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2013 crime is mixed bag as police respond to record calls

Last year was a busy one for Hoopeston Police Department as, for the first time ever, officers responded to more than 7,000 calls.

Not only were the number of service calls up - from 6,923 in 2012 to 7,106 last year - the number of some serious crimes also increased.

Domestic batteries nearly doubled, going from 28 in 2012 to 50 last year. Hoopeston Police Chief Mark Drollinger said domestic battery calls are “unpredictable” and “can become violent in no time at all. It seems that alcohol and drug abuse are usu-

ally the root of those calls,” he said.

Other crimes with increases were sexual assaults at eight, up from three in 2012; burglary, up eight at 48 last year; and vandalism, at 97, up from 89 in 2012. Traffic accidents increased by one over last year, to 108.

Some crimes decreased, including aggravated battery, down three to 23; theft, at 151, down from 162; drug arrests, down 10 at 41.

Murder, auto theft and arson remained the same at

See **CRIME** on other side

Crime	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Murder	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Assault	8	3	5	9	3
Robbery	1	2	2	1	0
Aggravated Battery	23	26	21	13	21
Domestic Battery	50	28	35	21	29
Burglary	48	40	45	56	50
Theft	151	162	141	131	145
Auto Theft	3	3	5	7	7
Arson	0	0	1	0	0
Vandalism	97	89	98	135	97
Drug Arrests	41	51	17	20	16
Traffic Accidents	108	107	80	124	108
Total Service Calls	7,106	6,923	5,598	5,733	5,488

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Volunteers needed for national junior college basketball tournament in Danville

Danville Area Community College and the city of Danville will again host the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's National Basketball Tournament at the DACC campus March 18-22, 2014. This year marks the 29th Anniversary of the tournament and the 21st year that DACC has played host to the tournament.

The tournament has 16 teams over 5 days with 26 games. Volunteers are needed for afternoons and evenings to work in the concession stand, audio/visual, ticket gates, souvenir sales, hospitality room and information. Community volunteers receive free admission to the games for yourself and your immediate family,

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:15 p.m. Monday in front of Hoopeston Post Office in the 300 block of South Market.

Police said Paul Ziemnisky, of Hoopeston, backed his 2012 Honda into a 2006 Jeep owned by Joshua Miller, also of Hoopeston.

hospitality room privileges, tournament wear, and the honor of representing Vermilion County to the visitors who attend the tournament.

To volunteer contact the following:

To volunteer for the concession stand, contact Ann Lilley at 443-8782 or alilley@dacc.edu or Susie Landers at 443-8784 or slanders@dacc.edu.

To volunteer for audio/videotaping, contact Jon Spors

at 443-8577 or jspors@dacc.edu.

To volunteer for souvenir sales, contact Cindy Parr-Barrett 443-8759 or cparrett@dacc.edu.

To volunteer for ticket gates, hospitality room, information or other areas, sign up at www.volunteerspot.com/group/1217519596052 or for more information contact the Danville Area & Convention Bureau at 442-2096 or info@danvilleareainfo.com.

Briefly

Soccer signups

Signups for Hoopeston Youth Soccer are going on. Register for Danville's spring league through March 17 at www.danvillesoccer.org. For more information, contact Emily Brown at bobnemmm@gmail.com or call 217-772-1203.

HAY baseball signups

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will hold signups from this weekend at the WHPO Business Expo. For information, go to www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=hoopestonyouthbaseball.

Library book sale

Hoopeston Public Library will hold a "Spring Cleaning" book sale march 10-15. An assortment of hard-

cover and paperback books for all ages, as well as some VHS tapes and audio books are available. Everything will be priced at \$2 per bag or three bags for \$5. The sale will be held in the lower level board room during regular library hours, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:30-6 on Friday and 9:30-3 Saturday.

The library is located at 110 N. Fourth St. For information, call (217) 283-6711.

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:46 a.m. Monday to Heritage Health Care, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., for an activated fire alarm, which turned out to be false.

Crime continued from other side

0, 3 and 0, respectively.

Drollinger said a police presence in the community is one reason burglaries, thefts and criminal damage reports remain relatively stable. "The element that (commits those crimes) don't necessarily like to have an audience when they're doing their crafts."

Many service calls do not show up in annual figures submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which tracks crime across the United States.

One example is calls from apartment dwellers complaining about the noise level in a neighboring apartment or disputes between neighbors, which

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