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**Briefly**  
**VCHD to offer flu shots**  
 Vermilion County Health Department will offer adult flu shots from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 at Hoopeston Multi-Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Cost for flu shots for those 19 and older is \$40. The Health Department will bill Medicare, Medicaid, State Employees' employers and most private insurance plans for adult flu shots. Individuals should be prepared to present proof of these types of coverage at the time of vaccination. Credit cards can be accepted for payment but the department charges a convenience fee.

**Maple Madness winners**  
 Recent winners in the Maple Madness drawing are: Oct. 5, April Powell, Hoopeston, \$50; Oct. 6, Betty Bushue and Valarie Cable of Rankin; Oct. 7, Marvin Dobkins, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 8, Beth Totheroh, Milford, \$25; Oct. 9, Karen Bray, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 10, Loni Gress, Hoopeston, \$50; Oct. 11, Kyle Franklin, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 12, Kevin Strawser, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 13, Robin Eighner, Rankin, \$25; Oct. 14, Shirley Harper, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 15, Bonnie Avitia, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 16, Margie Colunga, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 17, Cathy Simpson, Hoopeston, \$25.

**Taco fundraiser**  
 Hoopeston Area Marching Band will hold a taco dinner to help fund its trip to the Outback Bowl in December. The dinner will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tacos are \$2 each or 3 for \$5; taco salad \$3; loaded nachos \$3; marching taco \$2.50; nachos \$1.50 and baked goods \$1.

**Time to put the lights up**  
 Volunteers 16 and older are needed to set up the McFerren Park Christmas light display. Meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at the park. Jobs that need to be done include changing bulbs on the fence, setting up small displays throughout the park and helping construct and secure the large displays. Breakfast and lunch will be served to all volunteers.

**At the library**  
 Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:  
**Brain Health** series, Thursdays through October 26, 10-11:30 a.m. Sponsored by U of I Extension.



Photo by Tobi West

**And the winner is...**  
 Tobi West is the winner of this year's Summer Snaps photo contest, sponsored by Just the Facts. The 12-year-old shutterbug snapped this picture of a butterfly unspooling its proboscis, preparing to take a sip of nectar. West won one of three \$25 prizes and now also the \$100 grand prize.

**Clean out those closets!**  
**Global Fashions**  
 accepting fall & winter resale  
 305 E. Main, Hoopeston  
**Wed.-Fri. 10-5, Sat., 10-2**



*The Second Cup* By LOURDINE FLOREK

## Reflections on my daughter's 40th birthday

An open letter to my daughter on her 40th birthday.

Dear Jenny,

In all the years I've done Just the Facts, you got a cute little birthday ad. But not this year. This year, I want to reflect.



**Baby Jenny**

First, congratulations on turning 40! My 40th birthday was so much fun and I hope yours will be, too.

It all started October 18, 1977, when my little bundle of joy was born. Just look at that face! Was she not a beautiful baby?

I was somewhat amazed that we even got to the hospital on time. I began labor the night before and at some point, called the doctor when the contractions were closer. He actually hung up on me!

Aunt Anita took me to the hospital, followed by her then-boyfriend. He had us stop on the side of the road so he could run up, tell us a joke, then run back to his car. I did hope for many years that he would develop kidney stones and get stopped by a train on the way to an appointment to have them removed. That seemed fitting.

We arrived and I got checked in. Aunt Anita stayed with me for most the time, leaving only when the doctor came in to examine me. I was sure he was trying to do a tonsillectomy and prenatal exam at the same time. Anita said I screamed, but I don't remember that.

I do remember crying after you were born. I was just so happy to have you.

Being the oldest of six kids, I knew which end to feed and which end to diaper, but there was so much I didn't know. As you learned new skills, I learned to be a mom. Being a mom was fun.

Your dad and I decided to move to Colorado and so we did, first in the apartment, then in the cabin which was so much like Little House on the Prairie. Then came what remains the defining moment of my life.

You hadn't been feeling well. We thought you had the flu until your eyes rolled back in your head. I was not a doctor, didn't play one on TV and had not stayed at a Holiday Inn Express but I was pretty sure that was not a typical flu symptom. That was February 4, 1984. On February 6, your dad and I met with a group of

doctors who told us you had leukemia. Later, I would find out you had the lowest blood counts of anyone who lived. To say it was a scary time is an understatement. You were a trouper through bone marrow tests, spinal taps and chemo.

We moved back to Illinois in 1985 and to Hoopeston in December of that year. You were in second grade and you cried the day I took you into your first day in Hoopeston schools. I vowed then that I wouldn't move again until you were out of school.

Then there were your teen years. Nothing really prepares a parent for those, but you'll discover that soon enough :)

A parent gets used to dealing with driving, dating and the snarly-ness of the teen years but I thought I would die when you graduated high school. I could not imagine life with you off at college. My friends who had experienced that with their children told me I'd survive. I didn't believe them. But I did and you didn't have to deal with a helicopter parent. I'm sure you're happy about that.

Years go by and you graduate college, get married and, after years of telling me all I'll have is grand-puppies, you have a baby who looks like you and often acts like me. You're welcome.

Recently, we've been at loggerheads and I'm sorry about that. When you do things that I disagree with, I'm reminded of the myriad mistakes I made during your life. I don't like being reminded.

Also, I want the very best for you and to keep you from pain, but like me, you're not going to listen. We'll get through this.

On your 40th birthday, I wanted you to know that I am still as joyful about you being my daughter as I was the day you came into my world.

Nothing has brought me more joy than being your mom.

I'm proud of you, Jenny. You are kind, generous, responsible, funny and fun.

Happy birthday, Jen. I love you more than you will ever know.



**I think every parent knows this look.**



**At 39½-ish**

### From the Blotter

Officers were called at 5:52 p.m. Monday to Diversified Properties Group in the 500 block of West Maple, for a possible criminal damage report.

### From the Blotter

**September 7**

**Jason Reyes**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restraint of dogs, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing October 5.

**Sandra Woods**, Hoopeston, general nuisance trial October 5.

**Chad Trepanier**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to vicious dogs, fined \$280 or 34 hours' public service and pay \$402.80 restitution; status check October 5.

**Joseph Cannon**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for assault, found guilty by default, fined \$280; status hearing October 5.

**Sheri Lau**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to assault, fined \$200; status hearing October 5.

**Austin Rhodes II**, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to disorderly conduct; trial October 5.

**Odette Crawford**, Hoopeston, general nuisance case dismissed.

**Candice Solis**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for disobeying police, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status check October 5.

**Adriana Mendez**, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

**Elkanah Asher**, Kankakee, status hearing November 2.

**Robert Ferrell**, Hoopeston, given public service hours in lieu of fine; status hearing October 5.

**Jesse Zarate**, Hoopeston, status hearing October 5.

**Susan Zamora**, Hoopeston, status hearing October 5.

**Brian Suiter**, Hoopeston, status hearing October 5.

**Mary Vaughn**, Hoopeston, status hearing November 2.

**Beth Williams**, Hoopeston, status hearing November 2.

**Alexis De La Rosa**, Hoopeston, status hearing October 5.

### Weather

Sunny today. High 71. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 49. Tomorrow, sunny. High 73, low 49.

**Butter's on the Grill**  
**Hubbard Trail Steak Fry**

Open to the Public

**Friday, Oct. 20 5-8 p.m.**

16 oz. Ribeye, baked potato, salad bar & roll **\$20**  
or Boneless Chicken Breast, baked potato,  
salad bar, and roll **\$13**

**Last time Butter's on the grill this season!**

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Part time handyman in my Hoopeston home. Weekends only. (217) 597-7112

Church secretary, part time (20 hrs./wk.) Successful candidate will have a heart for Ministry, ability to multi-task and have excellent communications skills. Must have flexibility, strong secretarial skills, attention to detail and be proficient in MS Office and Apple. Successful candidate will provide polite and professional assistance via phone, mail and e-mail and bring a helpful, positive presence to the church office. Must have high school diploma and prior secretarial experience. No phone calls. Send resume to First Church of God, 1012 E. Orange, Hoopeston IL 60942.

### NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston is seeking separate bids for the following:

1999 Ford F350 truck with 91,782 miles  
1979 John Deere Skid Steer JD 24-A Diesel - does not run  
1989 Bradco Trencher for Skid Steer Applications  
Equipment can be viewed at 425 W. Main St. Bids will be accepted until 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2017 at the City Municipal Building, 301 W. Main St. Sealed bids will be opened Monday, October 30, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the City Municipal Building. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive technicalities in bidding.

### RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 619 Trego Dr. Fri. noon-5, Sat. 8-? (if it ain't raining). Moving sale. Kitchen & household, yard tools, chainsaw, screened canopy, 2 flat screen TVs, old radios & lots more!

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