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How Important are You?

By BERTHA PARSONS

How important are you? More than you think! Labor Day weekend was a rare occasion, all three of my children visited at the same time. I always love our children's visit. Each one brings something new and different for us to talk about and share in their lives.

Each of my children have this zest for life and ability to get along with everyone and help others. Nothing of any consequence happens in this world unless you decide to make it happen. People like you and I choose to make a difference.

How important are you? Well, you may be just one person, but you can make a difference to a lot of others. Each of us, you and I, bring something no one else can. You may have a flair for sewing. I have a way with words. You see, it's all the small things put together that make us important.

My Mother often told me I was precious to her. It is now that I've grown up and remember all the wonderful things she did for me, precious means a lot. Each of my children are precious and contribute to this world because they know how important they are to me and to others.

Isn't it funny and marvelous how a simple event, like a visit from your children can bring the importance of your life full circle?

Remember, every community, church, school or company is really just the sum of it's "parts." You and I are a "part." We have a choice every day to be a great part or no part. The total of those decisions, ultimately put together, is the meaning and significance of our lives. You are important!

Katherine Logan said, "The place you are in needs you today." There is no one else that has your unique abilities, insights or ideas. What you do with your gifts does make a difference. You see? You are important! You are in control of your little corner of the world. Make it the best. I know you can.

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HAMS sluggers bring home 4th place from state

An internet search shows there are 744 middle schools in Illinois. Add to that the number of private schools that serve that grade population and the number increases.

baseball team earned for itself the recognition of being the fourth best team in Illinois.

Hoopeston Area, with its 17-1 record, defeated Springfield Blessed Sacrament (16-3) in first round

Of all those, Hoopeston Area Middle School's

See STATE on other side



Photo by Nora Gholson

Shining Star

Hoopeston IGA was chosen as September's Shining Star by Hoopeston Community Alliance. Manager Bob Porth is shown with the store's outdoor fall display and HCA's sign designating the business as the winner. Hoopeston IGA underwent a major renovation last year.

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Briefly

Maple Madness winner

Recent Maple Madness fundraiser winners are: October 3, Mary Jennings, Hoopeston, \$25; October 4, Ryan Rigsby, Hoopeston, \$25; and October 5, Amy Fink, Hoopeston, \$75.

Multi Agency bus trips

Hoopeston Multi Agency has scheduled a bus trip Thursday, Oct. 15, to the Covered Bridge Festival. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. Cost is \$10.

To sign up, call the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Walkers, donations sought

Hoopeston Breast Cancer support group is participating in Making Strides of Champaign on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Meadow Brook Park, 2808 South Race Street, Urbana. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a celebration of survivorship.

We invite you to participate as a walker or with financial support or both. Membership in the support group is not necessary to participate

For more information, please contact Pat Foster at 815-984-4040.

Library to celebrate Teen Read Week

Hoopeston Public Library will celebrate Teen Read Week from Oct. 19-24. Several special activities for middle school and high school age youth are planned.

A new flat-screen TV and Playstation 4 will be available in the recently renovated Teen Room during the week. A "literary" scavenger hunt is planned at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20. On Thursday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m., there will be a Teen Trivia Competition. For both activities, teen will be able to use the library computers or their own smart devices to play. Snacks and prizes will also be available on both days.

For more information, call or stop by the library.

From the Blotter

A 57-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 2:30 p.m. Sunday that someone stole his son's bicycle from the 200 block of West Maple.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 10 p.m. Sunday for a Dumpster fire at Downtown Motel, 200 E. Main.



Hoopeston Area Middle School baseball team

Photo contributed

State continued from other side

Class 2A action. The win put the Cornjerkers in competition with last year's 2A champs, Teutopolis. The Wooden Shoes stepped on Hoopeston Area, 8-4, to once again go to the championship game, where Teutopolis defeated Joliet St. Raymond 8-0.

In that contest, two runs were scored by Payton Berlin, while Bradlee Herman and Cameron Flint each scored one. Isaiah Debban and Berlin were each credited with an RBI.

Flint was the losing pitcher.

The loss pitted Hoopeston Area against Bartonville

Oak Grove West, which narrowly defeated the Cornjerkers, 4-3. Rhys Root had two runs and Debban had one for the Cornjerkers.

Root had three hits and one RBI for the game, with Goble adding one hit and an RBI.

Pitcher Lucas Hofer took the loss.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 75. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 53. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 77, low 54.

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