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## Police chief retires, Tate named as interim as search begins

A man who has served Hoopeston as a law enforcement officer for 23 years has retired. His temporary replacement has served the city even longer.

Chief Jim DeWitt left the department Thursday to begin a new chapter in his life, retirement.

DeWitt, 52, came to Hoopeston Police Department in April 1999, having served as chief in Rossville and before that, Henning.

He was promoted to sergeant in 2002 and assumed leadership duties in 2017 as former Chief Mark Drollinger battled cancer. Drollinger died July 6 of that year and DeWitt was named acting chief on July 12.

DeWitt was the first chief to be hired under a new policy allowing the mayor to name a chief with the advice and consent of the city council. He was named



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chief on April 3, 2018.

The person who has served the citizens of Hoopeston longer than DeWitt has been named interim chief. On Thursday, Mayor Jeff Wise named Darin Tate to the position.

Tate joined HPD in 1998 and, in 2000, became lead investigator.

He received a bachelor of science degree in criminology in 1996 and served as a loss prevention supervisor at the former Elder Beerman in Danville before joining the force in Hoopeston.

He is certified in advanced interview and interrogation techniques, LSU Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education; Lead Homicide Investigator, Investigative Strategies for Missing & Abducted Children and has Federal Emergen-

## From the Blotter

**Hoopeston Police** were looking for a Hyundai Sonata allegedly taken by Jackie E. Winchester 45, of Rossville, Wednesday morning. Officers saw the vehicle and stopped Winchester at 9:45 a.m. at West Main and Rt. 1. A computer check showed him wanted on a warrant from Vermillion County, Ind.. He was also charged with driving while license revoked and no insurance.

Winchester was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Indiana.

**Bradley S. David**, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 6:01 p.m. Wednesday at North Market and East Young. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was processed at the police station and later transported to the

Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Linsey M. Warner**, 33, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were stopped at 11:09 a.m. Saturday for a dispute outside Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave.

Warner was charged with breach of peace constituting disorderly conduct and was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court. She was also wanted on a Vermilion County warrant and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Morgan L. Hurt**, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police received a report of two people going into

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Obituaries

**STATON** - James E. “Jimmy” Staton Jr., 69, of New Castle, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, passed away at 6:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at his home.

Jimmy was born on February 16, 1953, in Danville, the son of James and Georgia Jean (Slaven) Staton Sr, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by three sisters- Virginia (Raymond) Winters of Danville, Patty (Greg) Youmans of Montrose, Minn. and Mary Lytle of Montrose, Minn.; one niece and

five nephews.

Jimmy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, in New Castle. He enjoyed riding his moped, playing with his dog and going to the grocery store to visit with his friends.

The family would like to thank everyone in Hoopeston and Indiana, who was there for Jimmy and helped him out.

A Celebration of Jimmy’s Life will be held at 2 p.m.

Lunch Menus

**Hoopeston Area grade school menus**

MONDAY: Hotdog/bun, fries, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

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

WEDNESDAY: Chicken pot pie, biscuit, celery sticks, pears, milk

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

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, baked beans, mixed fruit, Veggy Juice, milk

**Hoopeston Area Middle School menus**

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken, broccoli/cheese, veg-gies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

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a residence without permission. She was taken to the police station, where she was processed and released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court for trespass and criminal damage to property.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident February 26, investigated by Iroquois County Sheriff’s Police.

According to reports, Kenneth N. Boucher, 26, of Hoopeston, was northbound on Iroquois County Road 2400 E, approximately one-tenth mile north of CR 000 N. Boucher lost control on the ice-covered road, entered the east ditch and struck a guardrail. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at more than \$1,500.

**Jenny L. Loree**, 23, of Cissna Park, was arrested by Iroquois County Sheriff’s Police on February 28. She was charged with possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams and was taken to the Iroquois County Jail where she was released on the required bond.

WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax, chips & salsa, salad, veggies, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, veggies, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, veggies, mixed fruit, milk

**Hoopeston Area High School menus**

MONDAY: Popcorn chicken or ham & cheese, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Pork and gravy or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, salad bar, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax or BBQ/bun, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

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

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

Court Dispositions

**January 12**

**Ardani Garcia**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for unlawful acts constituting disorder, found guilty by default, fined \$280; status hearing February 9.

**Jesse Zarate**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner, fined \$180; status hearing February 9.

**Heather N. Scott**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for theft, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing February 9.

**Linsey M. Warner**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for trespassing; new appearance February 9.

**February 9**

**Lisa M. Staley**, Watseka, failed to appear at status hearing for unlawful acts constituting disorder, status hearing March 9.

Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Blurton Funeral Home, in Hoopeston. Burial will follow the service in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church, in New Castle.

The family has entrusted the Blurton Funeral Home to assist them in honoring Jimmy’s life. Condolences may be shared with the family on his everlasting memorial page at [www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com](http://www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com).

**BAUR** - Robert Grove “Bob” Baur, 87, of Rossville, formerly of Palos Hills, died at 3:07 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at home. He was cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Saturday, March 12 at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-](http://www.anderson-funeral-)

[home.com](http://home.com).

**HAAS** - Lois M. (Landsdown) Haas, 97, of Danville, formerly of Rossville, died at 3:04 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Danville. Services and burial will be private. Condolences may be left at [www.rortvedtfuneralservices.com](http://www.rortvedtfuneralservices.com).

**SIEDLINSKI** - Andrew Siedlinski, 81, of Cissna Park, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at home. He was cremated. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

Weather

Chance of rain, mostly cloudy today. High 39. Tonight, clouds. Low 26. Tomorrow, sunny. High 42, low 28.

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City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com) under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL . Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information please call 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

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