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Hoopeston girl gets help from Santa for London cheer trip

A Hoopeston girl got an early Christmas gift after Santa donated to her fundraising effort for a cheer trip to London later this month.

Kiara Colunga hopes to join other cheerleaders in ringing in the New Year in London during the trip, scheduled for December 26-December 2.

Santa donated \$500 towards the \$3,400 trip total, Colunga said. Local businesses have helped her, too. "I'd love to give a shout out to Sculpt Fitness, Anthem Chevrolet and Norton Machine Shop for helping me," she said.

Along with asking businesses for donations, Colunga also has collection cans around Hoopeston,



Photo contributed
Kiara Colunga with Santa at last month's Magical Express.

at places like Momma Gloria's and La Casa del Sol. Colunga is looking forward to the adventure. "I believe if I go, I will have made a lot of new friends from all over the country," she said. "This would be my first time being on a plane and being in a new country and I'll be able to learn about the culture, too. See CHEER on other side

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Light committee thanks community

The Committee to Light up McFerren Park would once again like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that gives their time, energy and resources to ensure that our town’s Christmas light display comes together each year. With several new displays and a completely new layout, the setup was much more extensive this year, and without our volunteers this display never would have come together. Thank you so much to those that willingly gave their time, and helped us in so many ways.

First and foremost, we need to send a special thank you to Roger Uden and Butch Stevens for coming in on their days off to make sure this display got put together and powered up. We honestly could not have done this without these two men.

To Bobby Pierce and Tony Gress for always being willing to fix the things that inevitably break. And Michael Silver and Loni Gress for organizing all the extra supplies that we didn’t always consider.

And of course every single person, company and organization that helped in some way during our multiple setup days.

- Brian Lawson and the T & L workers
- Built to Last Construction & Matthew Stock
- Hoopeston Area FFA Students
- Monical’s Pizza
- Pizza King
- Ross-Leemon Construction and their lift operator

We also would like to once again recognize the amazing businesses and organizations who have given monetary donations to secure this display. These businesses have continued to support this endeavor, despite previously fulfilling their original commitments. We truly have some of the most generous community members.

- \$5,000+:
- City of Hoopeston
 - Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center
 - Gibson Health of Hoopeston
 - Heritage Health of Hoopeston
- \$2,500 – 4,999:
- Anderson Funeral Home
 - Russell Leigh & Associates

- \$250 – 2,499:
- Anthem Chevrolet
 - Brockus Family
 - Birkey’s Farm Store
 - Brad Herman Trucking
 - Hiltz Portable Sanitation
 - Hoopeston Awards and Signs
 - Hoopeston Lions Club
 - Hoopeston Rotary Club
 - Iroquois Federal Savings & Loan
 - Lithgow Automotive
 - McDonald’s
 - Olympic Hardware
 - Robinson Chiropractic
- \$100 – 249:
- Computer Works
 - Diaz Construction
 - Hoopeston Coin Laundry
 - Hoopeston Express Lube
 - Leemon Enterprises
 - Women Making a Difference

And finally, a special thank you to the City of

Hoopeston for allowing our parks department to spend time on this wonderful addition to our town. Our light display continues to get recognition across the state and brings so many visitors to our town. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

Thank you all,
Russ Leigh & Loni Gress
Co-Chairs, Light up McFerren Park

Celebrating a legacy

Hoopeston Public Library would like to thank everyone who came out for the open house in celebration of Carol Arnold's retirement, after 47 years as Children's Librarian.

Friends or patrons who would like to celebrate Carol with a children's book given in her honor may do so through the end of December. Donation envelopes are available at the upstairs main desk, or checks may be sent to Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Please include your name as donor and indicate that the gift is In Honor of Carol Arnold.
Hoopeston Public Library

Hoopeston man pleads guilty to drug-related charges, sentenced to nine years consecutive

A Hoopeston man was sentenced to a total of nine years in prison after pleading guilty on December 3 in two drug-related cases.

Jordan Carswell, 32, was sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of methamphetamine delivery, a Class 1 felony.

That charge stemmed from an incident on June 3, when a Vermilion County Sheriff’s deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Artesian and South Vermilion in Danville.

A press release from Vermilion County State’s Attorney Jacqueline Lacy said Carswell was asleep at the wheel, and when awakened, was searched and found to possess a two bags of methamphetamine, one with 3.6 grams and a second bag with 3.2 grams, as well as \$1,150 in cash.

The four-year sentence will be served consecutively to a five-year sentence after Carswell also pleaded guilty to bringing contraband into a penal institution - controlled substance, also a Class 1 felony.

That charge stemmed from activity in July and August,

when a VCSO investigator learned of a plan where Carswell’s alleged girlfriend would send controlled substances to him while he was housed at the Vermilion County Jail on the previous matter.

According to the press release, the plan was uncovered by monitoring jail phone calls between the two, which indicated she would send letters to him with areas of dissolved methamphetamine on the paper.

On August 1, the jail intercepted a letter, which had a yellowish stain which tested positive for methamphetamine, according to the press release.

Carswell was already on probation for two meth cases

Cheer continued from other side

This will be a lot of first for me and I feel like this could help me with my cheerleading skills, as well.”

Colunga has participated in the sport for 13 years, since she was about five. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me and I’m so blessed to have it. I’d like to thank everyone who has helped me.”

Donations to Colunga may be made to an account at First Financial Bank.

from 2017. Both probations were revoked.

As part of the plea deal, charges against Carswell for fighting with another inmate at the county jail were dropped.

Obituaries

ROBERTSON - William Allen “Bill” Robertson, 71, formerly of rural Milford, died Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018 at The Windsor of Ocala Assisted Living Center, Ocala, Fla. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. memorial service Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. A celebration of his life gathering will be 3-5 p.m. at Watseka American Legion.. Memorials are suggested to Hope Hospice of Cape Coral or Parkinson’s Disease research.

Weather

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