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And the Winners Are

Winners in the Hoopeston Music Boosters calendar drawing are:

April 18: Hoopeston Lions Club April 19: Steve Hall (Community Bank) Hoopeston April 20: Bill & Irma Norris, Hoopeston April 21: Chuck & Dorothy Pajor, Hoopeston April 22: Marilyn Davis, Hooneston

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- Briefly...

Band, chorus rate first

The Hoopeston Area High School concert band and varsity and freshman choruses all earned first place ratings at Saturday's Illinois High School Association Music Contest.

The contest, held at Westville, featured bands and choruses from county schools, as well as from Monticello, Tuscola and Paxton.

Three judges rated each of the participants, said

Nancy Luke of the Hoopeston Area Music Boosters. The band and choruses received one II rating from a judge, but overall were rated I.

Hearing aid assistance offered

Free hearing aid assistance and evaluations will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center, 206 S. First Ave.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Police News

A 1972 pick up truck owned by John and Brian Smith, 721 S. Market, was towed from Hospital Road Thursday morning. The truck was towed to allow a grader to make road repairs.

William L. Buhrmaster, 21, of 719 Scott Drive, turned himself in on a warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting \$100 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an acci-

dent at 9:09 a.m. Saturday. A Ford Ranger driven by Christopher D. McCay, 616 E. Lincoln, was northbound on South Fifth Street when it struck a parked Chevrolet pick up owned by Daniel C. Simpson of 1321 Sycamore Lane, Rantoul.

McCay told police he dropped an item on the floor board and bent down to pick it up. When he looked up, he saw Simpson's truck but could not stop before striking it.

Court dispositions

Kevin Strawser, Hoopeston, speeding, \$115 total, three months court supervision.

Lazara Granados, Hoopeston, no insurance, nolle pros.

Sharon Atchison, court supervision terminated.

Sarah Compton, Hoopeston, court supervision terminated.

Jennifer Burton, Hoopeston, court supervision terminated.

Jeffrey Dazey, Hoopeston, court supervision terminated.

Joyce Ervin, Hoopeston, court supervision terminated.

Steven Hargrove, Hoopeston, court supervision, public service work completed.

Joshua Samet, Hoopeston, court supervision terminated.

Weather

Partly sunny and warmer today. High around 75. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 50s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High around 75, low near 54.



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Good and bad: natural disaster brings out both locally

By LOURDINE OSBORNE

Those of us who are cynics at heart tend to think people - for the most part - are a pretty sorry lot.

We think people use others for their own gain and basically don't care about each other.

That attitude has to be examined in the wake of last week's flooding, especially around Front Street.

While the waters have receded, the number of stories relating good deeds has risen.

There was Jim Crouch, Grant Township road commissioner, who rescued a stranded woman.

There were store owners, who, called at 3 a.m., opened their stores so flood victims could buy sump pumps - without gouging the customers.

There were the firemen, ambulance crews, auxiliary and regular officers who worked feverishly to help flooded residents.

There were the volunteers at the Community Center who opened the doors to those whose homes were waterlogged.

There were the employees of the Multi Agency who opened the office on Saturday so Red Cross workers could meet with flood victims.

But mainly, there were the residents themselves. Those whose homes weren't flooded opened their doors and their hearts to people in worse shape than they were.

There were Front Street residents with boats who had property damaged in the flood, yet took time to help others.

When word came that the Red Cross would be available, neighbors took time from bailing out their homes to tell other neighbors so no one would be left out.

There were those residents who, seeing a need, donated clothing, bedding and food.

No disaster would be complete without a warped sense of humor. Some people affected by the flood saw a certain wackiness in the situation.

"We're up a creek without a paddle."

"Did you see that guy? He doesn't have both oars in the water."

If there was a bad pun to be had, it's been said.

It would be nice if all the stories coming from the flood were touching, or kind or even warped in a funny sort of way.

Unfortunately, that's not the case.

To balance the good, there were stories of gawkers getting in the way of those trying to help flood victims.

One family in the Front Street area looked like tourists on vacation. Packed in their car, cameras dangling from their necks, they occasionally stopped their car to unload and take pictures of others' misery.

Another man reportedly said he called Mayor Bob Ault at 3 a.m. to complain about the flood.

That usually would not be too upsetting, but in this case, Ault was at the hospital with his wife.

The fact that someone would be so uncaring as to do that speaks volumes about the character of that person. Shame on him!

Which brings up the final point in the flood story: city officials have been practically hit over the head with complaints saying the flood was their fault, that the detention basin didn't work and was a waste of money.

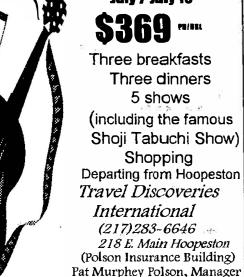
Having been in the area and seen the basin doing what it was built to do, I have to disagree.

The rains were torrential. It seems highly unlikely any sort of flood relief measures would have stopped all the flooding. We simply got too much rain too fast.

It's natural to blame someone when bad things happen, be it officials or poor planning or whatever. In this case, however, Mother Nature gets all the credit.

The Flood of '94 did some awful damage, but it also showed there are many people who care.

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