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Bill Shannon retires after decade as Rossville police chief

ROSSVILLE—Bill Shannon left his job as Rossville Police Chief the way he came in - with little fanfare.

Shannon and village officials and employees enjoyed a light luncheon Friday to mark the end of his 10-year tenure.

During the lunch, Shannon endured gentle ribbing, as employees talked about the “mean looks” he gave them. “I always look mean, he responded, laughing.

The event was so low key, Shannon joked that he should have hired comedian Jeff Ross, “The Roastmaster General,” who does roasts of both police and prisoners, to attend.

Asked about retirement plans, Shannon said he would “take a break” before doing anything else.

Shannon was hired as village chief in March 2007. Prior to coming to Rossville, he had worked concurrently on the Tilton and Westville departments for six years.

His employment history also included time at the former GM Danville foundry. Shannon and luncheon guests who worked at GM shared stories with the group.



Rossville Mayor Dick Queen, right, presents retiring police Chief Bill Shannon with cards and gifts from village officials.

See CHIEF on other side

Milford man pronounced dead after early morning accident

A Milford man died Saturday morning of injuries received in a rollover accident.

Kevin Perkins, 51, was pronounced dead at an area hospital after the accident, shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday at Rt. 49 southbound, just south of Vermilion County Road 3550 North.

According to reports, Mr. Perkins was southbound, driving above the posted limit, when he left the road on the east, overcorrected to the west and left the roadway. His vehicle entered the west ditch, overturned, and came to rest on its side in a field. Police said Mr. Perkins was not wearing his seatbelt.

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Briefly

Say farewell to Honeywell

Residents are invited an open house at Honeywell School from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday where they can walk the historic halls before the school closes permanently at the end of the school year. The school is located at 609 E. Honeywell Ave.

Memory t-shirts will be available to order at the open house.

Kindergarten registration

Registration for incoming kindergarten students will be held Monday and Tuesday at Maple School. All incoming students will need to be screened. Each screening

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 8:47 a.m. Thursday to Teasdale Foods Building 6, 215 W. Washington, to check for carbon monoxide levels. A piece of malfunctioning equipment was found to be the cause and was removed from the building. Plant personnel exhausted the facility and levels were cleared.

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lasts about 30 minutes. Parents who have not made an appointment should call the school, (217) 283-6665.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday and 1-5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Coffee & Coloring, 10 a.m. Monday. Open to area adults who enjoy coloring for fun and relaxation. We have supplies (and coffee/tea) or you can bring your own.

Mary Hartwell Catherwood book club, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday. The group will discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin.

Builders Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, for kids in grades K-6 who enjoy Legos and other building fun. This is the last session of the school year.

Birthday open house

An open house, celebrating Gladys Otto Kuntz' 90th birthday, will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in the First Baptist Church of Hoopeston gym, 323 E. Seminary Ave., Hoopeston. Those who cannot attend the event but who would like to send a card or note may send

it to Gladys Otto Kuntz, 620 E. Lincoln, Hoopeston IL. 60942.

No gifts, please.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli/cheese, apple-sauce, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, celery sticks, bread, butter, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Beefy fiestada, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, Sun Chips, apple slices, baby carrots, milk

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, corn, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pork roast or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Tacos or BBQ rib, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Fettuccini Alfredo or cheeseburger, Max Stick, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Chief continued from other side

The Rossville community rallied around Shannon when, on April 29, 2010, he suffered a stroke. That August, as lingering effects, kept him from returning to work, Rossville Clerk Chris White and Shannon's family, organized a benefit for him in Danville.

"Thank you, Bill, for 10 years of service," said Mayor Dick Queen, presenting Shannon with cards and gifts. "It's been appreciated."

Chris Kelnhofer, a former Hoopeston Police officer, will replace Shannon. He assumes his duties May 1.

Weather

Breezy, chance of showers today. High 55. Tonight, cloudy, breezy. Low 3. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy. High 61, low 42.

Obituaries

HUFFMAN - Leo Huffman, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 10:33 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2017 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

NEAL - Gary Edward Neal, 61, of Hoopeston, died at 6:35 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family in care of Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

WARD - Donald Charles Ward, 80, of Hoopeston, died April 27, 2017 at home. Visitation was 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Hoopeston, with a lunch to follow at St. Anthony Parish Hall. Burial in Floral Hill Cemetery will follow the service, with military honors by Hoopeston American Legion Post.

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