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New chief 'looking forward' to leading Hoopeston department

A new police chief is expected to assume his duties April 7.

Carl Valentine Jr., 55, currently chief of Brookland, Ark., was named chief of the Hoopeston Police Department.

Valentine has been in law enforcement since 1970. He served in the Florida Highway Auxiliary and in an auxiliary department in Green Acres, Fla. before becoming a full-time officer. He has served as chief in Green Acres and was a marshal in Black Hawk, Ark., before assuming his current position where he oversees a seven-person department in a community of 2,000.

"I'm really looking forward to coming there," Valentine said in a telephone interview Monday. A Rantoul native, Valentine said he and his wife wanted to move back to Illinois, "so this will be like coming home."

Valentine said he plans no major changes but will review policies and practices to determine if minor changes are needed. "My first priority is to let everybody in the department know nobody's job is in danger," he said. "I think they're going to find I'm a good person to work for. I'll back them 100 percent."

Residents are also not in danger of being ticketed by the new chief. "I'm not for people hot-dogging it,

writing citation after citation," he said. However, he added, laws will be enforced.

Good administrative skills, fairness and professionalism are things Valentine said he will bring to the position. "I think the most important thing is to be fair to the public," he said. "I'm (also) a firm believer in patting an officer on the back. I came up through the ranks just like they did."

Valentine describes himself as "a good police chief (and) a good cop," and said law enforcement "has really been rewarding for me."

Increased crime has made police departments "more important than they were 20 years ago," Valentine said. Major crimes, such as drugs, are something he has dealt with during his career. In fact, the drug problem has hit close to home. Valentine said his brother was shot and killed in Memphis because of drugs.

Besides assuming new duties, Valentine must also update his education. He has an associate's degree in law enforcement, and experience, including several commendations, but must take a 32-hour course and pass a test to become certified in Illinois.

This may be Valentine's last stop in law enforcement. "I'm planning on retiring there," he said.

He replaces Orval Kaag, who retired in January after

Police say alcohol involved in two accidents Monday night

Police say alcohol use caused two accidents Monday, including a multi-vehicle incident.

The first accident occurred at 5 p.m. at Shell Mart, Routes 1 and 9.

Police said Herbert D. Fairchild, 78, of 508 N. Chicago, Rossville, drove his 1991 Chevrolet from the Hoopeston Plaza parking lot, through the McDonald's drive-through area, then went to the

Burger King/Shell parking area. Police said Fairchild crossed a small median, hit a parked 1989 Chevrolet owned by Delmer Doeden, 920 E. Young, then, at a high rate of speed, backed into a light pole at McDonald's. He then pulled forward into Doeden's car, pushing it into a parked 1996 Dodge van owned Bruce and Emily Burton, 414 E. Washington. Their van was pushed

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What's that smell? Not Hoopeston, if treatment works

Hoopeston's notorious odor may be a thing of the past if a new chemical treatment is successful.

A mix of chemicals is being used on water in the lagoons for the sewer treatment plant, based on analysis of the water, said Alderman Drew Allen, chairman of the city water/sewer committee.

The solution is being provided by United Chemicals of St. Charles, Allen said, and involves a mixture that "actually destroys methane gas and (hydrogen sulfide)," he said.

The process is not inexpensive, although exact costs will not be known until a study is done on the amount of chemicals used, Allen said. "We're into it about \$4,000 right now," he said. "I've heard quotes as high as \$18,000 a year if we don't do our studies correctly."

While the product does not come with a company guarantee that the odor will be eliminated, "they're very optimistic," Allen said. "It worked in the samples."

The mix is currently being added in the lagoon but once the process is streamline, it may be added at the treatment plant, he said.

In other action, the council approved spending \$36,000 for a 1987 Elgin streetsweeper.


Repairs to the city's existing sweeper, a late 1960s model, will cost approximately \$22,000, said Alderman Mark Drollinger, street/alley committee chairman.

The newer sweeper will have a two-year/2,000 hour guarantee on the vehicle and six month guarantee on the sweeper unit.

The city will receive a \$4,000 trade-in allowance on the old sweeper.

A new machine would have cost the city approximately \$84,000, Drollinger said.

Police News



An unidentified boy reported Monday that his green BMX bicycle was stolen from Pamida.

William Nelson reported Tuesday that someone broke two window panes at 852 E. Penn St.

Two boys, ages 12 and 14, were arrested at 4:20 p. m. Tuesday for stealing a pack of cigarettes from Jerry's IGA, Routes 1 and 9.

Both were released to their parents.

See ACCIDENTS on other side

Accidents continued from other side

into a 1977 Chevrolet owned by Kevin E. Tyler, 1013 W. Main.

Police said Fairchild repeated the chain of events twice before heading west on Route 9. He then returned to the intersection of Routes 1 and 9 and headed south.

Fairchild was subsequently stopped by Rossville police and was returned to Hoopeston where he cited for preliminary charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident and operating an uninsured vehicle.

No injuries were reported.


The second accident occurred at 11:07 p.m. at 227 W. Lincoln.

Police said Carroll W. Jerome, 17, of 3775 N 1650 East Road, was eastbound on West Lincoln when his 1986 Ford van jumped the curb and hit the front porch and residence, owned by Ernie Linares.

Jerome faces preliminary charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. He was released on \$100 bond and his license.

Police said the foundation and front porch of the

In the hospital




Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 17, 1997

Admitted: Steve Highfill, Carlos Ramos and Tyler Brown, all of Hoopeston.

Discharged: Emmett Bennett, Rankin.

Weather



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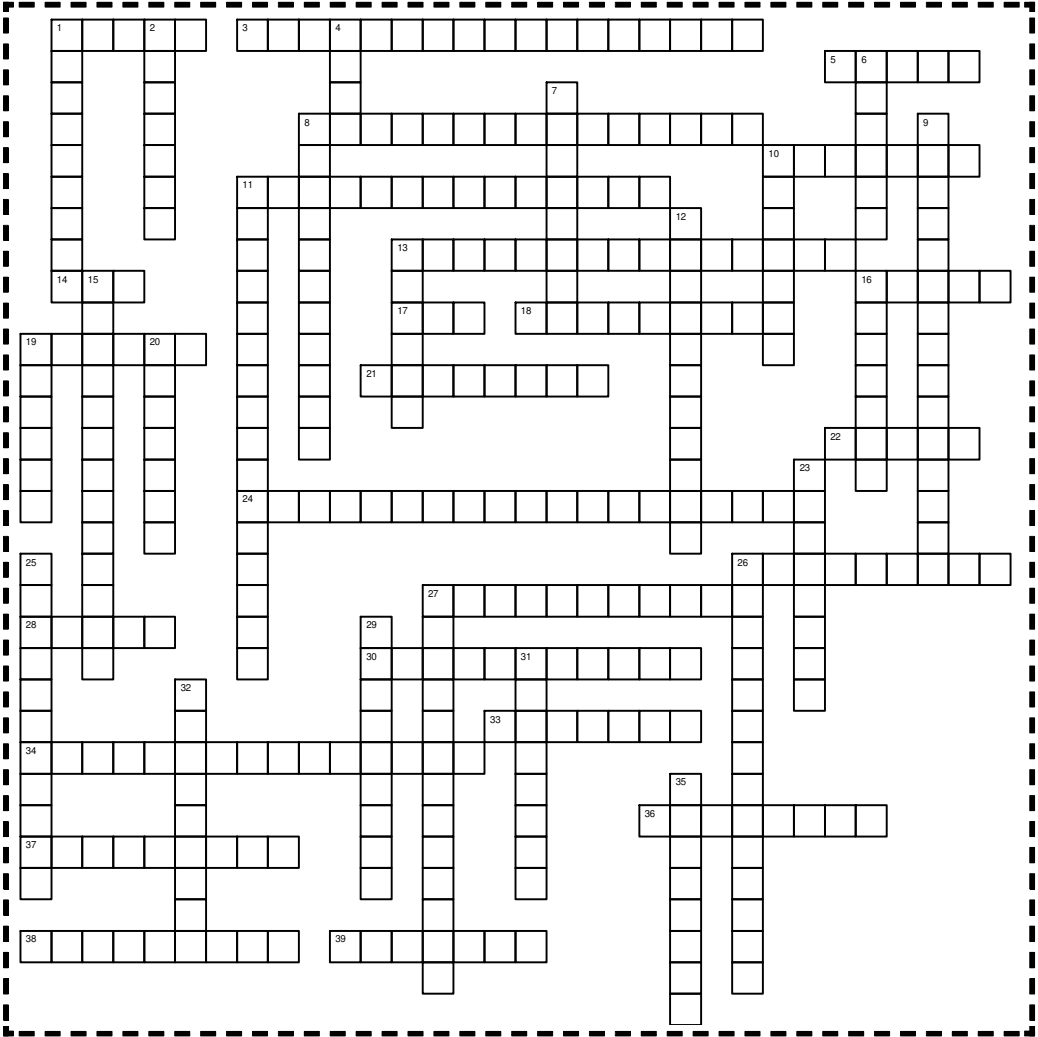
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14. Business with a pet monkey, Gringo
16. Just the Facts:Hoopeston's only ____ news publication
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19. Hometown value store
21. Has a lunch buffet six days
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agency since 1983

26. Quality first, low prices always
27. Fill your gas tank and fill YOUR tank for lunch at Hoopeston ____
28. Get your FOID application and photo at ____ Professional Services
30. Everything from appliances to car services at Rod's ____
33. Only Main St. bank is Kankakee ____

34. ____ specializes in custom-built cabinets
36. Local Pekin agent is at the ____ Agency
37. Olympic is Hoopeston's ____ hardware store
38. Fast food restaurant established in 1955
39. Where the Crothers would vacation in Fla.

Down

1. Local home of Motor Trend's Truck of the Year
2. Fluff & fold at Hoopeston Coin ____
4. Number of local Iroquois Federal employees
6. Help me ____ (get my basket)
7. Fixes CATS that don't have hair
8. Oldest funeral home
9. Professionals who care for your eyes
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13. What tires and Roger Burton have in common
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16. The Lorraine Theatre is known for its ____ sound
19. Fixed rate mortgages are available at ____ Bank
20. Your grain is our business
23. The ____ Shoppe has quality antiques downtown
25. Big city financials are at this small town family business
26. Area of concentration for Manion, Devens & McFetridge
27. Where you can buy a mouse for your house
29. Celebrating its 125th anniversary
31. ____ in a haystack
32. Hometown proud
35. Home of one of the best fish sandwiches

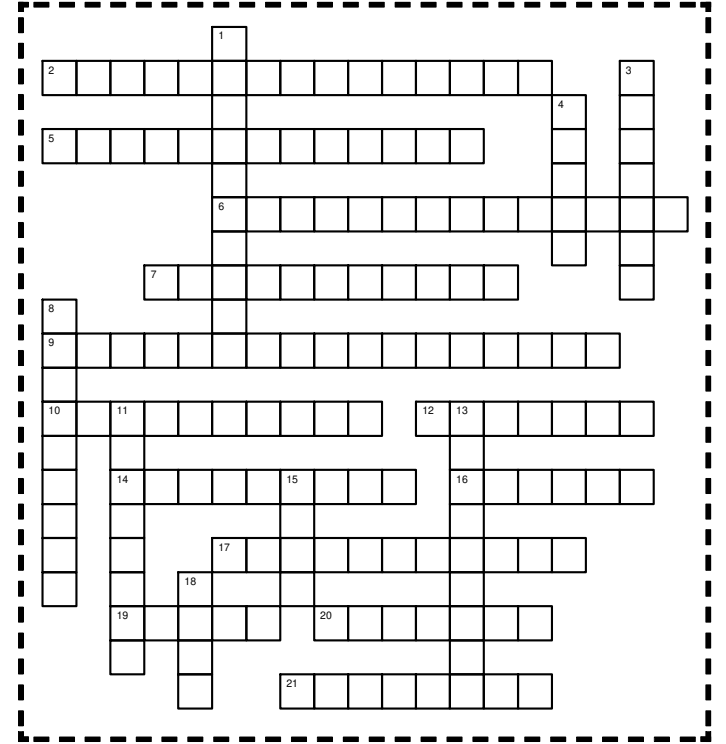
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- 2.) Write your name, address and phone number on the back of each puzzle.
- 3.) Attach the puzzles together and drop off at any participating Chamber business by March 28.
- 4.) Winner will be selected from all correct entries.
- 5.) Winner will be drawn March 28 and will receive \$100 in Chamber Bucks to be spent at any store in Hoopeston.
- 6.) Photocopies and fax copies of the puzzle are acceptable.

Good Luck!



Across

2. A girl's best friend
5. Where you get insanity in Hoopeston?
6. Business that's sign of the times
7. Mall with more than 6,000 items
9. Put the heating/cooling system in the middle school
10. Good, clean used clothing for a reasonable price
12. Has Rapid Refund
14. Get a video 365 days a year
16. Has a picture of the owner with Lou Ferrigno
17. The fastest lube with no appointment
19. Home of used car pricing by the book
20. The Sewing Boutique has fabric, notions and the ____

21. Brianna's ____ is coming out with their own kids' clothing line

Down

1. Where to find a bear, chair, bed, bunny and a bean and feel better when you leave
3. This business is 'exhausted.'
4. Flowers & Gifts by Molly Culbert has Hoopeston's only green ____
8. You get a good 'reception' here
11. Flower shop that has jelly beans at the counter
13. Number cruncher
15. Your 101 and only radio station
18. Parts store that just remodeled

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