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Fire department to host 73rd annual ball Saturday night

A good time for local residents means more equipment for the Hoopeston Fire Department.

The department will host the 73rd annual Fireman's Ball from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

Tickets for the ball, which will feature Capt. Rat and the Blind Rivets, are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door.

Money raised from the event will be used to purchase new equipment for the department, said fire chief Brian Laird.

Money from previous balls has purchased air packs and hoses. This year, funds are earmarked to purchase a carbon monoxide detector "so when we get a carbon monoxide call, we'll have a decent piece of equipment to take with us," Laird said. The detector costs approximately \$2,000, he said.

This is the second year the Champaign-based Capt. Rat and the Blind Rivets has played at the ball. "People seem to like them," he said.

During the history of the balls, the bands and locations have changed and the number of people attending has grown.

Early on, balls were rotated among service clubs, but crowd size necessitated moving the dance to the civic center, Laird said. Each year, 400 to 450 people attend the ball.

The department, which has 17 members, is divided into committees to plan the event. One group gets the band, while others are in charge of advertising, obtaining the hall and overseeing the entire event. "That way, not one person's doing all the work," he said.

Tickets for the ball are available from any fireman.

Record number of bowlers, purse in last Bud tournament

DANVILLE—A record 93 bowlers took their shot at a record \$900 first place prize in the March 29 Budweiser final at Lincoln Lanes, Danville.

After a four game qualifying session which included 62 bowlers with averages over 185 and 31 bowlers under 185, the field was cut to five bowlers on each side, with the two winners squaring off in a battle of "you show me, now I'll show you."

After the four games on the low side, the field advancing to the roll-off was in the fifth seed Dave Hughes of Hoopeston, squaring off against another Hoopeston man, Chad Bruens. Bruens finally pulled out a 211-118 match, advancing to face Steve Skimehorn of Danville. Bruens took him, 204-193, but lost, 222-201, to Andre Brooks of Danville. Brooks then faced the top seed, Jeremy Gaddis of Hoopeston. Gaddis showed why

he was the top seed with a fine 258-146 victory, where he awaited the winner of the high side.

On the high side, number 5 Randy Johnson hurled

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TUESDAY: Chicken steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, oleo, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage, pancakes, graham cracker, veggie sticks, orange, milk.

THURSDAY: Turkey & noodles, whipped potatoes, corn, bread, oleo, raisins, milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

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Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Sausage pizza or roast beef/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

Lunch Menus

TUESDAY: Chicken steak or Z rib/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, oleo, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty/bun or fish/bun, tri tator, carrots, cookie, orange, milk.

THURSDAY: Roast turkey or corn dog, whipped potatoes, corn, roll, oleo, raisins, milk.

FRIDAY: No school

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Ham & scalloped potatoes, carrots, cherry crisp, bread, butter, fruit juice, milk.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, cole slaw, spicy apple slices, homemade bread, milk.

Tiny Tots

"Chickens" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Easter egg hunt

The Hoopeston Jaycees' annual Easter egg hunt will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Girl Scout House inMcFerren Park. Rain date is April 11.

Play performance

Mrs. McCoy's third grade class will present "Kids and Their Parents" at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The public is invited.

Coaches needed

Hoopeston Pony League needs coaches. For more

Tournament continued from other side

against Hoopeston's Art Wagoner, with Wagoner coming out 213-194. He then faced number three Mike McMasters, who won 215-177. McMasters then battled Mike White and won 235-204. McMasters then faced the new record-holder Nathan Nimrick, who amassed the field with a 1,020 four-game series. McMasters showed he was not to be stopped, winning 222-201.

This set up a showdown with the young Gaddis and the tope area bowler, McMasters. Both started with two strikes, but McMasters fell victim to the split bug in the third and fourth frames, giving Gaddis a lead. Gaddis continued mixing strikes and spares for the remainder of the game, but McMasters showed why he would be top man by striking out from the fifth frame for a fine 240-227 victory and the \$900 top prize.

Area bowlers able to cash on low side included Roy Kohl, sixth place and Kenny McVicker, 14th. On the high side, winners were: Chuck Sergent, 11th; Doug

Wagoner, 16th; Brandon Hamilton, 21st; Allen Wilson, 24th; Tony Gress, 25th and Randy Hiltz, 26th.

This is the final tournament until September at Lincoln

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital April 1, 1998

Admitted: George Hollen and Harry Johnson, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Rain today. High 47. Tonight, rain continuing. Low 38. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 53, low 37. Sunday, partly sunny. High 60, low 40.

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