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Longtime host of local gospel radio show to hang up mike

Sacred Sounds host retiring

After more than two decades on the air, the voice of Hoopeston's own gospel radio show is signing off.

Rich Stipp has hosted the Sacred Sounds of Gospel show on WHPO for 23 years but Sunday's show will be his last.

Stipp's wife, Nancy, retired as head of accounts payable at Hoopeston Area School District on December 31, 2016, and Stipp is getting ready to join her in retirement.



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To prepare for that, the couple has made changes and, as a result of that, Stipp has not been able to do a live show, so he began recording them. "At this time, I don't have the time needed to do it and do it correctly," he said.

Stipp's last show will be live and will be this Sunday, Jan. 22.

In addition to his radio career, Stipp is a science teacher at Hoopeston Area Middle School and the Hoopeston Area High School cross country coach.

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Letters to the Editor

History?

History (meaning "inquiry", knowledge acquired by investigation), is the study of the past as it is described in written documents. Your public library has a vast number of books devoted to the subject of history, and some that are considered prehistory.

Why are these books so important? It is fairly simple. By reading about history, we can see those things that

man did that turned out good, and those things that man did that did not turn out good. That gives us a choice, when decisions need to be made.

Of course if we don't read and understand our history, then we can make some of the same mistakes again. If something good happened in history, we need to know what it was.

To give you an example of this, think back to when our ancestors came to this country. Because there had been a lot of illness in Europe, some immigrants tried to enter this country and they were sick. We, as a country, decided that all incoming people required a physical to make sure that those who were sick could be healed before they were allowed to become citizens and migrate to other parts of the country. The place where immigrants first came to America was called Ellis Island in New York City.

Today we do not have this facility, but we still have a need to give all people entering this country a physical. This is because some terrorists enter this country and we

have no idea who they are. This a different kind of illness, one we need to make sure cannot infect or harm us.

Wouldn't it be prudent to investigate all of these immigrants like we did in the past to insure that they do not have an illness that is going to hurt us? Radical people slip through European borders, disguised as refugees, and we accept them because they are coming from Europe.

Whatever you want to call what our ancestors went through, new citizens to this country should have to be held to the same standard. No way should we have to accept illegal entry to this great country by people who want to harm us.

Court Dispositions

November 3

Jerry Dalton, Hoopeston, status check December 1.
Susan Zamora, Hoopeston, status check December 1.
Brian Suiter, Hoopeston, status check December 1.
Robin Coffey, Danville, status check December 1.
Nicholas Pascoe, Hoopeston, status check December 1.

Obituaries

CREAMER - Tommy R. Creamer Sr., 65, of Hoopeston, died at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

FRITZ - Harold Leroy "Marblehead" fritz, 86, of Rossville, died at 5:39 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion.. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 42. Tonight, partly cloudy. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 48, low 38.

Theodore Roosevelt put it best this way in 1907:

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin, but this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American.... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also isn't an American at all. We have room for, but one flag, the American flag.... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language.... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

How can any immigrant in this day and age ask for any preference above and beyond, what the immigrants in this nation's past were afforded?

Tom Evans
Hoopeston


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Mon.: Tator Tot Casserole, green beans & roll
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Wed.: Cheesy Chicken Alfredo & garlic toast
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