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Last week's winner: Lou Ann Warner

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Last week's answer: A litote is a figure of
speech where an affirmative is expressed by
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Drug use up, leads to violent crime: MEG leader

Local students are using drugs.

While that is not new, the number of students using drugs may surprise some people, according to Mike Bane.

Bane, squad leader for the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (V-MEG), spoke at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

"I would not hesitate to say that 80 percent of kids at that high school have used drugs," Bane said. "A lot of people don't want to recognize that. I'm not trying to scare anybody, but there are a lot more drugs out here than a lot of people believe."

Three drugs are prevalent locally, Bane said: marijuana, cocaine and crack, a cocaine derivative. "There is crack in this area," he said. "There is crack in this community."

The increase in drug use has lead to an increase

in other crimes, especially thefts, as users steal merchandise to pay for drugs. "Drugs are a big cause of what's happening to you folks here," Bane said, referring to a rash of recent burglaries.

Merchandise, such as video cassette recorders, are pawned to pay for drugs. A VCR will purchase \$50 to \$75 worth of crack, Bane said. Televisions bring less "because they're harder to get rid of."

Fighting drug use is difficult for several reasons, Bane said.

First, most police agencies are understaffed. "We're not big enough to cover Danville by itself and have an effect," Bane said.

A manpower shortage is combined with an increased number of reports of drug use, he said.

Bane also blamed the justice system for releasing offenders, freeing them to sell drugs again.

See DRUGS on other side

Local letter carriers take part in national food drive

Postal workers, used to leaving things, will be collecting items on Saturday, May 13.

That is the day postal carriers will participate in the National Letter Carriers Association food drive.

Residents are asked to place nonperishable food items near their mailboxes for postal workers to collect. "As we come along with the mail, we'll pick it up," said Douglas "Pat" Roark, president of Hoopeston and Rossville Local #977 of the National Letter Carriers.

Carriers will be assisted by retired postal workers and members of Boy Scout troop 138. Each

group in specially-designated pick-up trucks, will also collect food, Roark said. A container will also be in the post office lobby for postal box customers.

This is the first time local letter carriers have participated in the nationwide food drive, Roark said. Last year, approximately 600 post offices took part. This year, the number grew to 1,100.

Roark hopes local results are similar to last year's drive in Paxton, which netted more than a ton of food.

All food collected will go to the Grant Township Food Cupboard.

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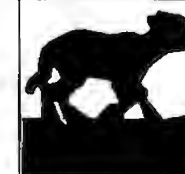
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Up & Coming

Museum trip planned

The Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center is sponsoring a free trip May 6 to the Rantoul Aerospace Museum. For more information, call (217) 283-9351.

Pot Luck

A pot luck dinner will be held at 5 p.m. April 29 at Centennial Manor. Ron and Elsie Cloud are organizers of the event.

Hornets' cheerleaders

Registration for Hoopeston Hornets cheerleaders will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at

the Girl Scout House. Cheerleaders must be 6-13 years old. There is a \$20 registration fee. Applications are also available for cheerleader coaches. For more information, contact Peggy Silver at 748-6652.

National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer will be observed May 4 in Rossville. A prayer breakfast will be from 6-8 a.m. at the ambulance barn, followed by a meeting from 12:20 to 12:40 p.m. at the township building to pray for Americans. Five area ministers will participate in the observance.

Police News



Wilhelmine M. Cox, 68, 903 Sprague, was arrested by county sheriff's police at 6:58 p.m. Monday. Cox was charged with speeding and driving under the influence. Cox was allegedly driving 41 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone. She was charged with DUI after reportedly refusing to take sobriety tests. She was released on \$100 bond.

Dave Bell, owner of Crown Ford, 623 S. Dixie Highway, reported Tuesday that someone broke into several vehicles, taking radios and a compact disc player. A house on the property had also been broken into and a VCR taken.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 25, 1995

Admitted: Harold Bogard, Hoopeston; Donald Seaman, Alvin.

Discharged: Juanita Haughee, Hoopeston.

Weather



Becoming partly cloudy and cooler today. High in the upper 50s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 40s. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High near 63, low near 44.

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