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Library's 'Gettysburg Serenade' to mark historic battle

Hoopeston Public Library will present "Gettysburg Serenade" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The free showcase recalls the three days of battle in 1863. In the summer of that year, Union General George Made did not know Confederate forces were moving northward towards Gettysburg, Penn., but as a precautionary measure, he stationed a small infantry unit near the town to keep watch.

On July 1, Union soldiers accidentally discovered a Confederate infantryman advancing towards Gettysburg. There was open fire and more and more troops rushed to the scene. Gradually, Union soldiers were forced to the top of a long hill called Cemetery Ridge. They also dug in positions on nearby Culp's Hill.

Thousands of battle troops began to arrive. A mere 1,400 yards separated the two armies. On the third

day of the battle, July 3, General Robert E. Lee decided on a frontal attack. As Confederate cannons began their barrage, Union cannons returned fire until, in an effort to conserve ammunition, Union gunners ceased firing.

Thinking they had destroyed the Union army, 12,000 Confederate troops marched across the open fields towards Cemetery Ridge and Culp's Hill. But Maj. Gen. George Pickett's army was shattered by the northern forces and Lee's men retreated to the south.

"Gettysburg Serenade" is a Readers' Theatre production, written and directed by Tom Sweeney, with parts of the story adapted from the 1923 Percy MacKaye script, *Gettysburg*.

The cast includes Link, a Civil War veteran, played by Larry Houseman, and Charlotte, his niece, portrayed by Charlene Cessna.

Mike Pemberton is Gen. Robert E. Lee, while Thomas Cahan is Gen. George Meade. Reagan Walder playing Bugle Boy (sound) and Al Zavarus as narrator round out the production, which is set in Decoration Day 1923, with flashback to 1863.

Due to limited seating, residents may request advance tickets through the evening of the performance.

Police News

Two people were charged with theft of utility services on a complaint from a 35-year-old Danville man.

Randy L. Richards, 50, and Sharon K. McCarty, 54, both of Hoopeston, were charged after the man reportedly saw a tenant using his electrical outlet at 4:52 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of South Fifth Street.

Each was released on \$100 bond.

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Letters to the Editor

Possum praises couth

“Couth”- cultured, refined, well mannered, especially in language (Webster).

I believe Hoopeston is on the verge of a chronic pollution problem! I am not talking about air pollution. Nor am I talking about water pollution. I am talking about verbal pollution-the common use of vulgar four letter words. That is why my word for the day is “couth.” Couth is the antithesis of verbal pollution.

A person’s language says a lot about that person. Psychologists tell us that it is the insecure people who use vulgar four letter words. Like everywhere else, Hoopeston’s commonplace use of vulgar words SCREAMS insecurity. What has caused so many people to become insecure? The cause has this possum baffled.

Students, listen! In the workplace there is a definite glass ceiling over those who use such language. Why? Because insecure people make poor leaders.

Most of us want a more couth town. Most of us wince when we hear others use vulgar words. When we hear them we should cover our ears with our hands. Grit our teeth. Wrinkle our forehead. Have an obvious look of pain on our face. We need say nothing. They will get the idea.

Granted, this language problem is not unique to Hoopeston. It is everywhere. But, that is the point. We all want Hoopeston to grow and prosper. But, Hoopeston can only grow and prosper if we offer something uniquely different and desirable. Something that makes other people want to come and live with us.

I don’t claim that our city’s “couth” is as important as jobs when it comes to attracting population. But, in a small way we can grow and prosper if we, as a city, offer something uniquely good. If we were uniquely “couth,” that would help attract the kind of families any city needs and wants. Such families would help our schools improve. Such families would spruce up our city. Granted, it is no magic bullet, but “couth” is certainly a step in the right direction. So, let’s be more couth.

Why can’t Hoopeston be a peaceful island of verbal couth within the massive churning oceans of vulgar mediocrity?

We can be! What stands in our way? **We have met the enemy and he is us!**

Pogo

New Books at the Library

Fiction

Poison Tree by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes (youth)

The Magician’s Apprentice by Kate Banks (youth)

How to Be Death by Amber Benson (science fiction)

The Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian (large print)

Waiting for Sunrise by William Boyd (large print)

Wards of Faerie: the Dark Legacy of Shannara by Terry Brooks (science fiction)

Tiger’s Claw by Dale Brown

Sneaky Pie for President by Rita Mae Brown (mystery)

Creole Belle (A Dave Robicheaux Novel) by James Lee Burke (large print)

The Secret Keeper by Sandra Byrd (large print/inspirational)

Her Restless Heart (Stitches in Time Series: Book 1) by Barbara Cameron (large print)

River’s End by Melody Carlson (inspirational)

Gone Missing by Linda Castillo (mystery)

Black Valley Riders by Ralph Cotton (large print/western)

Back Fire: an FBI Thriller by Catherine Coulter (large print)

The Sleeping and the Dead: a Jackie Lyons Mystery by Jeff Crook

The Tombs by Clive Cussler and Thomas Perry

The Bartender’s Tale by Ivan Doig
What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank by Nathan Englander (large print)
Michael Vey: Rise of the Elgen by Richard Paul Evans (youth)
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come by John Fox, Jr. (large print)

Obituaries

MARTIN - Elinor “Short” (Leigh) Martin, 91, of Bedford, Tex, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 7:50 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 at the Elm Croft Assisted Living of Bedford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Burial will be in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Weather



Storms today and tonight. High 72, low 44. Tomorrow, breezy, chance of showers late. High 60, low 43. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

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