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Agent details history, criteria of FBI at Watch meeting

The glamorous life of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents portrayed on television is just that—a portrayal, according to an agent.

Special Agent Dave Young, a 10-year FBI veteran, talked about the agency's history and duties at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Young, one of three agents in the Champaign resident agency, covers an area from Kankakee to Effingham and the Indiana line halfway to Springfield. "A lot of our time is in the car," he said.

Agents assist local law enforcement agencies in investigating crimes ranging from white collar crimes such as bank fraud, to drug cases. The FBI also investigates national counterintelligence, foreign counterintelligence and drug trafficking. "We're the primary law enforcement agency of the federal government," he said.

The bureau was formed in 1908 without jurisdictional powers or permission for agents to carry weapons, Young said. It was not until J. Edgar Hoover took over in 1924 that its powers were spelled out.

During the agency's history, its crime focus has changed. The 1920s and 30s were the gangster era, Young said, followed in the 1940s by espionage as the main thrust. The 1950s brought the Cold War to the

front, followed in the 1960s by civil rights. From the 1970s to the present, the bureau has focused on drugs and violent and white collar crimes, he said.

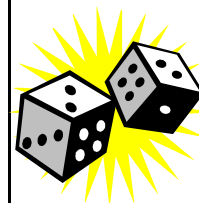
To become agents, candidates must be between 23 and 36 years old and have a degree from a four-year college. Under Hoover, women agents were not allowed but that has changed. "About 20 percent of our agents are women," Young said. "The FBI was pretty much known as a white male organization but it's trying to be diversified as the country is diversified."

Once a candidate has applied, he undergoes a series of written tests, interviews with three experienced agents, a detailed background investigation and physical and polygraph tests.

Those who are accepted attend 16 weeks of training at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Va., undergoing classroom, physical fitness and firearms training.

Agents may be assigned to the headquarters in Washington, D.C., one of 56 field offices, such as Chicago or Springfield, or a resident agency. The Champaign office is a resident agency of the Springfield field office.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 10 at city hall. A representative from the Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group will speak.



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Police News



Wendy E. Beatty, 22, of 825 E. Elm, was arrested at 11:17 a.m. Tuesday at Bank and Main. Beatty was charged with failure to secure a child in an approved child restraint system or seat belt for a child age four but under age six. The arrest was made after police said Beatty's our-year-old daughter fell from her vehicle.

The child was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

A 1996 Ford was damaged Tuesday in the 600 block

of East Orange.

A boy's 26 inch 10-speed mountain bike was taken Tuesday from the 800 block of East Wyman.

A 16-year-old Rossville resident reported at 10 p.m. Tuesday that someone threw something at his car, damaging the roof. The incident occurred at West Penn and South Sixth Ave.

A girl's purple and pink Ultra Roadmaster bicycle was found Wednesday in the alley of the 700 block of East Honeywell. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

— Briefly —

Tiny Tots

"Curious George" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the children's room and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Girls' softball sign-up

Registration for girls' sign-up will be held March 11 and 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and March 12 from 1-3 p.m. at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. Cost is \$25 for one girl, \$15 for each additional girl in a family.

Soccer coaches' meeting

A DSA coaches meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Harrison Park Clubhouse. If you cannot attend, please contact Kathy at 283-9540.

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Mar. 7

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Weather



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