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Interim Police Chief Darin Tate with the department's new squad car, featuring a barely-there "ghost" logo, designed to allow the car and its officers to be more stealthy. Tate retires from the force this week.

After nearly 24 years, Tate hangs up his badge, retires

Darin Tate still remembers the day he came to Hoopeston to pick up an application to be a Hoopeston officer.

After graduating in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in criminology, Tate was a loss prevention supervisor for the former Elder Beerman store in Danville. Emily Burton, of Hoopeston, worked there at the time and told Tate there was an opening on the force.

Tate drove to Hoopeston in a black Camaro and walked up to the police department window. Dispatcher Brenda Gaither and Officer Chuck Moyer were in the radio room. Both perked up as the young man approached the

window, wondering why he was there. Tate's request for an application elicited an "Oh, here," from Mrs. Gaither, who pushed the application under the window, then returned to her station to resume her conversation with Moyer.

It was an inauspicious beginning to Tate's time at HPD, but luckily, it didn't stay that way. Mrs. Gaither warmed up to him and the two shared lots of laughs even after she retired from the department.

Moyer and Tate had a good working relationship and when Moyer - who started as a patrolman had become an
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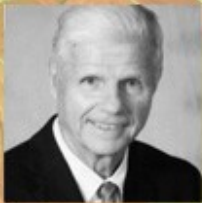
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From the Blotter

The 1995 Ford Ranger reported stolen early Tuesday morning was found at 11 am. Tuesday in rural Milford. Iroquois County Sheriff's deputies located the truck and notified Hoopeston police.

Michelle R. Coffey, 46, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3 p.m. Tuesday. She was charged with suspended registration and no proof of insurance and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County court. Her vehicle was towed from the scene in the 700 block of South Fourth St.

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Tate continued from other side

investigator - resigned, Tate followed the Moyer's path, becoming an investigator in 2002, and eventually the department's lead investigator.

Tate started with the department on September 12, 1998, but his desire to be in law enforcement went back to his early years, when he played "cops and robbers" and also "FBI agent."

When he got older, his parents encouraged him to become a podiatrist. Just a few steps in that direction let him know that wasn't his career path. Seeing his quandary, his grandmother asked him what he played the most when he was young. It was then he decided to follow his childhood passion. "I've been happy with (the decision)," he said.

Tate has a deep sense of right and wrong and, even in play, "I wanted to put bad people in jail," he said. As an adult, "I like being able to actually help somebody," he said, quickly adding that with the do's and don'ts of the law, there is often little actual 'helping.'

In March, Tate was named interim chief. As such, he was involved in recent contract negotiations and created new policies to increase officer patrolling for ordinance violations and a system to notify residents who requested extra patrol that their request was being carried out.

Tate applied for the chief's position and was one of four people to be interviewed for it. When he was not

selected, and with many law enforcement changes coming in January, he opted to retire. "I resigned because of politics and I did not like the road law enforcement was going down because of them," he said.

The changes are part of a sweeping package passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker that, among other things, eliminates cash bail for many serious offenses.

Tate's son, Hunter, plans to follow in his father's footsteps in law enforcement and is studying at Indiana University. Tate said he has talked with him about not taking a job in Illinois unless the laws are changed.

His daughter, Makenzie, is a freshman at the University of Illinois, where she plans to study medicine.

Tate and his wife, Lisa's oldest son is Jordan, who lives in Hoopeston and works at Casey's.

He will officially be retired Saturday, but he has mixed feelings about it. On one hand, he looks forward to not being called out in the middle of the night or having to work weekends or holidays and spending time with his wife and dog. Being retired, and with Lisa changing her work schedule, the couple plan to visit their children at college.

On the other hand, at 49, he's still young enough to want to contribute, so he is looking for another job, perhaps in police work or a related field.

Court Dispositions

August 10

Brandon P. Grills, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for trespassing, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Thad A. Finnell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restriction of burning trash, found

Obituaries

INGOLD - Harold John Ingold, 99, of Rankin, died Monday, September 19, 2022 at Hawthorne Inn, Danville, where he resided for several weeks. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Christian School, Danville. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

GOBLE - Harold Goble, 70, of Rossville, died at 4:07 a.m. Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at home. arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today, High 65. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 43. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 62, low 53.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Classifieds

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City of Hoopeston is seeking applications for full time position at the Water and Sewer Department. Applicants must have a HS diploma or equivalent, Class B CDL or ability to get one, a positive attitude with a strong work ethic, and a willingness to learn. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or online at cityofhoopeston.com/employment/.

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