

# On the Street

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\* **Shelter Contest:** Melody Seybold, volunteer and special events coordinator for the Quincy Humane Society, hopes to use an Internet competition to raise money for a new shelter. The contest, sponsored by [www.zootoo.com](http://www.zootoo.com), seeks to raise awareness of the shelter and its services in the community and asks people to sign up as a zootoo member. For each one who does, the shelter receives 100 points toward its ranking. The 20 shelters with the most points by March 31 will receive prizes, most between \$5,000 and \$10,000, with \$1 million as top prize. "Obviously, we could really use the cash, considering how much is still needed for the new building (about \$250,000)," Seybold said. The Quincy Humane Society is currently ranked No. 20 out of more than 3,800 shelters nationally, with 80,549 points. Members can help the shelter earn more points by writing reviews of it, uploading pictures or reviewing products.

\* **Holiday Collections:** Memorial Hospital and Hancock County Nursing Home employees recently competed to see who could collect the most food items for needy county families. Employees were split into four teams and given two weeks to donate food items. They collected 4,151 items to go with cash donations of \$1,250. Employees gave boxes to 55 county families, enough to serve 158 people. Stratton Chiropractic Center also got into the Christmas giving spirit, collecting 774 items for the Salvation Army. Patients brought the items in return for complimentary treatment at the center. Many patients brought more than one item.

\* **Eagles Donation:** The recent Eagles Club party for Quincy public and parochial DARE students was a roaring success, said Quincy Police Department Pro-Act officer Kelly Vandermaiden. Adams County students also attended. Admission to the party was a nonperishable food item donated to the Salvation Army, and a large table full of items was the result.

\* **Making Do:** Members of the Red Hat Society from Good Samaritan Home's Alzheimer's Unit, Harmony Meadows, recently spread holiday cheer by ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Quincy Mall. Upon arrival, they were somewhat chagrined to learn that the bells did not have clappers. However, one of the three staff members accompanying the group managed to fashion a clapper from an extra key.

\* **Giving Students:** Since 1992, Bill Starkey has challenged students in his history classes at Quincy Notre Dame High School to give all they can to help others in need, and nearly \$14,000 has been raised. Agencies assisted by the donations have been the Salvation Army, Quincy Catholic Charities, The Herald-Whig's Good News of Christmas and even QND families in need. Collections are taken eight times between Nov. 28 and Dec. 14, and each class competes against the other to see which has the highest average of giving.

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