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Winners in the Hoopeston Music Boosters
calendar drawing are:

Dec. 19: Keith Eisenmann, Cissna Park
Dec. 20: M. Jewell Wise, Hoopeston
Dec. 21: VFW, Hoopeston
Dec. 22: William E. Schuler, Hoopeston
Dec. 23: Jackie & Rich Schmack, Sycamore

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★ **Police News** ★

Deanne M. Coon, 507 W. Maple, reported Friday that someone broke into her residence, damaging the door. A 1995 Mazda parked outside the residence was also damaged.

Amy Lantis, 327 S. Third St., reported Friday that someone broke two windows at 323 W. Lincoln.

Bob Byerly, cottage 43, Baer's Motel, reported that someone took a television and scanner from his room.

Shirley L. Calvert, 415 N. Seventh St., reported Friday that someone took handmade Christmas gifts from her home.

Winona R. Bridgewater, 89, of 506 W. Washington, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Bridgewater, in a 1974 Dodge, was parked along the curb in the 300 block of South Market, heading northbound. She reportedly told police that when she pulled from the curb, she backed into a 1984 Oldsmobile owned by Leonard G. Larimer, 211 E. Penn. As she pulled into traffic, Bridgewater then struck a 1990 Cadillac driven by Robert J. Clark, 626 E. Penn.

Bridgewater was at fault for improper backing and failure to yield when pulling away from a curb.

A 1989 Chevrolet Caprice was found Saturday by Vermilion County sheriff's police. The car was found on Mann's Chapel Road near Rossville.

The car belongs to Bert E. Hasler, 701 E. Orange.

Richard L. Giles, 402 W. Maple, reported Saturday that someone took a battery charger from

his garage.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:45 p.m. Saturday at Penn and Fourth St. A 1995 Honda Accord, driven by Jennifer Ann Mills, route 3, backed into a parked 1987 Mercury owned by Joseph Barragree, 304 Henderson, Rossville.

A 15-year-old boy was arrested Saturday for curfew violation. He was released on a notice to appear to his parent.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:25 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of West Washington. A 1986 Ford, driven by Barbara L. Arms, 626 S. Seventh St., struck a 1972 Chevrolet Nova owned by Julie M. Hall, 403 S. Second Ave.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

Dec. 19: Sub sandwich, bologna, green beans, tator tots, pears, cookies, milk.

Dec. 20: Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, celery & carrot sticks, graham crackers, milk.

Dec. 21: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce, milk.

Dec. 22-Jan. 2: NO SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Hoopeston Area Sr./Jr. High

Dec. 19: Sub sandwich or chicken patty/bun, green beans, tator tots, pears, cookie, milk.

Dec. 20: Chili or vegetable soup, toasted cheese, orange, cookie, milk.

Dec. 21: Sausage pizza or turkey/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

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CARDS OF THANKS

I want to thank the Hoopeston Police Department, Ambulance Service, Hoopesotn Hospital and Dr. Lee. I also want to thank the Westside Church of the Nazarene and the many other churches for the prayers and thoughts for myself and my family during my recent stay in Carle Hospital for surgery. I want to thank all of the people who said something kind, or whose thoughts and prayers were with us. There more more than I will ever know and I want to thank everyone for the good wishes and everything I received. Thank you for being so kind.

Danny W. Cobb
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Keeping sight of the true reason for this special season

So often it seems that we get so caught up in finding the "perfect" (translated: expensive) gift, that we give little thought to why we really celebrate this special season.

There's nothing like starting over again in life to remind a body of the true meaning of Christmas.

Roughly 2,000 years ago, a baby was born. That baby grew into a man whose message was so revolutionary, he was killed because of it. In a word, his message was love.

Not the smarmy, gooey love of songs and bodice-ripper novels, but the kind that endures, that hopes the best for those on the receiving end, the kind that is active, rather than passive.

This year, especially the last few months, I've been the recipient of quite a bit of that kind of love.

For someone who has spent much of life glorying in being sarcastic and cynical, accepting that kind of love is really difficult.

Fortunately, my friends have persevered.

There was Sue, who helped me move, listened to me rant and rave and who knew that hot peach pie is the perfect cure for pneumonia.

She also talked me into becoming a Burger King queen, but I won't hold that against her.

Then there's Sharie. Bringer of Christmas trees. Regular lunch date. Giver of new experiences, like college lecture halls.

Sarah showed her concern by being interested in my physical, as well as emotional well-being, adjusting exercise equipment while commiserating about the state of my life. (And she always tells me I look nice.)

Traci the Effervescent has provided laughter and tears and offers of blind dates, refusing to let me sink into the depths of depression. Her method is maddening, but effective.

There have been male friends with whom I could rail against men, knowing they would not

take it personally.

There's been Jenny, who is good at hugging and back scratching and sympathy crying and doing the dishes (except for those two coffee cups sitting at the side of the sink for three weeks.)

And there's been a great deal of plain, old-fashioned friendliness, from people willing to

move stuff (or supervise the move, as the case may be), take calls at all hours of the night, include me in their social activities, tell me how to fix things I thought were permanently broken, fix them if I couldn't, and just generally make

sure I was all right.

Doing what I do, being who I am, I sometimes tend to get so caught up in the negative that I forget good things are possible from people.

Those I've mentioned have reminded me that there are truly decent people left in this world.

I've needed that this year. And this is the perfect season for it.

So while I sit here in my Santa hat, with more time than money to spend on Christmas this year, I am able to reflect on the good things that have happened.

And there have been so many.

I am fortunate to live in a place where people care about each other and where that caring translates into action.

I'm fortunate that so many people are willing to open their lives and their hearts to me. I've deepened friendships, renewed others, made new ones.

I'm thankful for each of these people, who've taught me the truth about that classic Capra film.

Truly, "It's a Wonderful Life."



Weather



Partly sunny warmer today. High in the low to mid 40s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, a few showers. High near 44, low near 35.

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