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Miss Hoopeston crowned, residents feted at DSA banquet

The Hoopeston Jaycees honored outstanding community residents, including some of their own members, at the annual Distinguished Service Award banquet Friday.

Dean Grimes was honored with the award that bears the event's name. He received the Distinguished Service Award from last year's winner, Hank Hornbeck.

The DSA Award is given to a resident who exemplifies commitment to family, church and other activities and community leaders.

Grimes was also honored with the organization's top award. He and fellow Jaycee Karen Porth were named Jaycee International Senators for their work in the Jaycees.



Dean Grimes, top right, accepts the Distinguished Service Award from 2002 winner Hank Hornbeck as Gilbert Warner looks on at Friday's DSA Banquet, sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees. Left, Miss Hoopeston 2002 Ashley Drollinger, right, crowns her successor, Elizabeth Newman, at the banquet.



Porth was also officially named chairman of the 2003 National Sweetcorn Festival. She also served as chairman in 1999.

The 2003 Miss Hoopeston, Elizabeth Newman, was crowned during the festivities. Her predecessor, Ashley Drollinger, talked about her year as Miss Hoopeston, thanking the Jaycees and the community for supporting her, before fitting Newman with the sash and crown.

Other Jaycee awards given included Rookie of the Year to Todd Davis; the Odell Crabtree Memorial Award (Associate of the Year) to Rich and Judi Rush;

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Karen Porth, right accepts her Jaycee Senator plaque from Michelle Gonzalez at Friday's DSA Banquet.

DSA continued from other side

and Jaycee of the Year to Michelle Gonzalez.

Jaycees were not the only ones to receive awards at the banquet. Also honored were Policeman, Fireman and EMT of the Year.

Sgt. Jim DeWitt was named Policeman of the Year. DeWitt's wife, Christy, accepted the award for her husband. He, injured recently in an accident, was unable to attend.

For the second year in a row, the entire Hoopeston Fire Department received the fireman's award. Chief Jim Pajor said the group functions as a unit.

The EMT award, in its first year, was also awarded to all EMTs of the Hoopeston Ambulance Service. The award was presented - and accepted - by Frank Caruso, Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital CEO. Caruso was also guest speaker for the evening.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.



Police News



An employee at Convenient Food Mart, 714 W. Orange, reported Thursday that someone did not pay for \$18.69 of gas.

A Hoopeston man reported Friday that the left front tire of his truck was cut while the truck was in his driveway in the 500 block of East Thompson.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 8:50 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of North Market. An unidentified Fowler, Ind., man reported that while he was in a local business, an unknown vehicle struck his 2002 Mercury Sable.

Police reported that a glass door at the Lorraine Theatre was discovered broken at 11:27 p.m. Friday. No ap-

parent entry was made.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident a 9:43 a.m. Sunday at 823 S. Third.

Police said Mary K. Simpson, of that address, was backing her 1989 Lincoln from the drive and hit a southbound 1995 Buick driven by Charlo Kuntz of 620 E. Lincoln.

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Obituaries

CLUVER - Ardena A. Cluver, 80, of Cissna Park, died at 1:25 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003 at Gilman Nursing Pavilion. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ash Grove. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Ash Grove. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

LOWE - Forest "Shorty" Lowe, 74, of Albany, Ky., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003 at Cumberland County Hospital, Burkesville, Ky. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial with military rites was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Friday and an hour before services at the funeral home.

Weather



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