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## Organizations honor Hoopeston residents at awards banquet

Hoopeston honored its own Monday night when the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, Hoopeston Education Association, Community Fund of Grant Township and the Chronicle sponsored the annual Community Awards Banquet.

Phyllis Wells was named "Citizen of the Year" by Chronicle managing editor Bethany Carson.

Wells was nominated by her sons, Ralph and Ron Lewis and daughter, Sherry Goodrum, along with her neighbor Leanne Lile, for her commitment to the community. Nomination letters for Wells ranged from "she loves animals" to "she loves cleaning house," Carson said.

Besides dedication to her family, Wells was also honored for community and church work. She delivers SAMS meals, drives the elderly to doctor visits and the store, is a Sunday school teacher and serves on the board of the Westside Church of the Nazarene.

Honored for a lifetime of giving to Hoopeston was 86-year-old Robert Chesnut.

A Hoopeston resident since 1925, Chesnut worked at the former Dixie Oil and Gas and Hoopeston Burial Vault Company, which he later purchased with his brother, Harold Wood. He later bought Pla-More Lanes bowling alley with his brother, Ray.

Chesnut's list of community activities is extensive and has included membership in the VFW, American Legion, Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, Methodist Church and Hubbard Trail Country Club. The Hall of Fame honor will join two others he has received: being named to the Hoopeston Bowling Hall of Fame and 1994 Sports Booster of the Year.

Chesnut was nominated by his grandchildren, Trent Chesnut, Robin Eighner and Marcie Sheridan, and



Bethany Carson, right, managing editor of the Chronicle, congratulates Phyllis Wells on being named Citizen of the Year at the annual Community Awards Banquet Monday. Looking on are, from left, Judi Benjamin, Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, Vicki Stewart, Dan Goodrum and Steve Margevich.

daughters Tara Martin and Tricia Rethelford.

The Hoopeston Education Association, represented by Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, presented the association's Educator of the Year award.

Barb Park was the 2002 winner. Park has been with  
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## Awards continued from other side

the Hoopston Area district for 17 years and for the last eight, has been special education coordinator at the middle school and high school. She has served as a building representative and on HEA committees. She is also treasurer at the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the church choir.

Nominated by colleagues, this year's list of candidates also included Debby Klaber, Theta Lee, Cheryl Pugh and Judy Voorhees.

The Rev. Lyle Curtis presented the second annual Burt Livingston Memorial Community Fund Award to long-time Community Fund board member Helen Kaufmann, not only for her work on the board for more than 20 years, but also for her nursing work with migrants and the Well Baby Clinic.

Curtis announced that Kaufmann resigned from the Community Fund board, which might present a problem at future board meetings. "Tradition has it that she always made the motion to adjourn," he said. "They can't ever adjourn now."

Dan Goodrum, Hoopston Chamber of Commerce president, awarded several businesses for their contributions to

Hoopston.

The 2002 Retail Award was given to Rod's Home and Auto and Weber's Drug Store.

In accepting his award, Rod Gaddis, owner of Rod's Home and Auto, said the last year "has been tough on me and my family but the support of the community got us through it."

Gaddis' son was severely injured in a car accident in June.

However, Gaddis sees a bright future ahead. "Hoopston is going to grow," he said.

Roger Ball, owner of Weber Drugs, called the honor "quite a thrill. As the cow said to the farmer on a cold

winter's morning, I didn't expect such a warm hand."

Chittick Family Eye Care received the Service Business of the Year Award.

Jerry Northam was named Volunteer of the Year for his efforts with the Chamber, St. Anthony Parish Council, and Hoopston Healthcare Foundation. Much of Northam's volunteerism has been in the area of arranging - and playing in - golf outings. "The man loves golf," Goodrum said.

The annual President's Award was given to the Rev. Lyle Curtis for his work in the community, including serving as pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, United Community Fund, Youth Club, Rotary and the

Ministerial Association. "I've enjoyed Hoopston as much as any congregation I've ever served," Curtis said in accepting his award.

Goodrum also recognized Judi Benjamin for her work as Chamber office manager for the last seven years.

Benjamin, whose husband Tom received a job transfer, will move to Tuscola later this year.

"I have truly enjoyed my time at the Chamber and our 15 years in Hoopston," she told the crowd.

Her attitude about Hoopston changed over the years as she met the city's residents and worked in various organizations. "I certainly was not thrilled about moving to small town Hoopston," she said, "but now I love it."



## Bowling Scores



### Illiana-Farmers

10/2/02

1. Corrflex	19	1
2. Pla-Mor Lanes	15	5
3. FHHGG	14	6
4. Hoopston Awards	10	10
5. Ravens	9	11
6. Bacca	6	14
7. High Five	3	17
8. Bye	4	16

**High Series:** Randy Hilts 681, Chad Bruens 668, Brandon Hamilton 624; **High Game:** Chad Bruens 246, Randy Hiltz 246, Eugene Warner 236; **Hall of Shame:** Scott

Crose 100.

### Thursday Night City Men's League

Standings 10/3/02

1. Tax Service Plus	28	7
2. Con Agra Store Brands	21	14
3. Team America	19	16
4. Hoopston Express Lube	19	16
5. Razor's Edge	16	19
6. Ton of Fun Band	14	21
7. Pla-Mor Lanes	13	22
8. Read's	10	25

**High Team Handicap Game:** Razor's Edge 1,111, Ton of Fun Band 1,087, Pla-Mor Lanes 1,060; **High Team Handicap Series:** Razor's Edge 3,192, Tax Service Plus 2,976, Ton of Fun Band 2,965; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Lee Curry 276, Danny Simpson 257, Steve Rhodes 254; **High Individual**

## Police News



**Jeremy W. Burks**, 20, of 812 N. Market, was arrested at 7:14 p.m. Monday in the 900 block of North Market. He was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no valid registration, speeding, defective windshield (none) and unsafe equipment.

Burks was released on notices to appear.

**Two men** were charged with possession of 2.5-10 grams of cannabis after a traffic stop at 12:05 a.m. Tuesday on West Thompson at Tenth Ave.

Walter Lee Hollis, 38, of 501 Judson, and Jarred I. Stone, 21, of 215 E. Penn, were taken into custody after the department K-9 indicated on the vehicle.

Hollis and Stone were each released on a notice to appear.

## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

"Cats" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopston Public Library children's room. The program is at 10:30 a.m. Friday and is open to children 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

## Weather



Partly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 45. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 68, low 48.

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

**Scratch Series:** Lee Curry 673, Steve Rhodes 635, Kevin Davis 633; **Hall of Shame:** Michael Ball 71.

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