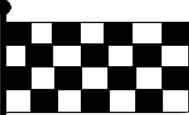


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Hoopeston Police Department to start Explorer program

A new program will give local youth hands-on experience in law enforcement.

The Hoopeston Police Department will offer an Explorer program for boys and girls ages 14-20, said police chief Mark Drollinger at Monday's Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Drollinger presented an informal program after scheduled speaker Judge Claudia Anderson was unable to attend.

An informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Hoopeston city hall. Approximately 50 young people have been invited to the meeting, which is open to others with an interest in law enforcement, Drollinger said.

Explorer programs follow guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America and focus on a particular area of interest, such as law enforcement, fire protection and high

See **EXPLORER** on other side

Work nears completion on township veterans' memorial

After more than a year, Grant Township's memorial to service people is almost done.



Photo by Lourdine Florek

Penny Gaddis of Hoopeston Monument works on the stencil for the Veterans' War Memorial at McFerren Park. The project may be finished this week.

Dave and Penny Gaddis, owners of Hoopeston Monument, spent Tuesday and Wednesday working with the stencil listing 2,290 names of township residents who have served in the armed forces. When the stencil has been applied, the black Indian granite stones will be sandblasted, permanently etching the names in the stone.

Six large stones will list the names of residents who served in the armed forces. A separate stone, approximately the size of a grave monument, will list the names of those who were killed in action, said Dave Gaddis. That stone will be placed in front of the others.


Names for the monument were collected by a group made up of representatives of the Hoopeston AMVETS, American Legion and VFW posts. Gaddis helped the committee select the stones and Silver Brothers helped set the stones in the southwest corner of the park.

Barring bad weather, Gaddis hopes to have the stenciling and sandblasting completed by Friday, in time for Veterans' Day.

No services are scheduled at the monument; however the Hoopeston American Legion will have free chili and potato soup beginning at 11 a.m. and the Hoopeston VFW will have free chili and hot dogs starting at 1 p.m., both on Monday.

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Calendar telethon

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will hold their annual calendar sales telethon from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 12-14.

Calendars are \$25 each.

Help requested

Alderman Mike Eckersley, city parks committee chairman is looking for a responsible person to lock the civic center after the nightly walking session.

Explorer continued from other side adventure.

Young people will learn CPR, some police tactics and handling basic reports. Participants may then do some actual police work.

Some law enforcement related Explorer posts have uniforms and vehicles for participants and allow them to ride with officers. Whether that will happen locally is under consideration. "We're going to look at that very heavily," Drollinger said.

Officer Jeremy Welch, a former counselor at Lincoln's Challenge, will coordinate the local program. Drollinger also hopes to get the support of Troy Davis, a former Vermilion County sheriff's deputy who now teaches law enforcement courses at VOTEC.

In other news, Drollinger said the department has received a \$3,500 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to add a third in-car camera.

Cameras have become a beneficial part of police work. For example, since the cameras were installed, no suspect charged with driving under the influence of alcohol has requested a trial if the arrest was videotaped, Drollinger said.

It's all happening Saturday at **Rickey G's Village Pub**

125 S. Chicago, Rossville

Smelt Fry 12-3 p.m.

Illini Party 3:30 p.m.

Dance to **Boneshakers**
9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Anyone who is willing to volunteer for the task may leave a message for Eckersley at city hall, 283-5833.

Miracle Tree screening

Screening for Grant Township Food Cupboard, Christmas Baskets and Miracle Tree will be held Nov. 7-28 at the township building, 525 S. Market. Screenings will be conducted from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. daily.

Those applying must bring proof of address and income, LINK card and Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

Flu clinics

Flu clinics will be held this week in northern Vermilion County. One will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday at Centennial Manor. Another is set for 10 a.m.-noon Thursday at the Rankin Lions Club.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the 600 block of North Market.

Police said Dewayne Coopeston Jr., of 629 N. Third St., in a 1999 Dodge truck, pulled from a private drive into a 1991 Mercury driven by Marcella J. Wheeler of 711 W. Washington. Wheeler was northbound and had stopped to turn into a driveway.

Obituaries

POTTER—Melvin D. Potter, 76, of rural Alvin, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2001, at home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial with military rites will be in Gundy Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or charity of the donor's choice.

Weather



Cloudy, chance of showers today. High 50. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 30. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 55, low 33.

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

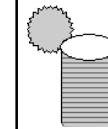
Flu shots are \$12 and \$17 for pneumonia vaccines. Medicare Part B will pay for the shots but recipients must show their Medicare cards.

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