



Hoopeston Lions Club

Fish Fry in the Park

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Goodrum hanging up cooking pot after 30 years for HFD

Those Hoopeston firemen are sly bunch.

Not only can they honor a long-time cook but they can get him to do the cooking for the event at which he is



James "Fuzzy" Goodrum displays the apron and plaque he received from Hoopeston Fire Department in appreciation of cooking for the department for 30 years.

honored!

On Saturday, Hoopeston Fire Department held a get-together for the departments that participated in funeral services for Jon Rayls, a member of the department for many years and who served as its secretary.

As usual, firemen asked James "Fuzzy" Goodrum to cook for the event. What he didn't know is that the department planned to honor him for cooking at their events for the past 30 years.

While he was willing to cook, Goodrum wasn't willing to go to the Crabtree shelter at McFerren Park where the event was held. Firemen and family tried everything to get him there. "They were trying every which way to have it be a surprise," Goodrum said.

Firemen asked him to do the cooking at the shelter but Goodrum said no, he'd rather do it at home.

His sister, Sandy, urged him to come to visit with friends and family. He said no.

His wife, Sherry, asked him to go with her so she could visit with Jon's mom, Rita Rayls Wagoner. Finally, he relented.

At the park, nothing tipped off Goodrum to the pending honor. Friends with department members and related

See COOKING on other side

Sandwiches & Sides
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Cooking continued from other side

to the Rayls family, everything seemed like any other fire department get-together...until Fire Chief Joel Bird stepped from around a fire truck with a plaque and apron. "It got to me," Goodrum said.

The apron is black like a fireman's turnout coat, with two reflective tape stripes and GOODRUM at the bot-

From the Blotter

A 24-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 10:49 a.m. Wednesday that someone took aluminum from Main and Third St. Police are investigating.

Police are investigating the theft of a bicycle reported at 5:07 p.m. Wednesday by a 58-year-old Hoopeston man. The bike was stolen from the 300 block of South Third St.

Obituaries

MORGESON - Danny L. Morgeson, 58, of Hoopeston, died at 9:47 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

tom. The wood-based plaque includes the department insignia and an engraved plate with Hoopeston Fire Department and the insignia along with "James "Fuzzy" Goodrum Thank you for your years of service as Cook."

Goodrum's ties to the fire department go back to his grandpa, Harvey Goodrum, a former Hoopeston Fire Chief. "I love the fire department. I always have," he said. "I love helping the fire department but I don't fight fires."

That connection to the department is evident at the fire station where a picture of Goodrum as a child, on a fire truck during his grandfather's tenure, hangs on the wall. On Saturday, he once again got on a truck for a photo op, turning down offers of help. "I'm an old fat guy but I can still get up on the fire truck," he said.

Over the years, Goodrum has cooked all kinds of things, from ham and beans to roasted pork. He has expanded his offerings to include pickled vegetables, such as asparagus, and deep-fried vegetables, like

Briefly

Fireworks rescheduled

Hoopeston fireworks, canceled on July 3, have been rescheduled for dusk Saturday.

Gospel music concert

Gospel Music at the Multi Agency (formerly Music in the Park in Rossville) will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday. Kenny Melton, of the Melton Family Singers and Judith Montgomery Family of Shoals, Ind., will perform.

A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call Richard Birkey, (217) 495-0011.

The Multi Agency is at 206 S. First Ave., Hoopeston.

Rossville to test hydrants

The Village of Rossville will be pressure and flow testing all the water hydrants July 25-29.

Weather

Excessive heat warning through 7 p.m. Sunday. Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 93, low 74. Tomorrow, chance of storms, then partly cloudy. High 92, low 74. Sunday, chance of storms. High 91, low 71.

pickles. He has even taken a Myron Mixon cooking class.

The things he's learned he hopes to pass on to a couple of firemen, who will then take over cooking duty.

Thinking about his honor, the former police officer gets emotional. "I can't thank those guys enough," he said.

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