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# Mayor's Youth Council to offer activities at Multi Agency

#### **Submitted by ELIZABETH BOOHER**

The Mayor's Youth Council of Hoopeston is starting a youth center on Saturday nights at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. We have decided to call it OVERTIME.

It will begin February 3 and will be open to junior high students from 6-8 p.m. and high school students from 8-10 p.m. Members of the youth council will be volunteering during the junior high time and a few local adults will be volunteering during the high school time.

The youth council is planning to meet with the Danville Mayor's Youth Council on January 31. We hope to

# — Briefly

### **Tiny Tots**

"Harold and the Purple Crayon" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Li-

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### **Banquet tickets available**

The Hoopeston Community Awards banquet will be held Monday, Jan 29 at the Hoopeston Civic Center. Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the Chamber Office, the Chronicle, and the high school office.

Social hour will begin at 6p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the awards program at 7 p.m.

### Magazines available

The library staff is doing the annual moving of back issues of magazines and putting them out for purchase by donation.

learn some new techniques for future progress. We are now meeting at noon every Wednesday at the school. We currently have students working on advertisement for OVERTIME. The Prairie Center Drug Free Community Grant is helping pay for the center as well as other needed supplies. The grant also provided shirts for the youth council.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been started thanks to community support and has had quite a nice kick off. We have 15-20 high school students as well as several adults in the community mentoring elementary students. They will continually need volunteers for the program. We've had great progress with the program so far.

We would like to thank WILL and Prairie Center for their collaboration with the community and their sup-

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with an upcoming Youth Council event, please call Melissa Buhrmester at (217) 772-1075.

#### Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:03 p.m. Friday at Community Bank, 221 S. Bank.

Police said Matthew L. Allen of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Ford truck, tried to go through the drive up and hit the drive up roof/awning due to the height of his truck.

A 61-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Friday that someone took a washer and dryer from the porch of her home in the 500 block of Front.

An 18-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Friday that someone took the car stereo from her vehicle while it was parked at Jerry's IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut.

Two Rossville men were charged with firearms offenses at 8:44 p.m. Sunday.

See POLICE on other side

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### **Letters to the Editor**

### Hospital leaders think of community first

I have read a few letters to the editors in the past year concerning the Hoopeston Regional Health Center. I appreciate what you have all said but I feel it necessary to respond at this time.

Four years ago, we decided to move to Hoopeston. At the time, I said, "where in the world is Hoopeston and what does it have to offer?" I have come to find that Hoopeston means loyalty, dedication and the willingness to create an environment where young and old can live and thrive with each other.

In my short but worthwhile association with the hospital, I have found that the 200+ employees not only work there but they have made a commitment to the patients, clients and residents of the community. Most of the volunteers for the nursing home, hospital and community have come from the employees who not only go to work there everyday but also give of themselves in numerous ways.

Most of this willingness to serve comes from the lead-



ership of our administration and board. Let's start with the board. They are leaders in this community who volunteer their time to lead us responsibly and fiscally into the future. The administration has taken great pains to train all of us in exceeding the expectations of the community members whom we serve. I hear of "closed door" meetings, but I know they ask us our opinions and count on the fact that we represent the community when we answer their questions. After all, we are the ones who consistently take care of our neighbors, friends and family. Did you ever wonder what Hoopeston and the surrounding community would do if our hospital were not here?

I know in the past year or so changes have taken place to concern some and worry others. However, although they have not been easy decisions, our leaders at the health center have put the needs of the community first and foremost when making them. Because of their commitment, I don't only go to work every day, I go to work with a passion to do my best to meet the needs of our community. I personally want to thank the board of directors and administration for believing in our community. I also want to thank them for their commitment to providing quality care and compassion to the community we serve. Respectfully,

Mary Ann Piercy Hoopeston

### **Police** continued from other side

Jacob A. Zollar, 18, of 35863 N 2150 East Rd., Rossville and Darrin F. Armstrong, 18, of 410 Harrison, Rossville, were each charged with unlawful use of a weapon and firearms owner identification card required.

Officers reported seeing a blue Dodge truck roll through a stop sign and Second Ave. and Penn. The driver did not signal when he turned south. When officers stopped the truck, they allegedly saw two rifles, uncased and in plain view in the back seat.

Each man was released on \$100 cash bond. The guns and ammunition were kept as evidence and the truck was towed from the scene.

Randy L. Richards, 46, of 220 E. Main was arrested at 3 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of North Market. He was charged with tattooing the body of a minor on a complaint from a 48-year-old Wellington woman who alleged Richards applied tattoos to her son.

Richards was released on \$100 cash bond.

**Sean T. Hoover.** 18, of 512 W. Penn was arrested in connection with an incident reported at 12:13 a.m. Monday in the 600 block of West Lincoln.

### Weather



Mostly cloudy today, chance of snow late. High 33, low 22. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 31, low 18.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

A 23-year-old Hoopeston woman alleged Hoover entered her home and took several items.

Hoover was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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