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Betty Richards honored by HEA as 'Friend of Education'

Betty Richards is a "Friend of Education."

Richards was honored with the "Friend of Education" award by the Hoopeston Education Association at the Advocates Banquet sponsored by the Illinois Education Association/National Education Association at the Park Inn in Urbana, on April 25. She was recognized for her dedication to education.

HEA members this year chose not to honor a member of their association, but rather someone who is instrumental to the success of all in the district.

Since 1985, Richards has served as secretary to the superintendent of Hoopeston Area. If in doubt about some information



Photo contributed
Betty Richards, right, displays the "Friend of Education" plaque she received as HEA president Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin looks on.

with statistics or other items the response is "Call Betty." She is the one that certified and non-certified employees look to for answers to many questions concerning education. She not only does this as part of her daily activities, but helps with students in many other ways. She helps with the students activities at the high school, attends their functions as well as those of her grandchildren. Some of those activities include helping with drama and sports.

She is married to Jim Richards, a former educator and coach. She is a member of the United Methodist Church in Hoopeston where she is active in the church choir and other committees.

Hospital accomplishments, employees noted at public forum

After only five years in the community, Don and Joanne Slusarski are making a difference.

The couple was honored as Volunteers of the Year at Tuesday's ninth annual Hoopeston Regional Health Center public forum as volunteers of the year.

The Slusarskis, formerly of New Lenox, moved to the area five years ago and began volunteering at Country Terrace. Two days each week, for six hours each day, the couple dedicates their time to the residents there, playing bingo, reading to them or just visiting, said Charlene Ervin, presenting the award.

In other presentations, Bill Nicholls received the Dis-

tinguished Service award presented by Hoopeston Area Healthcare Foundation.

Perfect attendance and service awards were also given. Having perfect attendance in 2000 were Maria Gonzalez, Mark Cundiff, Milt Baer, Brad Wells, Cindy Lollar, Kathy Ritter, Sally Beckley and Melissa Beauvois.

Service award winners were, for five years of service, Beverly Lile, Amber Obenland, Christine Cornell, Carol Cawthon, Ross Kinnaird, Cynthia Compton, Barb Morgan, Ronnie Day, Debbie Chandler, Maria Gonzalez and Eva Cordova.


See FORUM on other side

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Briefly

Nurses' coffee

The monthly nurses' coffee will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital cafeteria.

B&PW winners

March winners in the monthly Hoopeston Business & Professional Women's drawing were Ilsa Fliesser, Hoopeston, \$25; Amy Cook, Danville, \$15; and Margaret Medendorp, Hoopeston, \$10.

April winners were Jane Gooch, Wellington, \$25;

Dawn Pajor, Hoopeston, \$15; and Ruby Beaty, Hoopeston, \$10.

Students rewarded

Hoopeston Area High School students who attend class regularly and exhibit positive behavior are being rewarded for their efforts.

The school has started an incentive program with drawings for prizes. Businesses contributing to the program include Monicals, Pizza Hut, Schuler's, Flowers and Gifts by Molly Culbert, Hollywood Video, Loraine

Theater, Weber's Drug Store and Fancy That.

Open House

Retiring Grant Township Supervisor Carol Flint will be honored with an open house from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday at the Grant Township building, 525 S. Market.

Flint is retiring after nearly 19 years as supervisor.

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Police News

A 19-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone took a chrome Dyno Air 26" bicycle from the 800 block of East Maple. The bicycle has tape and red marker on the handlebars and is valued at \$300.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:50 a.m. Monday in the 500 block of South Market.

Police said Herman H. Bauer of Hoopeston, in a 2001 Oldsmobile, was backing westbound from a parking lot and struck a 1998 Ford driven by Edward Bl Jones of Hoopeston.

Bauer was at fault for improper backing, police said.

Forum continued from other side

Ten-year service awards were given to Gregg Froman, Kristie Gonzalez, Sandy McNeely, Kathy Warren and Robbie Bane.

Two employees, Leila Pocialik and Ruby Perdue, were honored for 15 years' service.

Other honorees included nursing home employees of the quarter, Kathy Warren, Missy Grove and Jane Hurt, DiAnna Marcott, and Angie Burton and Aaron Linares.

PRIDE winners were also recognized. The awards are given to employees nominated by co-workers. Monthly winners from April 200 to March 2001 were Kathy Warren, Sherry Polomo, Maria Gonzalez, Kelly Irvin, the social committee and all those who helped with the parade float and first aid tent for Sweetcorn Festival, Linda Ditola, all staff who brought in candy for trick-or-treaters, Carolyn Anderson, Milt Baer, Deb Kuntz and Shannon Jones, DiAnna Marcott and Barb Pate.

The forum also included updates on renovations and remodeling at the hospital. Plans have been submitted for approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health, said CEO Frank Caruso. Renovations will be done to the emergency room, radiology suite and physical therapy, including the addition of a therapy pool. The admissions office will be moved to the rear of the building where the emergency room is, he said.

In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 26**

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Florence Doering.

April 27

Admitted: Edna Lamar, Rossville.

Discharged: none.

April 28

Admitted: Mary Gaskell, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

April 29

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Edna Lamar.

Weather



Partly sunny, windy today. High 85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 60. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 83, low 58.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Classifieds

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Efficiency apartment. Stove, refrigerator furnished. First month's rent, deposit required. (217) 283-9534. Leave message.

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