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Residents honored for dedication to community, new Miss Hoopeston crowned Sunday

Hoopeston organizations, like those across the country, find new volunteers can be hard to come by. Those who do volunteer pick up more of the slack by doing extra duty.

Some of those who give their time to their community were honored Sunday at the annual Hoopeston Community Awards Ceremony, with two new awards added by See COMMUNITY on other side



Above, winners at Sunday's Hoopeston Community Awards Ceremony were, front, from left, Mercy Linder and Tab Rush and back, Scott Kellerhals, Chad Thomas, Brodee Herman, Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin and Brandon Klaber. Right, outgoing Miss Hoopeston Kaitlyn Coffey pins the crown on Miss Hoopeston 2024, Alexa Bailey.





Shrinking

A snow family made after last week's snow looks worse for the wear after warmer temperatures Sunday. A possible significant snow is being suggested for Tuesday, with some meteorologists saying if the storm tracks just right, our area could get two feet of snow.

Community continued from other side

the Hoopeston Jaycees, sponsor of the awards event.

Callie Lankford, serving as Jaycee president for the third time, presented the new President's Positive Person award to Tab Rush. Lankford said her leadership skills were improved by Rush, who radiates kindness and has a quiet, confident demeanor.

The award "really surprised me," Rush said in accepting the accolade. "I thought that (her husband, Brett Rush) was getting this award."

The second new award started out as a continuation of the Citizen of the Year Award, formerly presented by the Hoopeston Chronicle. When the Jaycees asked for nominations, the majority of submissions were for people who have spent years giving to organizations in Hoopeston and the award name was changed to reflect that.

Citing the winner's dedication to Hoopeston schools, Hoopeston United Methodist Church, as well as the Hoopeston Jaycees, where she went from being a Jay-mate to a full-fledged Jaycee in 1984 and was the first woman to chair the National Sweetcorn Festival in 1986. Lankford presented the first Hoopeston Legacy Award to Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin.

"I don't know what to say," Eyrich-Mastin said as she accepted the award. "I love my family, I love education, I love volunteering and I love being part of the communi-

ty."

Other winners were presented, including **Emergency Management Agency Volunteer of the Year:** Chad Thomas

Firefighter of the Year: Capt. Scott Kellerhals, who recently celebrated his 15th year with the department.

Police Officer of the Year: Brodee Herman

Auxiliary Officer of the Year: Mercy Linder

Distinguished Service Award: Brandon Klaber

A field of four candidates was whittled to one to be 2024's Miss Hoopeston.

Alexa Bailey was chosen as Miss Hoopeston, with Lealoni Drea as first runner-up. Merrill was the People's Choice winner and Jalyn Cobb was named Miss Congeniality.

Each girl was judged on opening remarks, evening gown and answer to an impromptu question, along with earlier interviews with the judges panel.

Bailey, daughter of Jim and Michelle Bailey, is a 2023 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School. She is attends Greenville University with plans to become a criminal pathologist. When asked why she would like to be Miss Hoopeston, she said "Being Miss Hoopeston to me would be the best opportunity for me to grow as a person, especially socially. It is also a chance for me to con-

Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area got the new year off to a good start with a 59-42 win over home team Milford.

Owen Root led Kendrick Sigerill ed scoring for the

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nect even more with my community. I simply just love seeing everyone in the community come together for events and in times of need."

Kaitlyn Coffey, 2023 Miss Hoopeston, gave an emotional farewell speech that warmed the hearts of those who attended, as a fly briefly took advantage of warmth generated by the projector, which projected an image of it over a slide show depicting her reign.

Coffee said that growing up as a plus size girl, she didn't think she could ever be selected as Miss Hoopeston, but her family and friends encouraged her to try. Now, "I don't want it to end," she said Sunday.

Having the support of her family and her church family, and learning to believe in herself, Coffey plans to use her experience to be a roll model for children in similar situations.

Weather

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY until 10 a.m. Wednesday. Rain/breezy today. High 40. Tonight, breezy, rain changing to snow. Low 28. Tomorrow, decreasing clouds, chance of snow/breezy late. High 33, low 24.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Sports

Cornjerkers with 18 points each, followed by Wyatt Eisenmann with 11.

Also contributing to the total were Trenton Montez with four, Zach Huchel and Mason Rush three, and Ethan Steiner two.

Sigerill led rebounds with seven, followed by Root with five, Steiner and Eisenmann with four. Rush had three and Huchel added one.

HA's JV topped Milford, 48-19, with Brayden Walder and Zach Huchel each scoring 11 points.

The win put the team at 12-4 overall and 3-0 in the VVC.

The Cornjerkers have a full slate this week, on the road to Schlarman Tuesday, hosting Oakwood Wednesday, then taking it to Uni High Thursday. The team take on Armstrong in their opening game Saturday in the Vermillion County Tournament at Danville Area Community College.

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