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Greg Lane, Hoopeston Municipal Court clerk, displays his retirement cake as his wife, Jennette, takes a picture at Lane's retirement reception Thursday while administrative assistant Dawn Layden looks on.

Greg Lane retires after a dozen years as city's court clerk

Greg Lane's retirement from teaching was short-lived. His retirement from serving as clerk of Hoopeston's municipal court will probably stick.

Lane, hired as clerk when the municipal court started in 2006, retired from the position Thursday. He was honored with a retirement reception attended by friends and colleagues.

In 2005, then-presiding Judge Claudia Anderson decided to close the Hoopeston branch of the Vermilion County Circuit Court, citing budgetary reasons.

City officials at the time approved forming a municipal court, using four Danville attorneys as hearing officers. Fines for ordinance violations were raised to pay for the

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Obituaries

FERGUSON - Elizabeth Marie Kirby-Ferguson, 29, of Rossville, died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 at St Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. A celebration of her life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to her children to help with their college fund.

JESSIE - Richard L. "Rick" Jessie, 61, of Milford, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon funeral Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Sheldon. Burial will follow in Prairie Dell Cemetery, Iroquois. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

KULT - Geroldene A. "Jerri" (Gebhart) Kult, 61, of Boswell, Ind., died November 25, 2018 at The Gathering



File photo

Clerk Greg Lane, hearing officer Gene Wright and then-city attorney Brian Manion at the first day of Hoopeston Municipal Court, January 19, 2006.

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court system.

Felony charges and traffic violations remained at the Danville court.

Lane, who had recently retired as a teacher, trained at Danville Municipal Court and had separate training on the computer system before beginning his duties in January 2006. Darin Tate, then a Hoopeston Police patrolman and now investigator, was the court's first bailiff and Danville attorney Gene Wright was the first hearing officer.

At Lane's reception, current and former Hoopeston police officers reminisced about memorable court cases and funny incidents over the years.

One of the most helpful changes is a recent one: the use

of a debt recovery program to capture overdue fines. The state program flags offenders' state refunds, lottery payments and other revenues, diverting money from the offender to the city to pay the fines. This year, the program has added more than \$4,000 to city coffers.

Lane is looking forward to traveling - he and his wife, Jennette, plan a trip to Florida first - but admitted he will miss the people he worked with...and even some of his customers.

Although none of the people Lane has faced in court attended the reception, he said one person was in his office last week wished him well and thanked him for his service. "That was nice," he said.

Together in Plainfield, Ind. Visitation will be 2 p.m. (EST) until the 5:30 p.m. (EST) celebration of life Saturday at Fowler Christian Church. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to The Gathering Together, 147 N. Center St., Plainfield IN 46168; Heart to Heart Hospice, 2611 Waterfront Parkway East Dr., Suite 200, Indianapolis IN 46214; Fowler Christian Church, 106 N. Madison Ave., Fowler IN 47944 or her family.

RHODES - Steven Alan "Squire" Rhodes, 62, of

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pizza rolls, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger/bun, baked beans, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Taco, chips & salsa, salad, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hotdog/bun, fries, Cherry Star juice, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Ravioli, Max Stick, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Beefy fiestada, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Ravioli or ham & cheese, Max Stick, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Beefy fiestada or pork BBQ/bun, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndogs or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

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

Weather

Chance of rain/snow today. High 37. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 26. Tomorrow, party sunny. High 33, low 25.

Hoopeston, died at 1:42 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.

From the Blotter

Andrew Cordova, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:33 p.m. Thursday at Parkview Court. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/jury trial for meth possession, battery, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:47 p.m. Thursday to Harris Agency, 1016 W. Orange for the smell of gas. A leak was found and the gas shut off for the night.

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