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'Rethinking caring' key to street safety says local expert

Street safety comes, not from brute strength, but from "rethinking your caring," according to a local self-defense expert.

Bill and Susan McGee, black belt instructors at Hoopeston's Karate Club, presented the program at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Being safe does not mean not being nice, but being more assertive, Bill McGee said. "I guarantee you, every kid whose picture is on a milk carton tried to be nice to someone," he said.

Rethinking being nice means, for example, that if a stranger comes to the door, saying there is an emergency, the smart - and safe - resident will offer to call for help but not allow the person in the house.

When dealing with an attacker, at least one of three things should be taken away from him: his sight, breath or mobility, McGee said. Suggestions included scratching or gouging the eyes to take away sight, hitting the nose or solar plexus to remove

breath and a swift kick to the knee to impair mobility.

McGee listed four "basics of street smarts," including:

1.) Use available light. Park and walk in lighted areas.

2.) Go with the flow. When in a crowd, such as at a concert, leave when others do.

3.) Be aware of your surroundings. Bad guys are not always in bushes, McGee said. They are often looking for those who are preoccupied.

4.) decrease your worth as a victim. This includes not wearing fine jewelry to shop and not pulling out large amounts of money.

McGee said carrying pepper spray is helpful and that women should remember "sometimes the safest place is under a car."

The time to act is when first accosted. "Never let anyone take you to the second scene," McGee said,

See SAFETY on other side

Briefly

Church bazaar

The First Christian Church of Hoopeston will hold its annual chicken and noodle dinner and bazaar Dec. 2

The bazaar, "Christmas on Main St.," will begin with coffee hour from 8-10 and will feature a sweet shop with homemade candies, baked goods, noodles, etc. The craft shop will feature potpourri, attic treasure items and door prizes.

The chicken and noodle dinner will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 6-12. Children under five may eat free.

Carry-outs and call-ins are welcome.

AIDS vigil

There will be a candlelight march and prayer vigil at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 in Danville, in remembrance of those who have died of AIDS and those who currently have the disease. The march will start at the Central Christian Church and end at St. Paul's Church. For more information, call (217) 443-8755.

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Safety continued from other side

adding Karate Club students are taught the 20 Percent rule. Only 20 percent of the time does someone with a gun actually shoot it. Of those, only 20 percent of shots will hit. Of the ones which hit, only 20 percent will be deadly.

Self defense is especially important for children, because one of every four girls and one of every nine boys will be sexually assaulted by the time they are 18, McGee said.

And while mothers have warned daughters to strike attackers in the groin area, that is the best idea. "It's a pretty small area," McGee said. "I would

Court dispositions



Nov. 16: Lori Hummel, Watseka, to pay \$121.83; failed to appear, summons issued.

Glenn Hackney, Hoopeston, paid in full.

Donald Inman, Hoopeston, to pay \$100, failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

Mary Johnson, Potomac, deceptive practice; \$75, restitution, 90 days court supervision. Dec. 7 status check.

Kathy Jones, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, failed to appear, summons issued.

Jason Jones, Hoopeston, to pay \$416.22, failed to appear, rule to show cause issued.

Thursday Trivia



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Last week's answer: Hoopeston Area is the school district with the lowest tax rate in Vermilion County.

go after his knee. Even if he's on drugs and doesn't feel it, it will affect his mobility."

The McGees, and students Mark Huckleby, Sara Watts and Monica Halley also demonstrated basic moves to get away from an attacker.

Safety is each person's responsibility, McGee said. "There aren't enough policemen to stand in every doorway, to be in every car," he said.

From a legal aspect, McGee said people have the right to defend themselves. "I'd rather be put away by 12 of my peers than by six of my friends," he said. "I'd rather take my chances with a good lawyer than a good doctor in an emergency room."

Self defense classes are available at the Karate Club each Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m., McGee said.

The next Neighborhood Watch program will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 22. Hoopeston police officer Chuck Moyer will give the program.

Police News



Jeremy Olson, 305 W. Penn, reported Tuesday that someone took cash from his home.

Deanna L. Smith, 24, of route 3, Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday on outstanding warrants. She was released on \$100 cash bond.

Timothy E. Coon, 17, of 330 W. Washington, was arrested at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday on an Iroquois County warrant. He was taken to the Iroquois County jail by an Iroquois County deputy.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Nov. 28, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Ada Stuebe, Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny, windy, warm today. High 45-50. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 60, low near 42.

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