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Second Chamber car give-away announced at meeting

The Hoopston Chamber of Commerce is offering someone the chance for a very nice Christmas gift. Tickets are now available for the second Great Car Giveaway, in which one winner will receive his choice of a new car. One winner could receive his choice of a new Chevrolet S10 pickup truck from Read Pontiac, Chevrolet; a 1999 Mercury Cougar from Crown Ford; or a new Plymouth Breeze from King Motors. The announcement was made by Chamber president Dave McFadden at Monday's Community Involvement Committee meeting.

To give a vehicle away, the Chamber must sell 17,000 tickets, McFadden said. If enough tickets are not sold, a cash drawing will be held. Along with the car, the Chamber will sponsor several cash drawings throughout the year. Drawings will be held at Chamber promotions and during the National Sweetcorn Festival. Winners must be present at the events to win cash; however, they need not be present to win the car, to be given away Nov. 21 during the annual Christmas Open House.

Animal blamed for local Sunday evening power outage

A critter pulled the plug on power Sunday evening leaving nearly one fourth of Hoopston in the dark. "We feel it was an animal," said Kim Smith, manager of the Hoopston AmerenCIPS office. The animal entered a relay near the sewer plant, he said. Power was reported out west of the railroad tracks on Route 9, including the areas of Schuler's Flower Shop and the skating rink, to the western part of the city along Route 1.

This is the second year for a car give-away. Last year, 7,000 tickets were sold, resulting in a cash drawing, McFadden said, adding the Chamber hopes to use the first give-away as a learning experience. "I think a lot of people would've folded they tent and said 'hey, let's not do that anymore,'" he said. "But I think we learned a lot and we're going to do it again." Tickets are available at the Chamber office, 210 S. Market St., Suite 302, as well as from Chamber board members and participating businesses.

Money raised in the car campaign will allow the Chamber to fund a "front burner project," McFadden said. That project is to promote Hoopston as a business, complete with a marketing theme, he said. The Chamber is expected to choose a slogan, then use it on the Route 1 billboard, as well as buttons, stickers and t-shirts, and eventually, jingles and art work. "It's our responsibility to members to market their community as a merchant community," McFadden said. "We're trying to create some pride and some enthusiasm. We don't feel like we're going to sit back and take things. We're going to be proactive."

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In other community news:

Head librarian Lou Graham reported more than 275 users have signed up for RurILnet, the library's link to the Internet.

The program has been so well received, Graham said, that non-profit organizations may now start to add Web pages to the system.

Organizations interested in having a page on the system should contact Graham at the library, (217) 283-6711. "We want Hoopeston to be a presence on the Web," she said.

In related discussion, Graham said RurILnet use has been so overwhelming, the library will implement 90-minute time limits in the near future.

And, bar-coded library cards may be used to check out books in the Lincoln Trails system beginning Feb. 26, Graham said. "It's really going to happen," she said. "We've been working towards this for two years."

Under the system, library patrons may connect to the system and, by entering their bar-code number, request

any book in the system to be delivered to the Hoopeston library.

The Grant Township Food Cupboard served 66 families, or 167 people, in January, said board president Alta Goodrum.

That number compares with 71 families and 170 people in December, and 53 families and 119 people in November, she said.

Items needed at the food cupboard this month include canned meat (not tuna), applesauce, sugar, peanut butter and quart-size zipper bags.

Cupboard officials are "very concerned with our town

Police News



Martha Meador, 710 E. Main, reported Monday that someone scratched the rear passenger door paint of her 1993 Ford while the vehicle was parked at her home.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 5, 1998

Admitted: George Busch, Goldie Lawson and Lois Martin, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Anna Trent.

Feb. 6, 1998

Admitted: Monika Holt, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Evelyn Bushue, Lois Martin, Richard Swope.

Feb. 7, 1998

Admitted: none.

Discharged: George Busch, Karen Steiner, Berneice Stuebe.

Feb. 8, 1998

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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