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Waiver granted, Kelnhofer takes on role of Hoopeston chief

Chris Kelnhofer has claimed the position for which he was hired.

On Friday afternoon, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) issued the necessary waiver to allow Kelnhofer to become Hoopeston's police chief, said Mayor Jeff Wise.

Hoopeston City Council approved Kelnhofer as chief at its September 6 meeting and he was slated to start on September 26.

A glitch in getting the waiver - necessary because he was transferring from chief of Rossville Police Department to Hoopeston's - which Wise attributed to a delay in ILETSB getting Kelnhofer's records

from the Veterans Administration.

At its October 18 meeting, the council voted 6-1 to make create the temporary position of police director until the waiver was issued. As such, Kelnhofer hand-See CHIEF on other side

Jenn Cristy returns to Lorraine for Christmas concert

The Lorraine Theatre welcomes a Hoopeston favorite back for the theatre's final live performance of the year.

Jenn Cristy returns with "I'll Be Home For Christmas," a Christmas concert special blending equal parts of traditional Christmas cheer with good rockin' fun to create the perfect holiday entertainment recipe.

With harmonious melodies of caroling, powerful vocals, all the Christmas classics (along with the "new classics") this show is destined to be a modern annual winter tradition.

Cristy leads a world-class group of musicians and performers in this holiday concert experience.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and is presented by One Pulse Entertainment. It is the only Christmas show Cristy is performing this year.

Tickets are \$25 at www.thelorrainetheatre.com. Hoopeston first got a glimpse of Cristy's talent last year when she and Eric Brown presented an evening of acoustic music. She returned in August of this year, leading a trio in RESPECT: The Women of Rock and Soul.



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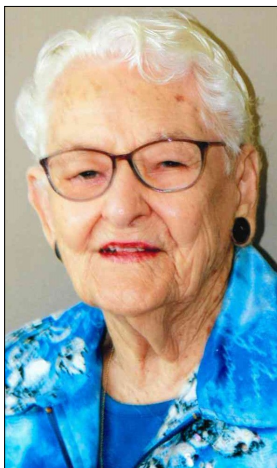
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Obituaries

VINES - M. Eileen Vines, 96, of Hoopeston, passed away at 5 p.m. Wednesday November 30, 2022, at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Living in Hoopeston. She was born on November 11, 1926, at home near Catlin, the daughter of Ernie and Mabel (Truman) Winland. She married Robert H. Vines, and he preceded her in death in March of 2000.

She is survived by one daughter, Robin Peterson of Hoopeston; one son, Phil (Kathy) Vines of Hoopeston; eight grandchildren; three great-



M. EILEEN VINES

grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and four brothers.

Eileen graduated from the University of Illinois and became a physical education teacher at Hoopeston school until her retirement. She was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ

in Hoopeston. In her younger years, she loved playing sports with her children and neighborhood kids. Eileen also enjoyed traveling with her husband and spending time with her family.

A visitation will be held 4 - 7 p.m. Friday December 9, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday December 10, at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 502 E. Main St. Hoopeston. A private burial will be held.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 502 E. Main St.



Peace on Earth

Rossville Family Restaurant's entry in the Rossville's Holiday Light Parade was titled "Peace on Earth," dedicated to those who have served and those currently serving. The float featured a handmade paper mache globe. As the float made its way down Chicago St., volunteers passed out goodies and teddy bears to spectators.

Hoopeston, IL 60942 or the Hoopeston Area Girls Sports Boosters, 615 E. Orange St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Eileen's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

Briefly

HMA activities

Activities at Hoopeston Multi Agency this week are:

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

Senior Citizen Meal /Dance Saturday, Dec. 10. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., meal starts at 5 p.m. Hoopeston Rotary is sponsoring the meal. Dance is from 6-8 p.m. with music by the Dixie Flyers.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

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led administrative police issues but had no police powers.

The ordinance creating the police director position was designed to vanish once the waiver was granted, Wise said. The ordinance was not made to cover future such scenarios, since it specifically named Kelnhofer.

Sgt. Quentin Morgan, who was named interim chief after Darin Tate retired on September 23, remained in that position until the waiver was granted.

"Quentin did a awesome job filling in as interim chief," Wise said. "We greatly appreciate his dedication to and support of Hoopeston and the HPD. He will continue playing a key role in the Department as he resumes his position as Sergeant."

Weather

Patchy fog, then partly sunny today. High 48. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 38. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 45, low 39.

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