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At Refuge Life Groups, you can find help and support in a safe, comfortable environment. These groups are at church but not "church".

Whether you attend a church or have never been, you are welcome! Let Monday nights be the high light of your week - we want you to live life better!

Groups meet Monday nights starting January 27. Childcare and tutoring provided! Supper at 5:30, groups start at 6:30 pm.

Get Fed, Get Refueled, Be Cared About. We look forward to seeing you!

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Briefly

Cinema Classics at the Library

Hoopeston Public Library will show "Citizen Kane" at 2 p.m. Wednesday. The film traces the rise of publishing mogul Charles Foster Kane (Orson Welles), based on the life of publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst. Refreshments will be served.

Food Cupboard closed Thursday

Grant Township Food Cupboard will be closed Thursday.

The gathering

Rossville area senior citizens will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Expect More! Family Night

Hoopeston Area will host an Expect More! Family Night during wrestling Senior Night on January 28, starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be free that evening, fun family activities have been planned and there will be giveaways. Concessions will be available. Come out for some family fun and support our Cornjerker wrestlers.

Police News

Cameron Prouse, 23, of Armstrong, was arrested after an incident at 9:06 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of East Honeywell. He was charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from a 57-year-old Hoopeston man and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Aaron Linares, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:13 p.m. Sunday in the 400 block of East Honeywell. He was charged with criminal trespass to state-supported land and was released on a notice to appear.

Fishing club seeks new members

North Vermilion Fishing Club is looking for new members in the area. We are a small, fun, competitive group of bass fishermen looking for additional members to have a great time fishing area lakes.

If you enjoy bass fishing and have your own boat and would like to try competitive bass fishing tournaments, please plan on attending the next meeting at 6:30 pm February 5 at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley 719 W. Elm St., Hoopeston or call Steve Mastin at 217-283-6463 or Oscar Young at 217-339-2428.

Tuesday is
Senior Citizens & Ladies Day

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Fifth graders something to celebrate

I write to congratulate the fifth grade students of John Greer Elementary who just completed their semester of DARE studies. I was asked to attend their DARE graduation this week, and to give a short speech that would hopefully encourage them. I have done such speeches for the Sheriff's DARE program many times in the past, but not recently.

My husband teaches fifth grade here in Danville so I get a fairly regular update about the challenges facing students, teachers and administrators alike in the world of education today. I certainly recognized in accepting the invitation that I would have to keep the speech short and on point; I just hoped the students would pay a little attention, since the attention span of a 10-year old can be very short.

What a great experience this was! This group of students sat patiently in the hallway waiting to march in, which they did on cue and sat in their chairs. They paid better attention than likely most adults would have and listened

to what Deputy Miller said and even to what I said. At no time did any of the teachers have to walk over to any of the students to get them to behave. When it was time for the ceremony in which they receive their certificates, they marched exactly as they had been told. And when they came up to shake hands with Assistant Regional Superintendent Mark Janesky and myself, they did it with polish that again, one might not expect from some adults. They shook hands, looked us in the eye and responded to our "congratulations" with "thank you."

As adults and community members, we way too often focus on the negatives and the difficult challenges of education in our world today. We also too often forget that these young people are our future. They go to school each day to learn from their teachers and to grow. And despite all the times they do not quite reach up to our expectations, we all need to take more time to encourage them and to celebrate them.

So let me congratulate the fifth grade teachers and Principal Daniel Walder at John Greer Elementary school for the hard work they put in every single day;

they are not making widgets at John Greer, they are educating our future citizens and leaders. Every once in a while, please give them a "way to go!" And I certainly congratulate each of the boys and girls who make up the

fifth grade at John Greer. Job well done, students!

Linda L. Bolton, Director
Business Development and Government Relations
Vermilion Advantage

Hoopeston Area grapplers hold off PBL Panthers Thursday

Hoopeston Area wrestlers held off Paxton-Buckley Loda to win 36-34 in a home match Thursday. Stats were:

- 113- S. Nuss (PBL) FFT
- 120- T. Ellis (PBL) fall I. Bell 2:55
- 126- C. Sullivan (PBL) major dec. 8-0 D. Pate
- 132- I. Simpson (HA) fall K. Robidoux 1:54
- 138- C. Warner (HA) fall N. Harms 4:32
- 145- C. Coon (HA) fall S. Brown 1:51
- 152- JD Patti (HA) fall T. Wood 1:40
- 160- A. Shore (HA) FFT
- 170- B. Simon (HA) fall C. Meece 4:33
- 182- Double FFT

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:24 p.m. Saturday to the 600 block of East McCracken for a strong smell of gas in a home. Ameren also responded. No injuries were reported.

Obituaries

LUTZ - Norma J (Kerr) Lutz, 85, of Spring Hill, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at HPH Hospice. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, George; one son Alan Lutz, and two daughters, Linda Zeigler and Joyce Lutz; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Service to be held at Brewer Funeral Home, Spring Hill with burial at the Florida National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to HPH Hospice, 12242 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, FL 34613.

Weather



Chance of snow today. High 11. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low -3. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 19, low 2.

Classifieds

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