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Former Philo resident hired as Hoopeston's newest officer

A tip for local mothers of married daughters: if you want your daughter to move closer, tell your son-in-law about local job openings.

Tim Beckett, the newest member of the Hoopeston Police Department, heard about an opening on the force from his mother-in-law, Sue King.

He applied, tested and was ranked as the top candidate. Hired on October 22, 2008, he started at the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on October 27, graduating January 15. He started with the department Monday.

The 27-year-old, originally from Philo, served seven years in the Navy. There, he served as a meteorologist and spent two years as a military police officer.

After being discharged in April 2007, Beckett became an apprentice carpenter and began taking online classes through Parkland Community College, working towards a general studies degree from East-



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ern Illinois University.

Despite his new career, Beckett said he hoped he could return to police work because he enjoys the camaraderie of the officers and the discipline, which "is pretty much the same as the military."

He also likes the variety of the work, where each day brings something new. "It's intriguing to me that you get to see the very worst and the very best of people," he said.

Once he learns the ropes, Beckett said he would like to further his career. "I think I would like to get into investigations," he said.

Beckett, married to the former Theresa King, said the family will

move to Hoopeston soon. The couple has a 17-month-old daughter, Sophia.

When not working, Beckett likes spending time with his family, is "a huge Chicago Bears fan," and enjoys working out by lifting weights.

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Salt Fork squeaks by Cornjerkers for shot at title; Hoopeston Area to play for third place

The Salt Fork Storm blew away the Cornjerkers' hope for a shot at the Vermilion County Tournament title Wednesday night at the David Palmer Arena.

The Storm beat Hoopeston Area, 50-46, in semi final action. It was enough to move Salt Fork into the finals match Saturday against Westville while Hoopeston Area will take on Georgetown-Ridge Farm for third place.

Clayton Snyder was the leading Cornjerker scorer

with 18 points, including three 3-pointers, as well as four assists.

Brad Lawson came in second with 14 points and six rebounds, followed by Jordan Flint with eight points, four assists and four steals.

Hayden Cornelius had four for the night and Clayton Walder contributed two.

Joel Learnard was the leading Storm scorer with 19.

The Cornjerkers' game against Georgetown-Ridge Farm will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Palmer Arena.

Police News



Jerri J. Harms, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 7:48 p.m. Wednesday at Thompson and Sixth St. She was charged with driving while license suspended and was released on a notice to appear.

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Briefly

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Retirement party

A retirement party for Dr. Frank Laci, pastor at Community Church of the Nazarene, will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday in the church New Beginnings Center. A light meal will be served.


A freewill offering will be taken to purchase tools and a heater for the Rev. Laci's woodworking shop.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting

A Hoopeston chapter of Narcotics Anonymous meets



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, pudding

TUESDAY: Pizza rolls, salad, pears, Teddy Grahams

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, butter

THURSDAY: French toast, scrambled eggs, orange, apple juice

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, fries, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken bacon ranch wrap or ham & cheese, salad, applesauce, cake

TUESDAY: Spaghetti or ravioli, max stick, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY: Chili cheese dog or sub sandwich, nachos, peaches, apple juice

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, pineapple, hot roll

FRIDAY Sausage pizza or fish/bun, salad, mixed fruit

All meals include milk.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 11. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 18, low 7. Sunday, partly suny. High 16, low 11.

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