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Scholarship winner announced at Migrant Family Night

A 19-year-old woman has dreams of becoming a forensic scientist, a dream helped along by the Hoopeston Summer Migrant Program.

Claudia Paredes received the Aurelio "Larry" Jazo Memorial Migrant Scholarship. The $500 award was announced at Monday evening's Illinois Migrant Education Family Night at John Greer Grade School.

Paredes plans to attend Danville Area Community College with the scholarship funds, then go on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

From Edinburg, Tex., Paredes is a true success story for the local migrant education program, said Dan Walder, John Greer principal and director of the local migrant education program.

Last year, Paredes came to the migrant summer school having failed the math portion of the Texas standardized test. That failure meant she would not graduate from high school and would be unable to fulfill her dream.

However, during summer school, Pardes worked hard and received tutoring. Through an agreement between Texas and Illinois, she was able to retake the math portion of the proficiency test, passed, and is on her way to her chosen career.

The Jazo Scholarship is named after Larry Jazo, a longtime migrant educator.

Paredes will also receive the Gloria and Joseph Mat-

See WINNER on other side

Claudia Paredes displays the certificate and scholarship check she received at Monday's Illinois Migrant Education Family Night at John Greer Grade School.

Hoopeston couple admit chaining disabled niece to bed

DANVILLE—A Hoopeston couple is facing up to three years in prison after pleading guilty Monday to chaining their adult, mentally challenged niece to a bed.

Ronald H. Schwartz, 67, and Barbara A. Schwartz, 65, each pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful restraint. The charge is a Class 4 felony, punishable by probation or up to three years in prison.

Local police discovered the couple's niece on March 30, 2007 after a neighbor heard a woman's cries. Responding the Schwartz home in the 700 block of South Fourth St., an officer reportedly saw the woman in a

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ART to present 'Music Man Jr.' Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Artistic Repertory Theatre will present "Music Man Jr." this weekend at McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston.

ART celebrates its fifth season with this youth offering, featuring family entertainment for all ages. Come visit the town of River City, Iowa, where a humdrum summer is revitalized by the plans of the traveling salesman Music Man to outfit the kids with uniforms and instruments to start a kids' band. Everyone gets into the act and again we learn that dreams do come true and life is wonderful.

Sam Umbanhowar leads the cast as the Music Man. Also appearing are Katie Walder, Cheyenne Eisenberg, Zack Llewallen, Chelsea Rowe, Trey Dugle, Justin Kindle, Jenna Brown, Corey Rudin, Aly Nicholls, Shawnee Eisenberg, Katie Brown, Ashley Powell, Adrianna Lober, Emily Margevich, Mac Conolly, Megan Brown, Josh Brown, Anna Margevich and Annalin Schaumburg.

Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7 p.m. with a matinee Sunday at 2 p.m. Doors open one hour before show time for lunch counter purchases.

All tickets are $8 reserved seating. To order tickets, call the box office, (217) 283-6553.

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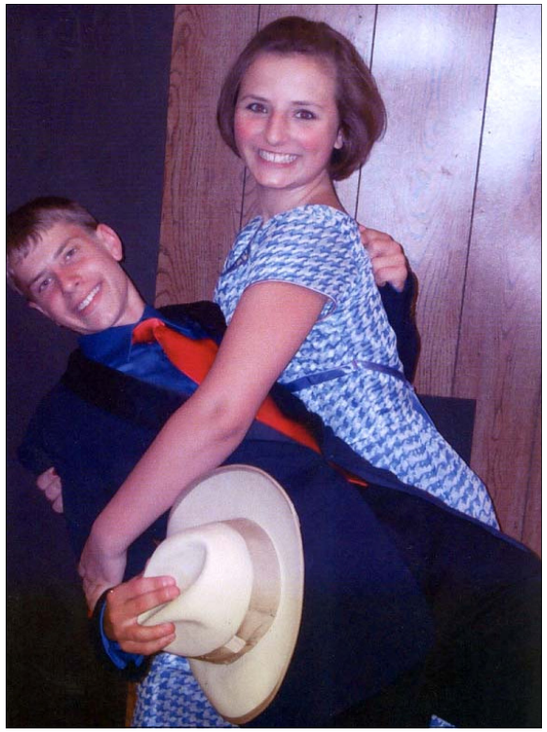

Emily Margevich as Marian the Librarian and Corey Rudin as Charlie Cowell rehearse "Music Man Jr."

Winner continued from other side

tera Scholarship but documentation of the award was not received in time for Monday's event.

Also at Family Night, teachers who instruct migrant students were honored, including John Brown. Students had a special tribute for Brown, who is retiring after 23 years with the program.

Others honored were Hoopeston Area staff, including Barbara Park, 19 years; Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, 18 years; Jacki Gregory, 13 years; Dana Knoll, 14 years; and Maria Martinez, 42 years, Isabel Loredo, 36 years; Mina Palomo, 35 years; Rebecca Martinez, 16 years.

Family Night also included presentations from pre-kindergarten-third grade students; a poison prevention DVD, Girl Scout performance and math activities.

New Books at the Library

Children's Room

Fiction

Professor Pipsqueak's Touch and Feel Backyard Tour by Lisa McCue (board book)

A Song for Harlem by Pat McKissack

All Afloat on Noah's Boat! By Tony Mitton

I Hear by Helen Oxenbury

Me and My Dad! By Alison Ritchie

The Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri

A Dog Needs a Bone by Audrey Wood

Puff, the Magic Dragon by Peter Yarrow

Baby Bear's Big Dreams by Jane Yolen

Non-Fiction

Working With Fractions by David A. Adler

Police News

A 29-year-old Hoopeston man reported Monday that someone took two bicycles from his home in the 300 block of East Seminary. The theft occurred between 9 a.m.-12:15 a.m.

A 31-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone took a 24" silver bike from Parkview Court. The theft occurred Monday or Tuesday.

Obituaries

WRIGHT - George R. Wright, 62, of Milford died at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, July 20, 2008 at Watseka Rehab & Health Care Center. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Sugar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Stockland. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Couple continued from other side

second-story window. After entering the home, the officer saw the woman was locked in a bedroom and chained to a bed with a long chain padlocked around her ankle. A bottle of water and coffee can to use as a toilet, were on the floor, the officer testified at the couple's preliminary hearing.

The couple, who served as the woman's guardians, were reportedly in Danville, at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, when the woman was found.

The Schwartzes are scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 4.

Weather

Sunny today. High 62. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 58. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, rain likely late. High 83, low 64.

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

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