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Briefly

Cheerleading coaches needed
 Hoopeston Hornet Cheerleading still needs coaches for the 2009 football season. Coaches are needed for all levels including Peanuts, Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity.
 If interested please contact Lee Curry at Razor's Edge for a coaches application.

Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer Camp
 Soccer camp will be held on August 3-6 for grades preK-8. Cost of camp is \$35. Register by Friday July 24 to receive a free soccer ball. (Late registrations are welcome but the remaining balls will be passed out on a first come, first serve basis.) You can pick up a registration form at the superintendent's office in the high school or by calling Coach Klaber at 283-5623.

Time To Register For Fall Soccer
 Children ages Toddler-13 can register to play fall soccer at www.danvillesoccer.org. Those who do not have internet can contact Bob Brown at 283-5475. Deadline is July 25.

Mowing into street
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Oh if only we could communicate

I often wonder if we would be able to communicate better throughout the world if we all spoke the same language. It is said that at the Tower of Babel, our speech (which had been one language) was confounded and we were given separate languages by God and we were spread throughout the world. If this had not taken place, would we be able to communicate better with each other now?

Speaking the same language has not kept people from many nations to fight among themselves. We spoke the same language as the British, before we fought for our independence in the 1700s. We had a civil war between ourselves. People often have issues with their own neighbors, and man and wife often disagree to the point of separation. So, just speaking the same language does not guarantee good communication, and when people speak different languages that does not necessary impede the ability to communicate.

Communicate: make known, transmit, exchange infor-

mation or opinions

Empathic listening: is a technique which can help you manage and avoid disruptive and assaultive behaviors.

Not understanding what is being spoken is maybe the one thing that interferes with communication, no matter who it is or what language is being spoken. You must try to listen and understand only what they are saying - avoid trying to formulate an answer to them until they are done! This is called empathic listening. You can't possibly answer them without knowing exactly what they have said.

If you have ever watched one of these talk shows with people and a moderator with different points of view on an issue, how often do these people talk at the same time (partly because they have limited time on TV), to the point that they cannot possibly know what the other person is saying. Sometimes they end up frustrated and angry at each other because they don't feel they were able to get their point across.

This is probably one of the biggest obstacles that teachers have. In order for teachers, parent's, supervisors, or anybody that is trying to pass on the education

or knowledge they possess, they must reach the student. Often those students are not listening. They are formulating an answer, day dreaming, or just plain not hearing what the speaker is trying to tell them. Not only is this impolite, but it is wasted time. When a teacher, parent, or work associate has one of these experiences, it is very frustrating for them.

I feel that all teachers should be required to have an intensive course in communication while studying to become teachers. I also believe that some form of communication or interaction with other people should be taught to students in school. How often do students have problems interacting with classmates while in school, let alone the obstacles they face when they go on to higher education or join the work place?

Could violent school shootings be avoided if we had some course where students could express their feelings and maybe find out that other students were not really against them? The main purpose of schools is to prepare students to be successful after they leave. Communication is a very important skill that many students, let alone grown ups, don't normally learn.

In some cases those that join the military have a better chance of learning how to communicate, anything less is unacceptable, because it is a "one for all, and all for one" system. They are penalized for not listening. Have you ever noticed the difference in a serviceman, from the time they were in school and when you first see them after a tour of duty? It is more than just growing up.

5 tips to empathic listening

1. Provide the speaker with your undivided attention. This is one time "multi-tasking" or "rapid focus" will get you in trouble.
2. Be non-judgmental. Don't minimize or trivialize the speaker's issue.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 81, low 61.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

3. Read the speaker. Observe the emotion behind the words. Is the speaker angry, afraid, frustrated, or resentful. Respond to the emotion as well as the word.

4. Be quiet. Don't feel you must have an immediate reply. Often if you allow for some quiet after the speaker has vented, they themselves will break the silence and offer a solution.

5. Assure your understanding. Ask clarifying questions or state what you perceive the speaker to be saying.

The next time you are in conversation with someone, try these tips out. See if you have a better understanding of your conversations.

I am very curious, how others feel about this issue. Please, let us know what you think?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston

Classifieds

CARDS OF THANKS

I want to thank my family and friends for the cards an gifts for my 87th birthday. A special thanks to my family for the surprise birthday party and thanks to everyone that helped me celebrate. Thank you.

Margaret Beauvois

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