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RCO recognizes community spirit with annual awards

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ROSSVILLE—Rossville Community Awards were presented at the annual Rossville Community Organization (RCO) Banquet held at the Hubbard Trail Country Club on March 2. Awards represent outstanding contributions to the community over the last year. Nominations were made at large and were voted on by community members. Sixty-eight people attended this year's event.

Rossville native Gary Kinnett, owner/operator of Kinnett's Fabrication and Welding, received the Citizen of the Year Award, recognizing his strong support of the Rossville-Alvin School system as well as his help and contributions to many community events. His sister, Lynn, added to the presentation by reading several humorous and emotional letters sent by family members.

Educator of the Year Award was presented to Amada Ellis, FAA program instructor. Her work in rebuilding the FAA program, as well as working with various community events and programs, including helping to organize a tractor-truck pull for this year's Drivin' the Dixie Days, was recognized as part of the many contributions she has made to area students and the community.

Joanne Mahorney was honored for her work as an EMT as the Rossville Village Employee, Fire Department, or Ambulance Personnel Award. Mahorney's volunteer efforts in helping with CPR training and many hours of manning the ambulance during community special events were recognized.

The late Naomi Freeman, owner of Freeman's Folly Antiques, was placed in the Rossville Hall of Fame. Mrs. Freeman had been a Rossville resident of over 30 years, and despite the devastating fire that destroyed hers and other business, remained loyal to downtown Rossville by relocating to Attica Street. She was also respon-

sible for the annual antique show held each spring. In accepting the award for her, good friend and fellow antique dealer Marta Smith noted that just before her passing, Mrs. Freeman was told by her daughter that she had received the award, which Naomi acknowledged with a smile.

In addition to the Community Awards, RCO president Linda vanBurk presented RCO awards based on membership in the RCO. Recipients were voted on by only the RCO members.

Smith's Antique's was presented with the Rossville Area Retail Merchant of the Year Award while the Bank of Rossville received the award for Service Business of the Year. Kevin Young received the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Rossville Railroad Depot Museum was recognized with the Organization of Year. Dick Queen was presented the Chairperson of the Year Award while his Christmas in the Village received the award for Outstanding Project/Event of the Year.

Police News



Timmy T. Kidd, 21, of 710 Wyman, Apt. A4 was arrested at 6:27 p.m. Monday at Sixth St. and East Seminary. He was charged with no insurance and suspended registration and was released on notices to appear.

A **34-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that computer equipment was removed from her home following delivery of it to her. The burglary occurred in the 800 block of East Maple.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:08 p.m. Monday for mutual aid at a fire at 202 Maple, Rossville.

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Letters to the Editor

Model railroaders say thank you

The ECI Model Railroaders would like to personally thank the following for making our train show a total success:

The Hoopeston Jaycees for their total support and help in putting on this show, Eugene Warner and his crew for making the signs for the billboard; D&N Hobbies of Effingham for the display on the stage; Wabash Valley Gun

Club for the use of their tables; City of Hoopeston for letting us use the Civic Center and their support; Hoopeston Police Department for patrolling the Civic Center at night; Just the Facts for promoting our show; American Legion for the use of their copy machine and all the paper that was used to make flyers for the show; and most of all, the dealers and everybody who came out and supported this show and made it all possible.

All of the proceeds from this show will help benefit the Hoopeston Jaycees Christmas for Kids program for 2007. This show was a total success and our second annual show is already planned for February 23-24 of 2008. Hope to see you there.

Thanks again.

East Central Illinois Model Railroaders

Missing the good old days

Like Mr. Palmer said, only if you work for the city do we as people on fixed income have to have good neighbors or do it on our own., chose between hiring it done or on one's self. In this day an age, like Mr. Palmer, good neighbors are few and far between. Gone are the days that people stay in one place for 10, 20 years. No one really knows the neighbors like they used to and it is really sad that we not know or care to get to know the people we see everyday. Rich or poor, we all have feelings. Gone are the days of people helping each

other.

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Obituaries

EELLS—Gerald Eugene “Jerry” Eells, 76, of Hoopeston died at 7:05 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2007 at home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston American Legion and VFW Honor Guard.

IRVIN—Harry “Salty” Irvin, 84, of Rankin died at 2:22 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 1 a.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery, Rankin, with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials

are suggested to Rankin Fire Department, Rankin United Methodist Church, World War II Memorial or charity of the donor's choice.

MORTON—Evelyn R. Morton, 80, of Cissna Park died at 6:24 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 2007 at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Ash Grove. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Ash Grove. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church.

THOMPSON—Glenn Thompson, 85, of Hoopeston died at 7:26 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

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