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For Such a Time as This

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Good news – Bad news – No News. Everywhere we look, read, email, tweet or text, we seem to thrive on bad news. Why do we spend our coffee hour or soda break talking about all the terrible things happening in our world? Yes, it seems right now, this very moment, there are trials, trouble, fear, uncertainty, unhappy and hurting people.

In Such a Time as This, you might wonder what on earth can I do and how can my life be better? It seems for me, when my life gets crazy, and it does...when I get mad and I do...when family or friends upset me and they do, I pray, I calm down and wait a day or two to do anything. You may think that is ridiculous. Stopping and waiting to do what? That is a most important question.

How much time do we spend talking about Good News? Such as all the fine people receiving awards for helping our community, or a person who is kind enough to clear snow from senior's driveway at night in order to remain anonymous. How about the youth groups that goes on mission trips, giving their time and energy to help others. What about the fabulous Sweetheart Dinner served by the Hoopeston HS student Council. The food was scrumptious, the servers kind, sweet and helpful. The guys in shirt and ties were especially handsome. All the girls were beautiful.

Back to your question! Once we are calm and stop talking about the Bad News, everything, I mean everything looks better and answers come. I most certainly do not have all the answers, however I know in time they will come or I can find people to help me.

Let's make a brand new habit of talking more about Good News! Let's kick the bad news right out of town. Let's keep our town on the Good News track, together I bet we can do it.

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Husband charged with murder of former Rossville woman

A Chesterton, Ind., man has been charged in the shooting and death of his wife.

Steven Lindsey, 35, was arrested February 12 in connection with the murder of his wife, Melinda (Kirby) Lindsey, of Valparaiso, Ind., formerly of Rossville.

Lindsey is being held at the Porter County (Ind.) Jail without bond.

Melinda Lindsey, 23, was found by police at 6:19 a.m. January 16, in her bed. She was taken to a trauma center in Gary, Ind., where she was



MELINDA LINDSEY

later pronounced dead.

According to police, Steven Lindsey called 911 that morning, screaming. Police allegedly found him kneeling in front of the couple's daughter's crib with his hands bound behind his back with a zip tie. The child was not harmed.

Lindsey reportedly told police that he fell asleep on the couch and was awakened by someone lifting him off the couch using a

See MURDER on other side



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FILTER SALE



February 17-22, 2014



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1023 W. Main, Hoopeston

- Monday:** Lunch - Regular menu
Dinner - Burger night
- Tuesday:** Lunch - Meatloaf & mashed potatoes
- Wednesday:** Lunch - smothered porkchops
Dinner - Taco night
- Thursday:** Lunch - Cajun sausage pasta
Dinner 50¢ Wings

Friday: GRAND RE-OPENING!

Lunch - Ribeye Steak sandwiches & macaroni salad.

Dinner - Ribeye Steak & Chicken Breast

OUTBOUND DRIVE 8 p.m.-close

Saturday night: DJ Blaze

Briefly

Kindergarten preregistration

Maple School will hold kindergarten preregistration Thursday, Feb. 19 and Tuesday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 28, from 1-6 p.m. All incoming kindergarten students, who will be five on or before September 1, must go through a screening process, which lasts about 30 minutes.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, shot record and vision and dental records to the screening.

To schedule an appointment for your child's screen-

ing, call the school, (217) 283-6665.

Rummage sale to fund mission trip

First Church of God is hosting a rummage sale to raise funds for a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The sale will be held Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon and 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. in the old fellowship hall (entrance on north side under canopy) at the church, 1004 E. Orange.

The sale will feature Pack & Plays, toys, infant seat, furniture, household items books and clothing for all ages.

DACC scholarship applications available

DACC Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 DACC Foundation Scholarships.

Applications may be found on the main campus, the Hoopeston Higher Learning Center and the Village Mall office and online at www.dacc.edu/foundation/scholarship. Deadline to apply is February 23.

One application puts students in the running for all scholarships the foundation offers. Last year, 440 schol-

arships valued at \$470,000 were awarded. Last year, 83% of students who applied received some type of scholarship support.

Ladies' fitness class

A free, hour long Ladies Only Fitness class will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church of Hoopeston's gymnasium. We will also hear a devotional from God's word to inspire us on this journey of fitness together.

VFW Menu

Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston

Wednesday: **Wings 5-8 p.m.**

Thursdays: **Tacos by Norma**

11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Fridays: **NFCC Fish Fry 11-7**

Check out our video gaming machines!

Obituaries

McCANN—Michael W. McCann Sr., 67, of Milford, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Wednesday at Milford Christian Church. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to the church or Milford Ambulance Service. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is in charge of arrangements.



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Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 11:03 a.m. Friday to the 1200 block of Daisy Lane for an activated smoke detector. Before firemen arrived, a maintenance man reset the detector.

Weather

Chance of flurries today. High 9. Tonight, decreasing clouds. Low -3. Tomorrow, cold. High 6, low -1.

Murder continued from other side

stranglehold. He told police he then blacked out. The next thing he remembered was a gun shot.

Police reported that Lindsey had no marks or bruises on his neck and that no footprints were found in the snow outside the home the morning of the murder. Also, when Lindsey tried to show police how he dialed 911 with his hands bound, his hands came apart, police said.

Police learned that Lindsey wanted to file a claim on a \$1 million life insurance policy on Mrs. Lindsey, which provided for an additional \$100,000 in an accidental death.

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