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Jaycees hold annual senior citizen Christmas dinner

Approximately 250 senior citizens gathered Sunday to take in the sounds and smells of Christmas.

The seniors were guests of the Hoopeston Jaycees at the organization's annual senior citizen Christmas dinner at the Hoopeston American Legion.

The event began with bingo, complete with prizes and plenty of time for socializing and eating. "A lot of them don't see each other except for this time of year," said Sally Porth, who, with her husband, Bob, coordinated the dinner. Entertainment was provided by the Hoopeston Area High School music department.

The dinner began in 1983, for seniors who had no family in the area. Twenty-five people attended the first dinner. Of those, 14 have attended each consecutive party, Porth said.

The Jaycees provide transportation to the party and take the dinner to those who cannot attend. Approximately 60 meals are delivered to individuals. Meals are also taken to the Hoopeston Nursing Home.

Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin was head chef for this year's party. "That's a big undertaking, fixing more than 400 meals," Porth said.

The Porths had help from other Jaycees, as well. Don Kaeb was in charge of transportation and meal delivery; Pat Polson and Janice Polson headed up registration; Nancy Kester spearheaded decorations; Mary Rush was in charge of the coat check and Dave and Lynn Barker coordinated bingo and prizes.

Although the dinner is put on by the Jaycees, local businesses donate prizes and are at least partly responsible for its success, Porth said. "We certainly couldn't do that part of it without them," Porth said. "They're very generous."

The dinner is for senior citizens, but Porth said the Jaycees get something in return. "We missed one year of helping and I don't know why but our Christmas didn't seem complete," she said. "We bring some happiness to them. That's what Christmas is about."

Rossville zoning board votes down bed and breakfast plan

ROSSVILLE—Rossville may not be the home of a bed and breakfast, depending on action at tonight's village board meeting.

In a 4-1 vote Thursday, the Rossville zoning board denied a request for a special use permit for Nancy Dickson to open a bed and breakfast at 103 Maple St., said Gene Roach, zoning board president.

The board's recommendation is expected to be voted on at tonight's Rossville village board meeting.

Steve Stream was the only zoning board member

voting for the permit. Those voting against were Bill Cox, George Shields, Cathy Brooks and Fran Colwell, Roach said. "No one really elaborated who voted against it except to say they didn't think it was appropriate," Roach said.

Dickson applied for the permit in late August or early September, but withdrew her request following scheduling conflicts on the zoning board.

Last month, Dickson notified the village board that she intended to open the business without a zoning hearing.

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Music Booster winners

Winners in the Music Booster calendar drawing are: Dec. 18, John & Christy Hott, Hoopeston; Dec. 19, Claude Bridgman, Hoopeston; Dec. 20, Joe & Kellie Weber, Ft. Worth, TX.; Dec. 21, Amy Castillo, Hoopeston; and Dec. 22, Ted & Sheila Bushong, Hoopeston.

'Shop Hoopeston for Christmas' winner

"I've never won anything," said Loretta McGee of Hoopeston when she was notified that she won the "Shop Hoopeston for Christmas" drawing held by Just the Facts. McGee's name was drawn from among 474 entries. McGee won \$100 in Chamber Bucks.



Police News



Two arrested in armed robbery

Two people were charged with armed robbery following an incident at 1:40 a.m. Saturday.

Dennis Herbst of West Maple reported that after he gave a man a ride to the 300 block of East Seminary, another man approached his vehicle from the driver's side and pointed a gun at him. The men took Herbst's wallet and fled.

Police later arrested Ramon D. Villalobos, 17, of 10 Indiana, Danville, and a 16-year-old. The gun was recovered.

Villalobos was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville and the youth was taken to the juvenile detention facility in Galesburg.

Hoopeston police were assisted by Vermilion County Sheriff's Department deputies and Department of Conservation officers.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 9 a.m. Friday.

A 1993 Buick, driven by Marilyn M. Moore, 913 Birch Lane, was stopped on West Orange to turn into Southgate when it was struck by a 1987 Mercury driven by Robert E. Lingley, route 3, Hoopeston.

Lawrence R. Kochell, 820 E. Main, reported Friday that someone cut the tires on his 1987 Dodge while it was parked at 913 E. McCracken.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:55 p.m. Friday.

John C. Clifton, route 2, Milford, driving a 1990 Buick, pulled onto Route 9 from Sixth Ave. and was struck by a 1988 Pontiac driven by Dawn Lane, route 2, Hoopeston.

Richard L. Matthews, 512 E. Main, reported Friday that his 1986 Kawasaki KE100 was taken from 305 Benton, Rossville.

Angela R. Horton, 35, of 620 S. Third St., was ticketed Saturday for leaving the scene of an accident.

Horton, in a 1986 Nissan pickup truck, allegedly sideswiped a 1964 Ford pickup owned by Reese B. Wagner, 311 E. Seminary. Horton's vehicle was found in the 600 block of East Young.

The accident occurred at 1:30 a.m.

Angela R. Horton, 620 S. Third St., was arrested at 3 a.m. Saturday, charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from Diane Pickett, 601 E. Young.

Horton allegedly was tearing up Pickett's residence. She was released on a notice to appear.

Donald Herman, 855 E. Washington, reported Saturday that someone broke into his garage and took several cases of beer and a cellular phone.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:36 a.m. Sunday.

Wanda S. Storm, 706 S. Fourth St., was backing her 1994 Chevrolet pickup from her driveway when she struck a parked 1992 Pontiac owned by Larry Nease, route 5, Effingham.

Weather



A sixty percent chance of rain today. High near 40. Tonight, continued wet. Low in the mid to upper 30s. Tomorrow, rain changing to snow. High near 35, low near 34.

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