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Eight-year-old, others awarded for actions, commitment

2007 Illinois Jaycees President Denise Lenz said it makes her angry when criminals are sentenced to community service. "Community service is not a punishment," she said at the Hoopeston Community Awards banquet Monday night. "Serving the community is a privilege."

Several organizations presented awards to Hoopeston residents - "Hometown Heroes," - many of whom have spent a life sentence serving the community.

The youngest honoree of the evening was eight-yearold Brittanie Rodgers, noted for her actions in the early morning of October 30, 2006.

It was at about 4:30 a.m. when the Hoopeston Police Department received a call from Brittanie, who said she could not awaken her grandmother, Beverly Rodgers. Before presenting the award, Hoopeston Ambulance Supervisor Lloyd Smith played a tape of the call, which demonstrated Brittanie's quick thinking and calm demeanor, both of which helped save her grandmother's life by getting aid for her while she was in a diabetic coma. "She did what needed to be done," Smith said.

Other awards presented included:

- Officer of the Year: Chad Smith
- Fireman of the Year: Tim Lane, Lane, with 21 years' service on the department, is retiring at the end of the month.
- EMT of the Year: Raphael Zamarippa
- Chronicle Citizen of the Year: Kathy Noland and Donna Felstehausen.
- Chronicle Hall of Fame: former Hoopeston Area School Superintendent Mark Conolly. Awarded posthumously, the honor was accepted by Mr. Conolly's widow, Mary and his son, Mac.
- Also named to the Hall of Fame was Max Page.
- Community Fund Burt Livingston Award: Susan Redden



Brittanie Rodgers, center, stands with Hoopeston Ambulance Service supervisor Lloyd Smith and her grandmother, Beverly Rodgers. Brittanie was honored Monday for helping save Mrs. Rodgers' life.

- Educator of the Year: Suzi Root
- Hoopeston Chamber Retail Business of the Year: Unger's Jewelry and Pamida
- Hoopeston Chamber Service Business of the Year: Cox Memorials
- Hoopeston Chamber Volunteer of the Year: Women Making a Difference
- Hoopeston Chamber Keeping a Good Thing Growing award: Olympic Hardware.
- Hoopeston Chamber President's Award: Bertha Parsons

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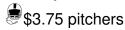
- Jaycees Past President Award: Darrin Brewster
- Jaycees Special Award: Mary Jo Polson
- 2007 Miss Hoopeston: Alexandra (Alex) Hasbargen
- Odell Crabtree (Associate of the Year): Dale and Joanne Rush and Janice Polson
- Jaycee of the Year: Darrin Brewster
- DSA Award: Todd Rush
- Jaycee Boss of the Year: Bob Porth
- Jaycee Special Volunteer Recognition: Brad Rush, Ronnie Byerly
- Jaycee Rookie of the Year: Liz Brewster

Winners at Monday's Hoopeston Community Awards banquet included, top photo, front, from left, Marilyn Unger, Rafael Zamarippa, Tim Lane, and back, Suzi Root, Ronnie Byerly, Todd Rush, Jim Pajor, Lori Pajor, Max Page, Chad Smith, Shala Mills and Melissa Bird and bottom photo, front from left, Bertha Parsons, Susan Redden, Mary Jo Polson, Kevin Strawser and back, Janice Polson, Kathy Noland, Donna Felstehausen, Miss Hoopeston Alex Hasbargen, Lee Cox, Liz Brewster, Bob Porth, Darrin Brewster and Kevin Strawser.

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