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## Patch collection shows diversity of police departments

Police departments are as unique as the communities they serve. And one way departments show their sense of uniqueness is through the patches officers wear on their uniforms.

Among officers, patches become like baseball cards or coins, something to collect and trade.

That holds true at the Hoopeston police department, where Sgt. Steve Bane is the official keeper of the patches.

Bane has approximately 80 insignias in his collection which "started out because people asked for ours because it's unique," Bane said.

The Hoopeston patch is an outline of the state of Illinois with an ear of corn in the middle of the state. The patch was designed in approximately 1963 by then-police chief Chuck Strink. Bane said.

In the seven or eight years since he began the collection, Bane has received patches from New York, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Tennessee, Maine, Maryland and Canada.

Some patches are reflect the distinct nature of the community served. For example, Olney's

patch depicts a white squirrel, while one of Bane's favorites, the insignia from Salem, Mass., portrays a witch on a broom.

Some of Bane's patches are reminders of times gone by, including civil defense patches. "You don't see civil defense anymore," he said. "They went to auxiliary police and ESDA (Emergency Services and Disaster Agency)."

There is one patch from the former Hoopeston Junior Law Drill Team, an organization of officers and local youngsters. "It hasn't been around for about 10 years," Bane said. "That's probably the only patch left."

Bane gets new patches from friends and co-workers, giving them Hoopeston patches to trade while on vacation.

Bane also gets patches from fellow officers he meets at police training schools.

Some departments charge for their insignias, but those won't be added to Bane's collection. "I won't pay for a patch," he said.

Policemen are not the only ones who collect

See PATCHES on other side

## Local mayors, motor club urge back to school safety

Hoopeston Mayor Bob Ault and Rossville Mayor Merv Smith proclaimed Aug. 22-26 as "School's Open Safety Week," joining the AAA-Chicago Motor Club in its 47th "School's Open" campaign.

Motorists need to be alerted to use extreme caution when driving near schools as students return to classes once again.

School children, especially the younger ones,

frequently are not thinking about their own safety as they walk to and from school, both mayors said. With the help of school Safety Patrols guiding students at crossings, and the efforts of motorists, both men hope to prevent traffic-safety related injuries.

Motorist suggestions include reviewing driving rules applicable to school zones and paying special attention to school crossing guards.

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### Freshman physicals

Freshmen are reminded they must have a complete physical prior to attending the first full day of school.

### Library reminder

Residents of the Hoopeston Area and Rossville-Alvin school districts are reminded that they can use the Hoopeston Public Library free of charge until April 1995.

### EIMPC activities

Upcoming activities at the community center include Thursday, 9 a.m., coffee hour, 12:30 p.m., euchre, and Monday, 12:30 p.m., bridge.

Send your announcements for Up & Coming, Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441 Hoopeston, IL 60942.

For more information, contact the high school at 283-6662.

## Court Dispositions

**William Mitchell**, Hoopeston, rule to show cause hearing, 22 hours public service work; criminal damage, nolle pros.

**Arden Grotelueschen**, Oakland, speeding, forfeited bond.

**Todd Mayberry**, Hoopeston, to report for court supervision, terminated.

**Bill Buss**, Hoopeston, court supervision return, terminated.

**Robert Brown**, Hoopeston, court supervision return, terminated.

**Jose Cardenas**, junk car, \$95.

## Patches continued from other side

patches. Bane has received requests from seriously ill youngsters trying to collect enough patches to be listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. Those children get patches which have actually been used by local officers, he said.

While many departments' patches are individualized, other departments, especially smaller ones, prefer to use generic patches which usually are designed around stars or eagles. Rankin and Rossville are two such departments, Bane said.

Bane said collecting patches could become an "endless" task because of the number of different insignias available. For example, New York's police have different patches for different units, including the harbor division, emergency squad and aviation unit.

Most officers who collect patches are usually

those with several years' experience, Bane said. "Younger guys don't want to mess with it," he said. "until they've got a few years under their belt."

## In the Hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
Aug. 22, 1994

**Admitted:** none.

**Discharged:** Miles Johnson, Rankin.

## Weather

Partly sunny and warm today. High in the upper 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 90, low near 65.

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