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Auto theft, vandalism among crimes increasing last year

The number of auto theft, vandalism, drug arrests and sexual assaults in Hoopeston all rose in 2003.

The Hoopeston Police Department released crime statistics for last year, which also showed that the number of domestic batteries, aggravated batteries, burglaries, thefts and traffic accidents decreased.

Police made 45 drug arrests last year, which is a five-year high, said Chief Mark Drollinger at the January Neighborhood Watch meeting.

An increased number of arrests does not mean more drug traffic is going on but indicates officers are more vigilant in arresting people, he explained.

"With methamphetamine the way it is, we're going to see an increase" (in drug arrests)" he said. "It's taken over and is a black cloud over the city."

Police received five reports of sexual assault, up from non last year and four in 2001.

A total of 12 auto thefts were reported in 2003, up from 4 in 2002. One arson was reported last year. None were reported in 2002. Vandalism was also up slightly, with 116 last year and 105 in 2002.

A total of 141 traffic accidents were reported last year, a five year low, Drollinger said. In 2002, police handled 150 accidents.

Compliance officers, in charge of issuing tickets for junk cars and other nuisance ordinance violations, cited 530 people in 2003, up from 498 in 2002.

Investigators were assigned 343 cases in 2003 and

YEAR/CRIME	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	5	0	4	3	5
Robbery	0	0	1	1	0
Domestic Battery*	24	27	19	16	36
Aggravated Battery	14	20	27	26	21
Total*	40	47	45	46	62
Burglary	40	52	52	56	68
Theft	138	176	134	163	163
Auto Theft	12	4	11	8	13
Arson	1	0	1	2	1
Vandalism	116	105	138	165	167
Total	307	337	336	394	412
Drug Arrests	45	35	29	27	21
Traffic Accidents	141	150	174	157	165

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

have a 51 percent clearance rate. "We'd like to see better but that's a livable number," Drollinger said, explaining that the clearance rate includes cases that are difficult to solve, like hit-and-run accidents.

Investigators last year handled 315 cases with a 49 percent clearance rate.

In-service calls were at 4,461 last year, Drollinger said. The number is down for the second year in a row, from 4,925 last year and 5,213 in 2002.

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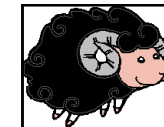
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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Fairy Tales" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Screenings to be held

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free cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose screening from 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital lobby.

Change in youth basketball camp

The starting date for the Hoopeston Area Youth Club Basketball Camp for all boys has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 17. The first practice will be held from 8-9 a.m. at the middle school gym. Practice schedules will be handed out that day.

Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host a

Girl Scouts' annual cookie sales drive to include two new varieties, six perennial favorites

January means not only the start of a new year but the annual Girl Scout cookie sales drive. This year, two new flavors have been added to list of available cookies.

Double Dutch, a chocolate cookie with dark and milk chocolate chips and Lemon Coolers, a vanilla cookie with lemon chips and powdered sugar coating, join perennial favorites Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas and All Abouts.

Cookie sales began Jan. 10 and will continue through Monday, Jan. 26. Orders will be delivered to customers beginning March 5.

The Girl Scout Cookie sale focuses on helping girls learn real skills like goal-setting, money

management, teamwork, public contact and marketing. All proceeds from the Green Meadows Cookie Sale benefit Girl Scouts locally in Vermilion, Iroquois, Champaign, Douglas, Ford and Piatt counties. Revenues are used to maintain camp properties, subsidize camp fees for girls, fund training courses for adult volunteers and provide financial aid and travel scholarship programs for girls. Troop profits support activities such as service projects, field trips and equipment purchases.

Donors are eligible to give if their last blood donation was on or before Nov. 21, 2003.

Well-Baby Clinic changes location

The Well-Baby Clinic will be held at the Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center beginning Thursday, Jan. 15.

The monthly clinic was previously held at the

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Green Meadows will continue the Gift of Caring Community Service Project where each troop will pick a charitable organization to receive boxes of cookies. The public may order one or more addi-

Safely transporting children is topic of special meeting

New law effective Jan. 1, 2004

The Hoopeston Multi Agency and Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital will hold an meeting on the Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act.

Dolly Pollock, head of the Safe Kids Coalition, will discuss the act, which became effective

Police News



A **58-year-old** man reported Monday that someone shot the driver's door window of his vehicle with a bb gun or pellet gun.

Weather



Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 38, low 24. Tomorrow, chance or rain or snow. High 35, low 17.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

Vermilion County Health Department's satellite office at the former Capstone Bank Building.

To schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-5644 and specify that it is an appointment for the Well-Baby Clinic.

Ornaments available

The Hoopeston Public Library just received the 2003 Friends of the Library pewter ornaments. This year's ornament features the library and is available for \$15 at the library.

Meetings

tional boxes of cookies at the regular price of \$3.50 per box to be delivered by the troop to the chosen charity.

To order cookies, contact any Girl Scout, the Green Meadows Council at (800) 328-5112 or visit www.greenmead-grlsct.org.

New Books at the Library



Fiction:

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The Still of Night by Kristen Heitzmann (inspirational)

The Murder Room by P.D. James (mystery)

The Known World by Edward P. Jones

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