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Childhood dream become reality for police officer trainee

A Chrisman man's childhood dream has become a reality.

Darin Tate, 25, of Chrisman, joined the Hoopeston Police Department on Sept. 14.

Tate will work with officers this week, then will attend the University of Illinois Police Training Institute for 12 weeks before returning to the department full time.

The job is a dream come true for Tate. "I've wanted to be a police officer since I was a little kid," he said. "I really don't know exactly why."

Tate, who will move to Hoopeston once his training is completed, was graduated from Chrisman High School. He then attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute, receiving a BS in criminology in 1996.

After graduation, he worked for his parents, Don and Karen Tate, at Karen's Kottage in Danville be-

fore become loss prevention supervisor at Elder Beerman at the Village Mall in Danville.

He got his first law enforcement experience while attending college, when he interned with the Edgar County Sheriff's Department.

His favorite part of that training was finding people who were wanted on warrants. "I liked hunting them and finding out where they live," he said.

That talent for finding people may lead to career advancement. Tate hopes to perhaps become an investigator, but his goal is to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Reaching that goal will take more schooling and a three-year stint with one employer, he said.

Tate learned of the Hoopeston opening, applied, and is glad he got the job. "It's so hard to get in a lot of places," he said.

See TRAINEE on other side

Voter registration aids available for disabled residents

Vermilion County residents who, due to a disability, are unable to register to vote in person may contact the county clerk's Voter Registration Department for assistance.

The department's phone number is (217) 283-6688.

Residents who call may arrange for a bipartisan team of deputy registrars to provide in-home registration, said County Clerk Lynn Foster.

Oct. 6 is the last day for county residents outside Danville to register for the Nov. 3 primary election.

Foster also reminded residents that those who are disabled or incapacitated may vote by absentee ballot. Those wishing to vote absentee by mail should request an application from the county clerk's office as soon as

possible after Sept. 24. The last day absentee ballots may be mailed to a voter is Oct. 29.

Voters who are permanently disabled may request an application for a special identification card with will allow them to automatically receive absentee ballot applications for every election for five years. The card is renewable. "This card is very convenient for our permanently disabled voters," Foster said. "We have had great success with this program."

For further information on absentee voting, call (217) 431-2614.

Voting aids and assistance in marking ballots are provided in all Vermilion County polling places for all elections, Foster said.

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Police News



A **boy's Roadmaster** bicycle was found Sunday in the Carnival Video parking lot. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Charles H. Sanders, 83, of #23 Baer's Trailer Court, was ticketed for failure to yield at a stop intersection after an accident at 4:40 p.m. Sunday.

Police said Sanders, in a 1983 Mercury, stopped at the intersection of Route 1 and West Main, then entered the intersection and hit a 1997 Dodge driven by Mark A. Catron, 32642N 2100E Rd.

Catron had stopped for traffic and was beginning to turn onto West Main, police said

Monica Holt, 707 S. Second Ave., reported Sunday that her son's chrome Huffy BMX bicycle was taken from Hospital Road. The bike is valued at \$80.

Tina Buhrmester of Hoopeston Coin Laundry, 209 S. First Ave., reported Monday that someone spray painted the hood of a delivery van and wrote on the side of the van with black marker.

Leon Polson of Polson Insurance, 218 E. Main, reported Monday that someone spray painted the back of his building with purple paint and wrote on a door with a marker.

Christopher B. Wilkinson, 22, of 302 W. Darby,

Otterbein, Ind., turned himself in to police at 9:55 a.m. Monday. Wilkinson, wanted on a traffic warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Robert W. Eades, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:50 a.m. Monday on two traffic warrants. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

An undisclosed amount of money was found Monday at McFerren Park. The owner may identify the amount of money and claim it at the police station.

Brian Field, 613 W. Penn, reported Monday that someone cut both rear tires of his 1992 Honda while the car was parked in his driveway.



Court Dispositions



Aug. 20: Terry Rucker, Boswell, Ind., deceptive practice, rule to show cause.

Jamie Vance, Rossville, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty, \$75 total.

Thomas Whitney, Watseka, battery, summons issued.

Theresa Williamson, Hoopeston, three counts deceptive practice, summons issued.

Theresa Conrad, Hoopeston, two counts deceptive practice, summons issued.

Bench trials: Ashley Crawford, Hoopeston, illegal consumption, battery, pleaded guilty; \$128 total.

Abbie Morgeson, Hoopeston, two counts battery, nolle pros.

Robert Nixon, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, failed to appear.

Richard Smith, Hoopeston, noisy animal, failed to appear.

Heather Souza, nuisance junk car, nolle pros.

Sept. 3: Robert Huckleby, Hoopeston, passed school

Obituaries

HUFFMAN – E. Ferne Huffman, 82m, of Rankin, died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, 1998 at home. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Rankin United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery, Mayview. Visitation will be 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Rankin. Memorials are suggested to the Rankin United Methodist Church, Rankin Lions Club or American Cancer Society.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the Sept 14 edition that the Rossville village board and Rossville-Alvin school board would meet Monday night. The boards will meet next Monday. Just the Facts regrets the error.



In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Sept. 10

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Harry Heeren.

Sept. 11

Admitted: Mary Jane Dixon, Wellington; Ava Marie German, Pearl Crews, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Marjorie Brockway, Esther Stiner.

Sept. 12

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Robert Taylor.

Sept. 13

Nothing to report.

Weather



Mostly cloudy with chance of showers today and tomorrow. Highs near 78, lows near 64.

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