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### Horse-drawn carriage brings Santa Clause to civic center

Amid oohs and aahs from Hoopeston area youngsters, Santa came to town Saturday.

Scores of children of all ages watched as jolly old elf entered the McFerren Park Civic Center in a horse-drawn carriage during the annual Christmas event sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce.

Santa's arrival followed a time of entertainment for children, including decorating cookies and making ornaments. The children also enjoyed a hot dog lunch shortly before Santa made his grand entrance.



Six-year-old Lauryn Edwards, above, daughter of Candy Burton and Eddie Edwards Jr., shares a smile with Santa Saturday at the annual Christmas event sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce. Left, Santa makes his grand entrance in a horse-drawn carriage.

Machine-generated fog greeted Santa as he came through the civic center's bay door and artificial snow wafted on to spectators, helping make the scene festive.

Santa visited with area children who were escorted by elves dressed for the occasion.

Members of the committee who planned the winter wonderland include Vickie Means, Megan Deck, Molly Dazey, Natosha Mayberry, Aly Jackson, Andrea Glotzbach, Angie Gossett, Cheryl Gillins, Shelley Henk and chairman Charlene Ervin.

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## — Briefly —

### Miracle Tree screenings

Screenings for Grant Township Food Cupboard, Lions Club Christmas baskets, Jaycees Toys for Kids, and Grant Township Miracle Tree will be held through Friday, Dec. 9. Screenings will be conducted from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Grant Township business office, 525 S. Market St. Bring proof of address, in-effect LINK card, proof of income, and Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

Miracle Trees with gift tags in three locations this season. Pamida, in Pamida Plaza, will again have its Miracle Tree with name tags. For the second year, Global Fashions, 305 E. Main and First Allied Securities, 207 E. Main, in downtown Hoopeston, will each have a Miracle Tree with name tags available.

### Diapers needed

The WIC program is in need of all sizes of disposable

diapers for its clients. Anyone wishing to donate diapers may do so at the WIC office, 210 S. Market, from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays or at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Donations taken to the Multi Agency may be taken to the front office or thrift shop and should be marked as for the WIC program.

### Youth baseball elections

Elections for the Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball board will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. Officers to be elected include: president; vice president - minor and major leagues; vice president - instructional league and T-ball; treasurer; secretary; equipment manager; field manager; umpire coordinator

Please attend if you are interested in any of these positions, would like to nominate someone, or if you are interested in helping as a coach, league supporter, or

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Contact Kevin Jett with any questions. By-laws and other league information can be viewed at : [www.hoopeatonareayouth-baseball.com](http://www.hoopeatonareayouth-baseball.com).

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## ★ Police News ★

A **62-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Thursday that someone took a truck camper from the 600 block of West Main.

**Jason R. Reyes**, 17, of 222 E. Thompson was ar-

### Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:53 a.m. Thursday for a small grass fire near the bridge one half mile south of Rt. 9 on 1550 E Rd.

The department was called at 1:45 a.m. Friday for a house filling with smoke in the 700 block of South Third St. No injuries were reported.

rested at 5:55 p.m. Thursday at the VFW, 428 W. Orange.

He was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and disorderly conduct and was taken to the Public Service Building in Danville.

### Weather



Thunderstorms likely today. High 55. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 34. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 35, low 25.

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

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