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Active officers credited for higher, lower crime statistics

Increased police activity is cited as why some crimes dropped in 2002 while others seemed to increase.

The Hoopeston Police Department released annual statistics on the numbers of crimes reported in the city for 2002. Chief Mark Drollinger reviewed the numbers Monday at the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

The numbers show more domestic battery, thefts and drug arrests and fewer aggravated batteries, auto thefts, vandalisms and traffic accidents.

Drollinger cited more aggressive policing as the reason for fewer vandalisms. "That tells me our officers are out there patrolling," he said, adding the 105 cases represent a five-year low in vandalism.

Active patrolling and adding the department's canine officer, Maggie, are credited for the 35 drug arrests, up from 29 in 2001, Drollinger said. The number of drug arrests is a five-year high, he said.

Domestic batteries rose from 19 in 2001 to 27 in 2002 but the number of aggravated batteries dropped from 27 to 20. Domestic battery occurs when one person batters a family member or someone with whom they live, Drollinger explained.

Thefts were at a five-year high, with 176 for the year. In 2001, 134 thefts were reported.

Hoopeston residents seemed to drive more safely in 2002. Accidents dropped from 174 in 2001 to 150 last year.

YEAR/CRIME	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	4	3	5	1
Robbery	0	1	1	0	2
Domestic Battery*	27	19	16	36	17
Aggravated Battery	20	27	26	21	13
Total*	47	45	46	62	33
Burglary	52	52	56	68	48
Theft	176	134	163	163	117
Auto Theft	4	11	8	13	8
Arson	0	1	2	1	0
Vandalism	105	138	165	167	200
Total	337	336	394	412	373
Drug Arrests	35	29	27	21	12
Traffic Accidents	150	174	157	165	180

However, 2003 is getting off to a crash-filled start. In December 2002, officers handled 13 accidents. "We're almost up to that 13 already," because of the snow, Drollinger said.


The department's two investigators handled 315 cases in 2002 and had a 49 percent clearance rate. Two compliance officers sent 498 junk notices, down from 547 in 2001.

The department had 4,925 in-service calls,

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Hoopeston Regional Health Center is currently recruiting for a Medical Records Clerk/Backup Transcriptionist to work in our Medical Records Department. This is a full time position that works primarily Monday-Friday, with rotating holidays. Primary duties will including filing, copying, transcription and other general clerical duties. Qualifications include ability to type, good recordkeeping skills. Previous related office experience a plus. Please apply in person at Hoopeston Regional Health Center, 701 E. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

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Briefly

Registrations due

Youngsters who plan to participate in the Hoopeston Youth Organization basketball program must have their registrations turned in by Jan. 10.

Registrations may be taken to the Hoopeston Area Superintendent's office.

Tiny Tots

"Thumbelina" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Open House

The Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Curtis will be honored for 40 years in the ministry with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell. The public is invited to attend.

Active Seniors Group to add bingo B-4 end of January

A new program is being offered by the active Seniors Group at Country Terrace.

The group meets at 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Country Terrace but beginning Jan. 16, the group will add bingo on the third Thursday.

Participants, people age 55 or older, will play each month and earn coupons for attending and for winning games. Approximately every three months, an auction or Country Store will be held after bingo, allowing players to spend their coupons on various prizes.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:01 p.m. Monday in the 200 block of Bank St.

Police said Paula J. Hertel of Hoopeston, in a 1997 Oldsmobile, pulled into an angled parking space as Vickie Jackson of Hoopeston, in the adjacent space, opened the driver's side door of a 2002 Chevrolet. Hertel struck Jackson's door.

Police are investigating the theft of a rental vehicle reported Tuesday. A 1994 silver Buick Skyhawk was rented from Dick Jones, Inc. 902 S. Dixie Hwy., and was not returned.

Blood drive

The Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange, Hoopeston.

To schedule an appointment, call Denee Roberts, (217) 283-6366; Melissa Johnson, 283-4122 or Kit Davis, 283-9697.

People are eligible if they donated on or before Nov. 22, 2002.

Flu shots

The Vermilion County Health Department will offer flue immunizations through January. Flu shots will be given on a walk-in basis during regular business hours at the office at 200 S. College St., Danville.

Cost is \$14 and Medicare is accepted. Anyone with a limited income who needs a flue shot should call

"This activity should help beat the winter blahs," said Charlene Ervin, Country Terrace director. "Bingo is a very popular event in the Hoopeston area and we are hoping to get some of those players out here to join us."

Bingo will be held on Thursday since the Multi Agency van runs in Hoopeston those days so transportation will be available.

Active Senior Game Day is also open to any seniors in the area. Beverages will be provided for all events and players may bring snacks to share if they wish.

"We hope people will try any of these events," Ervin said. If they are well-attended, more events may be planned, such as outings, parties, exercise classes and possible informative programs.

Debbie Chandler is in charge of these activities. "She's very enthusiastic so we hope we get a good

Weather



Increasing clouds today. High 35. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 22. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 28, low 15.

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

(217) 431-2662.

More information is available by calling the health department or at their website, www.vchd.org.

DACC registration

Registration is underway at DACC for spring 2003 classes. Most classes begin Jan. 13 but there are many late-starting classes available.

Full-time students should call (217) 443-8750 to schedule an appointment with an academic counselor. Parttime students may call 443-8800 to register.

Registration, cashier, counseling, bookstore and financial aid offices will be open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 9 and

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