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Local Scout troop to name first Eagle Scout in 15 years

One young man's dedication to an organization will be rewarded Sunday.

Brian DeNeal, 18, will receive the highest award given by the Boy Scouts when he becomes an Eagle Scout at a ceremony Sunday.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony's parish hall, 313 E. Lincoln, said assistant Scout master Tom Kasallis.

DeNeal, son of Dan and Gloria DeNeal of Hoopeston, is the first Scout to attain Eagle status in 15 years. "He's been working on it since he was 11," Kasallis said. "He's shown a lot of commitment and put forth a lot of hard work."

Eagle Scout status is not easy to achieve, Kasallis said. As boys get older, they become involved in more things, often leaving less time for Scouts. "A lot of times, when you get into high school, you're forced to make choices," Kasallis said. "(DeNeal's) stuck it out."

The Scout must complete seven ranks and earn a specified number of merit badges and perform service projects, demonstrating not only service to the Scouts, church, school or community, but also leadership of

other Scouts.

For one of his service projects, DeNeal created first aid kits for his church, then placed maps around the building marking where each kit was located, Kasallis said.

Finally, the young man must be interviewed by an Eagle board of review, made up of Scout officials not affiliated with the potential Eagle's troop.

DeNeal almost didn't make his dream, said Kasallis, also an Eagle Scout. Scouts can only earn rank until their 18th birthday. DeNeal, who turned 18 on Nov. 8, received his award just a week before his birthday. "He needed a little encouragement before he got it," Kasallis said.

The Eagle Scout rank is something men are proud of their whole lives, Kasallis said. Hoopeston's Boy Scout troop 138 has an application from astronaut Joe Tanner when he applied to be an Eagle Scout. "(Tanner) still lists Eagle Scout as one of his accomplishments," Kasallis said.

The ceremony for DeNeal is open to the public.

Grant Township United Way announces 1997 allocations

A total of \$30,250 was allocated to 20 agencies at Wednesday's Grant Township United Way board of directors meeting.

Agencies receiving funds and the amount include: Hoopeston Multi Agency, \$10,000; Swim Team, \$1,500; Midget Football, \$2,500; Girls Sports Association, \$2,100; Boy Scouts, \$900; T-Ball, \$750; Little League, \$1,800; and CRIS, \$1,200.

Also, Girl Scouts, \$1,000; Cub Scouts, \$1,000; Playcrafters, \$300; Headstart, \$500; Red Cross, \$500; Ministerial Association, \$1,400; Well Baby Clinic,

\$200; Food Cupboard, \$2,200; Catholic Social Services, \$300; Pony League, \$1,100; Colt League, \$500; and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, \$500.

Funds will be disbursed throughout the year, said United Way vice president Chalmers Flint.

In other action, the board was joined by two newcomers, Darryl Wahler, new administrator at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, and Mike Pemberton, new agent at State Farm Insurance.

Directors also agreed to look over existing by-laws and make any necessary changes.

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Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday.

A 1992 Chevrolet driven by Nancy E. Norman, 714 W. Main, was stopped in the Schumacher Electric parking lot waiting for a space to clear.

When the space became available, Norman pulled forward, and was struck by a 1979 Dodge driven by

Christine R. Cubillos, 521 First North St., Wellington.

Kristy L. Glenn, 18, of 19 Windy Falls Way, Cockeysville, MD., turned herself in to police at 12:10 a.m. Thursday at the Hoopeston municipal building.

Glenn, wanted on an outstanding traffic warrant,



Lunch menus



Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun, tator tots, cheese, pickles, cherry or apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY: No School.

THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, slaw, peaches.

FRIDAY: Pancake, sausage, carrot or celery sticks, orange, graham cracker.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle Schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza or corn dog, salad, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun or roast beef/bun, tator tots, cheese, cherry or apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY: No School.

THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun or turkey/bun, baked beans, slaw, peaches.

FRIDAY: Beef & noodles or vegetable soup, crackers, toasted cheese, carrot or celery sticks, orange, cookie.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, cherry crisp, bread, butter.

TUESDAY: Hamburger/bun, crispy fries, veggies & dip, peanut butter bars.

WEDNESDAY: No School.

THURSDAY: Ham & scalloped potatoes, seasoned green beans, carrot cake.

FRIDAY: Country fried steak, whipped potatoes/gravy, seasoned carrots, fresh fruit cupcake.

All menus include milk.

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Feb. 5, 1997

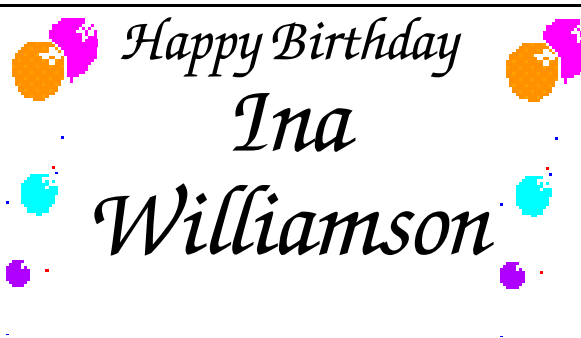
Admitted: none.

Discharged: Alice Sharp, Hoopeston.

Weather



Chance of snow showers today. High in the low 30s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the low 20s. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High near 33, low near 20. Sunday, sunny, warmer. High near 42, low near 22.



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