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Benefit to offset costs of experimental drug treatment

A benefit has been scheduled to help a local man pay for experimental drugs, helping preserve his life, but draining his family's resources.

A benefit will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Hoopeston VFW for Robert "Dinky" Dalton who is undergoing experimental drug treatment for hepatitis C at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

The benefit will include a hog roast, dance, 50/50 drawing, auction, and "pie a Hoopeston police officer," said Sharie Carter-Bane, Dalton's sister-in-law and event organizer.

Music will be provided by Maui Club deejays

and Five Guys with No Lives, a classic rock band.

Admission to the benefit is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. Momey will help Dalton pay for experimental drugs and the cost of making twice-yearly trips to Mayo.

Dalton contracted hepatitis C following an auto accident in 1976. The blood-borne disease was passed to Dalton from a transfusion during back surgery, Carter-Bane said.

Dalton has been in a wheelchair since then, she added.

The disease lay dormant until almost one and a
See **BENEFIT** on other side

Briefly

Band contest results

The Marching Cornjerkers did their directors proud at Saturday's Eastern Illinois University band contest.

Directors Mark and Marty Lindvahl, EIU alumni, watched the Marching Cornjerkers take second place in Class B at the contest. The group finished behind Mahomet-Seymour and one tenth point ahead of third place Newton. Eleven schools participated in the Class B competition.

Thirty-one bands participated during the day-long contest.

The Marching Cornjerker auxiliary placed third.

The band's final competition will be Oct. 21 at the University of Illinois at Champaign.

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Oct. 9:

Marie Johnson, East Lynn; Oct. 10: Bob and Mary Mathis, Rankin; Oct. 11: Ernst and Dorothy Trent Sr., Hoopeston; Oct. 12: Steven L. Rowell, Hoopeston; Oct. 13: Connie and Wilbur Warner, Hoopeston.

Yard nominees

Don't forget to call Just the Facts with nominees for this week's People's Choice yard contest.

Call 283-9348 between noon and 1 p.m. today. Nominees will be listed in Wednesday's edition.

Obituaries

GORDON - Juanita B. Gordon, 61, of Parix, TX., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1995, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Benefit continued from other side
half years ago, when it was diagnosed.

The disease is the same one Mickey Mantle had and it is "eating up my liver," Dalton said. "It can settle in different organs, but usually it settles in the liver."

The liver, he added, "gets all the junk out of your blood."

Experimental treatment, including interferon, used for cancer patients, is keeping the disease in check but is not a cure, Dalton said. "Sooner or later, I'll have to go in for a transplant," he said.

Left unchecked, Dalton said the disease could turn cancerous and can be fatal.

Dalton opted for experimental treatment, in part, because it is less expensive than conventional methods. "The cost of everything - there's no way I could afford it," he said. "It's no fun at all, but if it helps keep you alive, you gotta go for it."

With the experimental program, drug costs are shared by Dalton and a medical research program.

Because of U.S. Food and Drug Administration rules, Dalton can only receive experimental treatment for six months of each year. The next six months are spend waiting for a re-evaluation and a new drug regime. "That's where I am now, waiting for six months to go back and see what else they can give me," Dalton said.

Drugs are not the only cost involved in treatment. Each time Dalton goes to Mayo, his wife, Kathie, a Hoopeston emergency medical technician, must accompany him and stay with him in a motel, Carter-Bane said.

Despite the ravages of the disease and uncertainty about future treatment, Dalton is looking forward to the benefit. "There are a lot of people I don't get to see very often," he said. "I hope they'll be there. It should be a good time."

Dalton and his wife are the parents of a son, Tommy, a soccer player at Hoopeston Area High School.

Police News



Wanda Storm, 706 S. Fourth, reported Friday that two Huffy bicycles were taken from her front yard. The bicycles were found at Pamida.

Pedro Zarate, 223 W. Main, reported Friday that someone broke the right rear view mirror on his 1987 Dodge van while it was parked at his home.

William R. Chancellor, 218½ E. Oak, Watseka, reported Friday that a 1990 Chevrolet owned by Nora Gholson, was parked at 109 W. Main to be fixed and someone kicked the driver's side door in.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident Friday at 607 W. Washington.

An unidentified vehicle struck a parked 1986 Chrysler LeBaron owned by Jean Akers of that address.

A pair of glasses were found in the yard of 807 S. Second Ave. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Donald W. Pickett, 35, of 427 W. Maple, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol following an accident at 11:14 p.m. Saturday.

Police received a telephone report that Pickett struck a telephone pole at East Maple and South Fourth St. Pickett was taken to the police station where he posted bond and turned in his license.

Vera K. Crozier, 909 E. Wyman, reported Sunday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from her home.

Two bicycles were claimed Saturday by their owners.

One bike had been reported stolen Sept. 17 and the other had been reported missing since Aug. 6, according to police reports.

Weather



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