technical support will not be provided.

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