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## Former Hoopeston man killed in Navy jet crash in Georgia

A former Hoopeston resident was one of four people killed in a Navy jet crash Tuesday.

Retired Navy Cmdr. Dave Roark, 68, of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, was among those killed in the crash of a Navy T-39 Sabre-liner.

The jet was assigned to Training Squadron 86 at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. It took off from Chattanooga, Tenn., at about 11 a.m. Tuesday and was scheduled to arrive in Pensacola about four hours later.

Wreckage from the crash was found Wednesday in the Chattahoochee National Forest near Lafayette, Ga. The



Cmdr. Dave Roark

cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Bodies of those killed, which also included Navy Lt. Jason Manse, 30, of Canton, Ohio; Ensign Elizabeth Bonn, 23, of Wilkes-Barre, Penn.; and Air Force 1st Lt. Jason Davis, 28, of Vista, Calif., were taken to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab in DeKalb County, and were expected to be transported to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware for autopsies.

Cmdr. Roark grew up in Hoopeston and graduated from John Greer High School in 1955. He served in the Navy until 1985 and, within min-

See CRASH on other side



## Judge Judi

Judi Pierce fights back tears Friday as she sits in the judge's seat at Hoopeston City Hall. Pierce was opening gifts presented at an open house in honor of her retirement after 30 years of service. A story on Pierce's career will appear this week in Just the Facts.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**Signatures sought for marriage petition**

The right of self government is quickly eroding away, as demonstrated in the battle to protect marriage. In Massachusetts, a 4-3 decision by the state's highest court quashed a state law that preserves marriage as a union of one man and one woman and created a new "right to marry" based on unnatural sexual behavior.

In Nebraska, a state constitutional marriage amendment that passed by 70 percent in November of 2000 was declared unconstitutional by a federal court; or that mayors in San Francisco and New Paltz, New York passed out "same-sex marriage" licenses--

**Briefly**

**Tiny Tots**

"Harold and the Purple Crayon" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

**Well-Baby Clinic**

Hoopeston Well-Baby Clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange. The free clinic is for children ages birth-school age. Children will be examined, weighed, measured and needed immunizations given. The clinic is free; no appointment is necessary.

**Crash continued from other side**


utes of his retirement, was contracted as a training pilot for Lockheed, where he was employed for another 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, four children, and locally, by his brothers, Pat of Rossville and Roy of Hoopeston.

A memorial mass is scheduled Monday in Pensacola. Interment will be at a later date with full military honors at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

Memorials are suggested to the David "Raider" Roark Memorial Fund, 2465 Bluffs Circle, Pensacola, Fla. 32403. Contributions will be given to the Boy Scouts of America and Naval Aviation Museum.


**Police News**



Amanda Cadman, 19, of Hoopeston was ticketed for failure to yield after an accident at 9:29 p.m. Wednesday at East Penn and Market. Police said Cadman, in a 1989 Chevrolet S-10, stopped, entered the intersection and hit a 1990 Dodge driven by Judy A. Longfellow, also of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

**Weather**



Chance of rain today and tonight. High 51, low 39. Tomorrow, chance of rain, snow. High 43, low 26.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

**Sweetheart Banquet**

The 15th annual Senior Citizen Sweetheart Banquet will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 in the Hoopeston Area High School gym. The event is sponsored by the drama department and student council.

Any Hoopeston Area or Rossville senior citizen who wants to attend must make reservations by Feb. 3. Call 283-6668 for reservations or questions.

**Meetings**

• Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.

**Letter to the Editor**

violating the respective laws of their states?

Here in Illinois, House Speaker Michael Madigan has disregarded the people's will by repeatedly blocking a popular Marriage Protection Amendment. If this amendment were ever allowed to come up for a vote by entire General Assembly, it would receive the needed three-fifths vote needed to pass a constitutional amendment.

Since this constitutional amendment has been blocked in Springfield, grassroots groups started a petition drive to gather 283,111 signatures of registered voters to place an advisory referendum on the

**November ballot that calls on the General Assembly to pass a Marriage Protection Amendment. Thousands of concerned citizens are now circulating Protect Marriage Illinois petitions to get the necessary signatures.**

Illinois citizens have the opportunity to assert their God-given right to take back their government and at the same time preserve marriage. To get involved, please visit [www.protect-marriageillinois.org](http://www.protect-marriageillinois.org) or call 877-787-8011.

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