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Briefly

Music Booster winners

Winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Aug. 1, Dorothy Highfill, Hoopeston; Aug. 4, Edith Vance, Hoopeston; Aug. 5, Ralph Knapp, Cissna Park; Aug. 6, Beverly Overby, Hoopeston; Aug. 7, Genevieve O'Kane, Hoopeston; Aug. 8, Jennifer Reynertson, Hoopeston.

Multi Agency van, activity schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency senior van is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

To make reservations or for more information, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Activities at the center include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, 12:30 p.m.; Friday, unemployed discount program, 1-3 p.m.

Pair sentenced in record drug bust

Two Chicago people were sentenced last week in connection with a record cocaine bust in February.

Rosaleo Ayala, 31, and Estrella Espinoza, 40, pleaded guilty to criminal drug conspiracy and were each sentenced to 12 years in prison with credit for 176 days each has spent in jail since their arrest.

The two, and a third person, Nabor Lara, 39, of Chicago, were arrested Feb. 5 in a raid at 307 N. Sixth St., where police seized 18 ounces of cocaine.

Lara pleaded guilty last week to possession of cocaine and was sentenced to two years of conditional discharge.

A fourth person, Adela Castaneda, was not arrested in the raid, but was later indicted in connection with the raid.

She was found guilty last week of delivery of

cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with the intent to deliver and two counts of criminal drug conspiracy.

Castaneda, scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 12, will face at least 12 years in prison.

Correction

Some information was omitted from an item in Friday's paper concerning the closing of East Thompson Ave.

To make repairs, the street will be closed from Aug. 7-20 from Route 1 to the railroad tracks.

Residents living along the stretch of road will be the only people authorized to use the road to get to and from their homes.

Meetings set

The Rossville village board will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the village office to discuss the tar and chip program. Also, treasurer Gene Hughes will request an outside audit of village funds.

The Hoopeston city council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the municipal building. Along with routine business, representatives from the Hoopeston Historical Society have asked to speak about city streets.

Directors of the United Community Fund of Grant Township will meet at noon Wednesday in Crunch's back room.

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be given from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 13 at the Hoopeston municipal building. The course is free and open to the public.

For more information, call city hall at 283-5833.

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Police News



Raymond R. Sinclair, 616 E. McCracken, reported Friday that someone scratched and dented his 1984 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Sinclair reported concrete and brick were used to dent the right side, passenger door, passenger side and bed area.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 11:45 a.m. Friday at 702 S. Market.

Police said Ellen J. Dobkins, 532 W. Elm, backed her 1989 Chevrolet from a driveway while Stefanie A. Cornelius, 705 S. Market, was also backing from a driveway when they collided.

A traffic stop on Route 1 south of Hoopeston resulted in two arrests Saturday.

Rossville and Hoopeston police arrested Noble W. Lewis Jr., 39, of 210 N. Bowman, Danville, charging him with possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis, illegal transportation of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol, no insurance and speeding.

A passenger in Lewis' vehicle, Angela K. Burke, 35, of 920 Elm, Quincy, was arrested on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear.

Both were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Robert G. Glenn II, 20, of 311 W. Maple, was arrested at 10:15 p.m. Saturday.

Police said the stopped Glenn for a traffic violation, then charged him with possession of cannabis under 2.5 grams and operation of an illegal sound amplification system. Additionally, Glenn was wanted on an outstanding warrant.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building.

A 16-year-old boy was arrested at 9:58 p.m. Saturday by Rossville police, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of cannabis under 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police said the boy was stopped at 126 S. Chicago St., Rossville

Rossville treasurer requests outside audit to quell allegations

ROSSVILLE—Allegations of missing village funds have prompted the Rossville treasurer to request a special audit.

In a letter to Mayor Merv Smith, treasurer Gene Hughes is requesting the village board approve an outside auditor examine financial records from May 1 through July 31.

The issue will be discussed at a special board meeting at 10 a.m. Aug. 5 at the village office.

The meeting had already been scheduled to discuss the village tar and chip program, but Hughes' request was added to the agenda.

In his letter to Smith, Hughes said his request will likely cause more expense to the village, but said charges of impropriety "reflects on the honesty and integrity of all village officials including myself."

Allegations were raised at the July 21 meeting by Hoopeston attorney Calvin Hultquist, representing trustee William Galloway and approximately 12 other residents.

Hultquist questioned a \$750 difference between a bill

submitted by a Rossville contractor and the corresponding payment and why two copies of the March treasurer's report allegedly exist.

Citing the allegations, Hughes, in his letter, called Galloway's actions at the July 21 meeting "irresponsible and unprofessional conduct in an apparent attempt to sensationalize in the presence of the media and others in attendance at the board meeting."

Hughes further claimed that questions could have been addressed to him before the meeting but were not.

State's attorney Michael Clary said last week that allegations raised by Hultquist and Galloway are being investigated.

Weather



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