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Hoopeston Area students learn about new Explorer program

Hoopeston area young people who are interested in a career in law enforcement have a new group that will test that interest.

Eight Hoopeston Area High School students attended an informational meeting Tuesday night about an Explorer post geared to law enforcement. The program, under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, will be sponsored by the Hoopeston Police Department and is open to boys and girls ages 14-20.

Officer Jeremy Welch will coordinate the program. Welch has previous experience working with young people as a counselor at Lincoln's Challenge.

Students in the Explorer program will receive leadership training, law enforcement skills and have fun, too, said Larry Smith of the Boy Scouts. Although Explorer members will determine the course of the group, some suggestions include touring the Public Safety Building and perhaps tactical training using the local paintball field, said Police Chief Mark Drollinger. Other facets of law enforcement may eventually include working with police and taking reports.

"The chief and I have had lengthy discussions on what we will and won't do and there is no lid on the jar," said Welch.

Drollinger praised those who attended, saying peer pressure sometimes makes law enforcement seem a poor career choice. "You're going to be called a narc and a rat," he said. "I've been there, I know."

The local post is one of the few that is working with



Photo by Lourdine Florek
Joyce Clayburn and her mother, Debby, front, along with DJ Cooper, Brian Tobeck, and JD Fouse listen Tuesday night to discussion on a law enforcement Explorer post in Hoopeston.

the school system, Smith said. "I think that will make it a better post," he said.

Although Welch and Drollinger plan the program to be informative and fun—and perhaps prove a pool for future police officers—students will also be held to a high standard. "This is not so you can find out what the cops think about you as you walk down the street," Drollinger said. "This isn't going to be a "get out of jail free" card for you." However, "I'm not looking for altar boys and altar girls," he added.

Students will undergo background checks similar to those used before hiring officers and will be expected to maintain good scholastic standing.

Anyone interested in joining the Explorer post may call the police department at (217) 283-5196.

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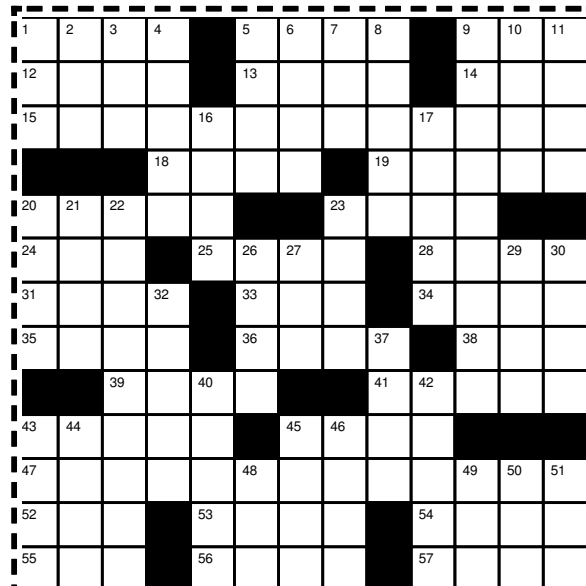
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Police News

Daniel J. Crowley, 22, of 715 E. Thompson, was arrested at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East Thompson. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and was released on a notice to appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at 322 S. Fourth St.

Police said Denise Goodrum of 841 E. Honeywell, in a 1997 Ford, backed from the driveway and hit a parked 1992 Oldsmobile owned by Helen Noll of 717 E. Honeywell.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:23 p.m. Tuesday at 615 E. Orange.

Police said Darin M. Coon of Hoopeston, in a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier, tried to pull around a 1996 Honda Civic driven by Brittany L. Buss of Hoopeston. Coon hit Buss' vehicle and pushed it into a 1988 GMC van driven by Annett M. Dillon, also of Hoopeston.

Jerry Trussel Jr., 41, of 68 Kist Ave., Danville, was arrested at 12:19 a.m. Wednesday at West Main and

Across

1. Persia today
5. Actress Lanchester
9. Golfer Snead
12. Ship of 1492
13. Film holder
14. Also
15. Two-way talks
18. Map direction
19. Evil ones
20. Shoe parts
23. Small land mass
24. Possess
25. Give off
28. Crude materials
31. Table supports
33. Exist
34. Seep
35. A Great Lake
36. Identical
38. Hatfield's State: abbr.
39. Hatching place
41. 'Musketeers' creator
43. Strict
45. Turn rapidly
47. Gifts at award ceremonies

Down

2. River: Spanish
3. Mary ___ Mobley
4. ___ orange, seedless fruit
5. Makes mistakes
6. For feat that
7. Body of water
8. Singing voices
9. Supply area
10. Top-notch: 2 words
11. Shade of green
16. At ___, relaxed
17. Eskimo's home
20. Gap
21. Water pitcher
22. Train drivers
23. Article
26. Sail support
27. Mr. Gershwin

29. Poet Pound
30. Views
32. Visionaries
37. Revise
40. Scoff (at)
42. Bring together
43. Went quickly

44. Conventional: abbr.
45. Dance movement
46. No bid
48. Comedian, Louis ___
49. Sphere
50. Pen point
51. Signal for aid

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Obituaries

FRUHLING—Tena Fruhling, 87, of Milford, died at 5:37 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2001 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watskea. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Schwer. Burial will be in Kopmann Cemetery, Royal. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford and an hour before services Friday at the church.

Weather

Cloudy, rain today and tonight. High 43, low 37. Tomorrow, chance of rain then partly sunny. High 45, low 37.

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