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Patrolman Jim DeWitt promoted to sergeant's position

The Hoopeston Police Department has a new third shift sergeant.

Jim DeWitt, a patrolman with the department since April 1999, was promoted by the Hoopeston Police Commission effective April 11.

He replaces Joe Gaffney who retired.

DeWitt, 32, was promoted based on testing and other criteria.

"My main goal is to work with the public as I always have and work with my officers in doing the best service to the public," DeWitt said.

His duties will include many of those he has been doing, including patrols, but now DeWitt will also



DeWITT

perform administrative duties, including officer evaluations, and he will also be a shift commander.

One duty he has given up is that of compliance officer. DeWitt, along with Officer Ephriam Bolin, has served in that capacity as part of a federal grant. As compliance officers, the two patrol the city to check for violations of junk car and nuisance ordinances.

In his effort to serve the public, DeWitt said he will evaluate the shift and make any changes necessary. "However,

we have an excellent staff of officers and I don't feel many, if any, changes will need to be made," he said.

DeWitt lives in Hoopeston with his wife,

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Harry the Dog" is the theme of this week's Hoopeston Public Library Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Multi Agency. It is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Teacher request forms

Parents of students who will be entering Maple School may pick up teacher request forms from the school office May 10-24. Requests will be sent home with students entering grades 3-6 on May 10 and should be returned to the Honeywell or John Greer office by May 24.

Senior citizen concert

Hoopeston Area senior citizens are invited to attend the Hoopeston Area High School Show Choir/Jazz Band Senior Citizen Concert at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, May 6 in the middle school gym. Coffee and donuts will be served in the high school cafeteria beginning at 8 a.m..

Organizational meeting

An organizational meeting for Thursday Night Summer 9-Pin League will be held at 7 p.m. May 2 at Pla-Mor Lanes. The league will start May 30 and finish July 25, laying our Thursday, July 4. This is for four-person teams open to anyone. The teams may be mixed, all male or all female. For more information, call Pla-Mor Lanes, (217) 283-5195.

Neighborhood Watch

Members of the Hoopeston Explorers law enforcement post will be the featured speakers at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch program. The event will begin at 6 p.m. May 6 at Country Terrace. The public is invited to attend.

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