

1 FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST
Wealth Management Division
RAYMOND JAMES*

Securities offered through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC, an independent broker/dealer. Securities are: Not insured by FDIC or any other Government agency, are not deposits or obligations of First Farmers Bank & Trust, and are subject to risks, including possible loss of principal. First Farmers Bank & Trust and its Wealth Management division are not affiliated with Raymond James.

Sharon Dixon
Assistant Vice President
Wealth Management
Financial Advisor, RJFS

221 Bank St.
Hoopeston, IL 60942
(217) 283-7103
(217) 772-1373 cell
(217) 283-7665 fax
sharon.dixon@raymondjames.com

Hoopeston VFW
428 W. Orange

Now serving Dinners Mon.-Fri., 5-8 p.m.
Mon.: Chili & grilled cheese \$8
Tues.: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, roll \$8
Wed.: Wing Night 75¢ ea.; sides (see menu)
Thurs.: Taco Night (see menu)
Fri.: Hamburgers Your Way with sides (see menu)

SPRING is here!

Bending, stretching and reaching during activities like gardening, mowing and spring cleaning can really take its toll.
Call (217) 283-5683 to schedule an appointment with Dr. Dave Snook and get ready for the season!

ROBINSON CHIROPRACTIC
Hoopeston Office: 830 S. Dixie Hwy.
(217) 283-5638 www.robchiro.com

Bring in this coupon on your first exam to receive your discount.
\$20 FIRST EXAM DONATION
Proceeds to Benefit
Save the Lorraine Foundation
Your first visit includes
Consultation • Exam
Offer expires April 30, 2018
Due to Federal Regulations, offer excludes Medicare or any government-funded insurance. This office complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex

Email: publish@justthefacts.net Phone/Fax: (217) 283-9348
Lourdine Florek, Owner

Just the Facts
Thursday, April 5, 2018

Hoopeston's only locally-owned daily news publication!
P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942 www.justthefacts.net

Council approves Jim DeWitt as city's new police chief

The man who has had the responsibility of watching over the Hoopeston Police Department for most of the last year now has the title to go with it.

In a 5-2 vote, the Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved Jim DeWitt as Hoopeston's new police chief. Council members Bill McElhaney and Lourdine Florek voted against the appointment. Alderman Chad Yaden was absent.

While the title is new to him, the job is not. DeWitt took over some leadership duties while former Chief Mark Drollinger battled cancer. One of the administrative issues he handled during that time was the switch from Hoopeston to Vermilion County emergency dispatch and

the resulting change back to local dispatch.

He was named acting chief on July 12, 2017, after Drollinger lost his battle on July 6.

It was Drollinger who brought DeWitt to Hoopeston.

One of the first things Drollinger did as police chief was hire DeWitt, in April 1999; he was promoted to sergeant in 2002.

DeWitt was assistant police chief in Rossville before he came to Hoopeston. He has also served as Henning police chief and a police officer in Sheldon.

A graduate of Sheldon High School, DeWitt went on to study law enforcement at Kankakee Community College, then the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois.

DeWitt's hiring was the first to be done under a new ordinance allowing the police chief to be hired by the mayor, with advice and consent of the council.

The ordinance, changed in July, moved hiring a chief away from the Hoopeston Police Commission, who had that authority since the mid-1970s. Prior to then, chiefs had been hired by the mayor.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry said choosing a new chief "has been a long, hard process. It's probably one of the hardest things I've had to do."

Crusinberry said residents "overwhelmingly told me they wanted a chief from the ranks of the police department. What people want is what we're elected to do."

See CHIEF on other side



DeWITT

Still thinking about that new garage?

Call **Silver Brothers**

We can build the garage and
Install a concrete floor and approach.

David: 217-304-7751

david@silverbrosinc.com

105 E. Washington St., Hoopeston IL

Ph: 217-283-7751

Fax: 217-283-5378

BINGO

7 p.m. every Thursday

**Hoopeston
American Legion
502 E. Penn**

Here's what's showing this weekend at the

LITTLE LORRAINE



Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 3 & 4:30 p.m.

Min. donation \$5/adults, children 12 and under \$2
214 E. Main, Hoopeston

3 ROOMS CARPET CLEANING

\$99*

LIMBACHS' 217-495-1134
EXP. 4/30/18



*Rooms over 250 sq. ft., Great Rooms, LR/DR Combo considered 2 rooms

20% off Full Service Oil Change
 10W30, 5W30 or 5W20 w/coupon. Expires 4/30/18
Hoopeston Express Lube

 Rtes. 1 & 9, Hoopeston
 (217) 283-5373
 www.quicklube4u.com

**Tune in at 5 p.m. tonight-
 Hoopeston Happenings
 Angie Kelnhofer
 Hoopeston Women's Club Carnival
 on WHPO!**

**Hoopeston Area Women's Club
 CARNIVAL**
Sunday April 8 1 to 3 p.m.
McFerren Park Civic Center
 ●Games ●Prizes●Food Bounce House●Fun
Freewill donation
Bring a canned good for the Food Cupboard

Smoked BBQ
Rossville Family Restaurant
 715 S. Chicago
Lunch & Dinner
Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th
Pulled Pork Butt, Pork Ribs & Beef Sirloin

From the Blotter

Charles D. Bodies, 36, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were called at 2:55 a.m. Tuesday for a battery complaint in the 300 block of West Penn. He was charged with domestic battery and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Rachelle N. Miller, 32, was ticketed for failure to restrain dog by owner after an elderly woman reported the dog running at large and found in her yard in the 300 block of East Maple. The offense occurred at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Court Dispositions

March 1

Jamie Wyatt, Hoopeston, status check April 5.
Christopher Staats, Hoopeston, status check April 5.
Colton Simon, status check on two cases April 5.
Jackie Carswell, Hoopeston, status check April 5.

Chief

continued from other side

Crusinberry said DeWitt will continue to work a six days on/three days off schedule to help ease the department's manpower shortage. With Drollinger's death and Officer Jacob Kruse on a lengthy military deployment, the department has been shorthanded for many months.

Having DeWitt continue on the 6/3 rotation will help, as will the hiring of part time officers, which Crusinberry expects to happen soon.

An ordinance allowing part time officers to be hired was approved last July, Crusinberry said. Part time officers will be hired by the chief and will provide "boots on the ground right away," he said.

Part time officers will have no seniority or benefits and may not be hired to replace a full time officer, he added.

Also, sergeant testing will be done in the near future, Crusinberry said. With DeWitt's promotion, the city has only a third shift sergeant, Quentin Morgan.

In his new position, DeWitt will be paid \$65,000, said Ald. Brandon Hamilton, police committee chairman.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand that he and fire Chief Joel Bird are working on an ordinance that may help the city with dilapidated buildings.
- Heard from water Superintendent Steve Baker that one water pump broke and is being repaired. He also talked about a state mandate that all service lines in the city be identified and marked as the type of line. Lines found to contain lead will have to be replaced. However, Baker

A notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court was mailed to Miller.

A section of metal fence was found Tuesday rolling eastbound on Orange at Fifth St. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Obituaries

CASPER - James A. Casper, 67, of Cissna Park died Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Princeton Child Development Institute. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements.

SCHRAMM - Rhonda Schramm 38, of Indianapolis, Ind., died at 11 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2018 at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Slight chance of rain/snow, then chance of showers today. High 45. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 31. Tomorrow,. Chance of showers, chance of snow showers late. High 40, low 22.

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Very spacious apartment for rent in a great neighborhood. 2 bedroom, dining room, living room, office, kitchen and bath. Lots of storage. \$550 a month includes water, gas, and trash pickup. Call 217-772-1203 for an application.

HELP WANTED

Farm help needed. CDL required. Ravens Farms. (217) 304-1943.

Experienced CDL driver with clean driving record wanted. Local haul occasional over the road work. Contact Brent @ 815 -405-4000

The City of Hoopeston is taking applications to fill a FT/PT position in the Administration Department. Candidates should be proficient in Microsoft Office, the ability to work with the public required and experience in AP/ AR a plus. Applicants may apply in person at 301 W. Main Street.

Hubbard Trail Country Club is seeking a part-time cook and bartenders/wait-staff for the 2018 golf season. Call 748-6521 or apply in person.

Small Wonders Preschool is accepting applications for a Preschool Director. The school serves 3- and 4-year-old children in a half-day program, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The Preschool Director serves as lead teacher and is responsible for all lesson plans, scheduling, calendars, newsletters, programs, field trips and scheduling duties for the assistant teacher. Candidates must be preschool director-qualified by DCFS standards.

If you are qualified and love kids (!), please send resume by April 20 to First Presbyterian Church, Preschool Director Position, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston IL 60942. Email or call for further information, (217) 283-7396, church@fpchoopeston.com.

HOUSES FOR RENT

2 bedroom house, large yard, utility room, dining room. \$500 month 217-283-7439

SERVICES

Quality Buildings and Repair
 Dale Vogel, Owner
 1-217-283-9585

5 Building sizes
 24' W x 24' L x 8'4" H \$ 7,140
 24' W x 32' L x 9'4" H \$ 8,946
 30' W x 38' L x 10'4" H \$11,772
 36' W x 64' L x 12'4" H \$17,584
 42' W x 72' L x 14'4" H \$22,644
 Other sizes available. Free estimates.
 64'W x 120' L x 16'4" H
 Prices include all materials, delivery, construction, venta ridge, factory trusses, post 8 on center, screws.

Email publish@justthefacts.net
 or call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad!