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Local students selected for Rotary exchange

Seven Hoopeston Area High School students will attend new schools in August - in new countries.

David Trimmell, Stephanie Groom and Sean Doyle, all HAHS seniors, and sophomores Kevin Bowers, David Anvick, Adam Sinn and Mike Prosis have been named Rotary exchange students, said Rotarian Jim Bowers.

Bowers made the announcement at Monday's Community Involvement Committee meeting.

Hoopeston has the distinction of having all students who applied selected for the program, Bowers said, attributing the feat to the work of Gary and Joyce Shore and Dan DeNeal, who work with students prior to district interviews for the program.

"We're pretty proud about that," Bowers said. "We're one of the few clubs in the district who take time to work with the students. We're constantly getting letters from other clubs for tips and information."

Students were selected by either showing interest in the exchange program or being recommended by school personnel. Recommendations are based on students' grades, personality, ability to cope with new conditions and their reasons for wanting to participate in the program, Bowers said.

Personality plays a major part in selection. "They don't want the individual to go overseas for a year and then in a month be homesick and want to come back," Bowers said.

The exchange students have not been notified which countries they will visit for a year. The Ro-

tary program has a list of 30 to 35 countries. Students then prioritize the countries according to interest. The top 10 choices are very important, Bowers said. "Almost all (previous Hoopeston exchange students) have gotten a country in the top 10," he said.

This year's exchange students should be notified within 30 days where they will be going.

The trip will be that of a lifetime, but it will be a struggle for the sophomores, who will return to HAHS as seniors, Bowers said. "Usually, the senior year is an extremely crowded year (for those students)," he said. "When you feel you're going to slough off, you don't do it."

Bowers said he is not apprehensive about his own son going away for a year. "We won't be a part of his life for a whole year," he said, "but the opportunities that come afterwards..."

And he knows that his son will look at his host family as just that - a family. "It's a bonding situation," Bowers said. "You are a family for a year."

Students will stay with as many as four different families during their visit, and will be supervised by Rotarians in their host countries. "It's a closely-watched program, which makes you feel really good as a parent," Bowers said.

For example, driving and drinking are not allowed. Do either and "you're immediately sent home, no questions asked," Bowers said.

Bowers said the Hoopeston club is a major supporter of the program. "We're a leading club in the U.S. as far as participation in youth exchange," he said. "That's one thing we do hit

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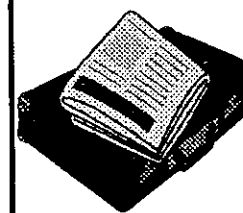
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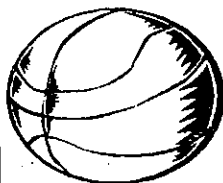
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Medics offer lifesaving classes in Hoopeston

It goes without saying that emergency medical technicians save lives.

But Hoopeston EMTs are adding a twist to that desire.

The group is offering monthly courses in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), said EMT Ann Martin. Courses last approximately four hours and will be offered the first Wednesday of every month. Cost for the class is \$10.

EMTs need at least six people in each class, Martin said. Classes will consist of videos and hands-on training, along with a written test. Those who pass the practical and written tests will be certified in CPR, she said.

Emergency personnel want to train at least half of Hoopeston's population in CPR. "They're just not learning it like they should be," Martin said. "There have been several cases where, if CPR had been started, the patient could have probably been saved with our defibrillator, but by the time we arrived, it was too late."

Classes are open to anyone junior high school aged or older. Younger people probably do not have the strength needed to perform compressions - when the heart is pumped by pushing on the chest. "It takes a lot of power to do that," Martin said. "People don't realize how much power is needed."

Classes will teach not only compressions, but also clearing airways, mouth to mouth resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver for choking victims. Methods for infants, children and adults will be taught. "All three are different," Martin said.

People who are certified in CPR can help save someone's life without fear of lawsuits if something happens, Martin said.

Such people are covered by the Good Samaritan law, which prohibits lawsuits against those who try to save someone's life. The rationale behind the law is that "the person would have died without any help," Martin said. "Any help will be better than none."

Courses will begin "just as soon as we get six people interested," Martin said.

For more information, interested people may contact any Hoopeston EMT. A list of EMTs is available by calling the police station at 283-5196, Martin said.

Correction

Crystal Yazzie's last name was inadvertently omitted from the hospital report in the Wednesday edition of Just the Facts. We regret the error.

Police News

Two 16-year-old boys were arrested by Hoopeston police Tuesday after they allegedly threw snowballs at a passing truck.

The boys were arrested at 8:45 p.m. on the 900 block of East Orange on a complaint by Rey Naldo Montez of Cheneyville, who told police the boys hit his truck with snowballs, breaking the left turn signal.

The boys were released to their parents on notices to appear.

In the hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 11, 1994**

Admitted: One person, name withheld.

Discharged: Iona McBride, Rossville; Sandra Collins, Hoopeston.

Weather

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