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Paxton man is newest Hoopeston Police Department officer

Jeremy Welch will deal with myriad situations as Hoopeston's newest police officer, but the situations that will touch him the most will be those involving children.

Welch, 29, of Paxton, began his duties with the department on June 19.

A former shift commander for the Lincoln's Challenge program, Welch is used to dealing with youngsters.

Lincoln's Challenge is a military-based GED program for troubled 16- to 18-year-olds. As shift commander, Welch was responsible for the 400 to 800 students in the residential program, as well as staff. It was a position he held from September 1996 until accepting the Hoopes-



WELCH

ton position.

"There are few jobs where you get the satisfaction you get working there," he said of Lincoln's Challenge. "Some of them can't be reached...but when you reach one, there's just nothing like it."

Welch will bring the same attitude to working with Hoopeston's youth. "The impact you make on that child can be great or devastating," he said. "There's no such

thing as a bad kid, only bad situations."

Although he has a soft spot for children, Welch will be fair but not easy. "I don't think I'm lenient," he said. "In fact, I'm not lenient at all."

The military style of Lincoln's Challenge blended with Welch's background as a member of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm—"I was there from the very beginning to the very end," he said—and he is currently a National Guardsman based in Litchfield.

Patriotism is something Welch has in common with his wife, Megan, who is also a member of the National Guard and who also works at Lincoln's Challenge. The couple has a five-month-old daughter, Hailey.

Besides working with Lincoln's Challenge youth, Welch spent approximately the last year as a part time officer in Homer and has taken the Police Training Institute course for part time officers. He will take a two-week course to become certified as a full time officer.

Welch is pleased with the move to a larger department. Homer has one officer per shift. "Learning from

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Briefly

Health Department donation

The Hoopeston Multi Agency has received a \$6,000 donation from the Vermilion County Health Department.

The donation will be used to purchase a television and video cassette recorder for the Healthy Moms/Healthy Kids program, a copier and computer, monitor and printer.

"It was nice of them to think of northern Vermilion County," said Chalmers Flint, Multi Agency executive director. "We appreciate that they support us."

Soccer sign-up

2000-2001 youth soccer signups will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. Those with questions may contact Kathy Franklin, 283-9540 or Hank Hornbeck, 283-6391.

Graduation pictures in

Hoopeston Area seniors who ordered graduation pictures may pick them up in the high school office between 8 a.m. and noon and 1-4 p.m.

New books at the library

Non-fiction:

Everything You Need to Know About Learning Disabilities by Mary Bowman-Kruhm (youth)
Prostate and Cancer by Sheldon Marks
Women's Encyclopedia of Natural Medicine by

Tori Hudson

Failure is Not an Option by Gene Kranz
Garden Crafts by Geraldine Rudge
Creating a Perennial Garden in the Midwest by Joan Severa

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other officers—you just can't do it," he said. "This is just what I was looking for."

Welch's interest in police work stemmed from childhood. "I had a police officer influence me when I was real little," he said, adding a couple friends at Lincoln's Challenge encouraged him to enter police work.

Another reason for entering law enforcement stems from being raised in Loami, a small town near Springfield. "I was fortunate enough to grow up in that environment and I want to do that for somebody else, or at least do my part," he said.

Welch enjoys the camaraderie of police work, as well

as the independence. "You're not chained to a desk," he said. "You can get out and move around and deal with people."

Dealing with people, especially youngsters, are among the good things about law enforcement, but there is a flip side. "I sure don't sit at home and pray for a beer fight," he said. "I'm not 18 years old anymore."

Although new the department, Welch has found common ground with his fellow officers. "They're just an awesome bunch," he said. "They're clamoring over each other trying to help me."

Hired under a federal COPS grant, Welch may only be with the department for approximately one year but hopes in that time to make his presence felt. "I'm going to make it so they can't do without me," he said.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 88. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 68. Tomorrow and Sunday, chance of showers, thunderstorms. Highs near 87, lows near 65.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Neighborhood Auction

Tuesday, June 27 6 p.m.
215 E. Maple, Rossville

Furniture, collectibles, household, occupied Japan, 1 pc. Swirl blue, old Wheaties cereal boxes, old bottles, jewelry, old post cards, tools, service for 8 silverware, books, comics
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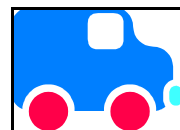
Oak finish rolltop desk, 6' bookcase, queen size rose-colored comforter. (815) 984-5116. 167-173

RUMMAGE SALES

323 W. Maple, Hoopeston. Saturday, 8-? Odds & ends, some clothes.

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