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Sergeant Joe Gaffney retiring after 30 years on police force

Joe Gaffney is getting ready to trade in his sergeant's stripes for a "gone fishing" sign.

Gaffney, a 30-year Hoopeston Police Department veteran, will retire May 10 but will be on duty for the last time Friday. He will be the guest of honor at an open house from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hoopeston city hall.

Gaffney began his career on the department on May 1, 1972. A former Pillsbury employee, had a friend on the department who encouraged him to apply for the job.

The eighth man on the department, the 27-year-old Gaffney served as a patrolman from May until September 1972 when he attended a six-week basic training course for officers. "When I got hired, (former chief) Orval (Kaag) gave me a ticket book and a gun, shook my hand and said good luck," he said.

After 10 months on the job, Gaffney was promoted to sergeant of criminal investigations, a position he held for about two years before being named sergeant of patrol, a position he has held for 29 years.

Most of Gaffney's on-duty time has been spent



GAFFNEY

on third shift, patrolling the streets while most people are asleep. "You have to be a bit different to work thirds," he said, adding he chose the shift to allow him to be able to attend his children's school and sporting events. Also, "I've always been a night person," he said.

Over the years, Gaffney has seen many changes at the Hoopeston Police Department, including the addition of portable radios to allow officers to be in contact out of the squad cars, using computers rather than typewriters, on-board cameras

in squad cars and roaming radar that is scientifically calibrated. "The old radar we had, we used to tune with a tuning fork," he said.

During his career, Gaffney has worked with multiple generations of Hoopeston residents. "Kids I dealt with in the 70s, now I'm dealing with their grand-kids," he said.

It is the people that have made the job worthwhile. "Sometimes the job can be nerve-racking but I

Briefly

Games, anyone?

County Terrace hosts area seniors for an afternoon of euchre and other games, the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The fun begins at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and is open to the public.

For more information, call Charlene Ervin at 283-9215.

Teacher Appreciation Reception

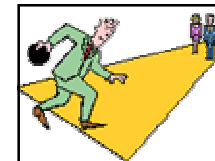
The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a teacher appreciation reception from 4-6

p.m. Thursday, hosted by the Academy for the Performing Arts, 203 E. Main, Hoopeston.

The event will feature entertainment and food, along with visits with Hoopeston Area educators.

Items needed

The Hoopeston Multi Agency needs items for a street sale to be held May 25. Anyone who has household items they wish to donate may drop them off at 206 S. First Ave. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. May 21 is the last day items will be accepted.



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1. Crop Production Service	89	4. Ross Electric	78
2. Production Tooling	76		83½
	88	5. Pla-Mor Lanes	81½
	77		
3. Hoopeston Weather Line		6. Ferdinand Construction	84
			66½
			98½

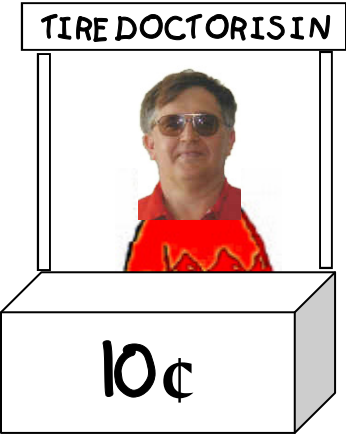
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Of all the calls Gaffney has handled, two things stand out. The first was when he save a little girl’s life. The child, just a few months old, had turned blue by the time Gaffney got to her home. “I got her back,” he said. He received a commendation for his actions on that call.

The second thing that he remembers is the storms, whether rainstorms or blizzards. “Everything always worked out real good,” he said. “I like helping people and getting things straightened out.”

After a tenure that has spanned the terms of

Police News



A **41-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Sunday that someone kicked in her front door in the 300 block of North Market.

David M. Armstrong, 23, of 710 Wyman, Apt. 24, was arrested following a traffic stop at 2:05 a.m. Monday at West Honeywell and North Eighth Ave.

He was charged with driving on suspension and no valid registration and was released on notices to

Weather



Partly sunny, warmer today. High 65. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 50. Tomorrow, chance of showers, thunderstorms. High 65, low 49.

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

2. R&R Body Shop	33	55
	53½	33½
3. Easy Sliders		
	52	
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