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HPL schedules fun on 'Take your Child to the Library Day'

Area families are invited to a day filled with fun on Saturday, Feb. 4, as Hoopeston Public Library celebrates National Take Your Child to the Library Day. Special activities are planned for families with children age three through sixth grade. Drop in any time between 10-11:30 a.m. for stories, games and refreshments. During the day, kids and their parents can visit the "Fun Zone" for Lego building, puzzles, games and crafts, or the "Reading Zone." Special instruction will also be available in the "Tech Zone" to teach families how to use the many

online e-book and other services offered by HPL. At 1 p.m., everyone is invited for story time with Mrs. Terri that will include games, music and other fun. Kids can also get their pictures taken with special guests, Batman, and Elsa from Frozen. A children's book sale will be held all day long, and there will be door prizes, and library tours for new families. Also, any child signed up for a new library card during the event will also receive a special gift. All activities are free. For more information, call the library at 217-283-6711.

Briefly

Soup's on...at the library
 Hoopeston Public Library will hold "Cooking the Books" at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. This month will feature soup recipes, which are available at the book display at the main desk. Staff will copy the recipe you choose to be brought in Thursday. Crockpots are preferred as there will not be a place at the library to reheat soup. Tableware, bowls, drinks, bread and crackers will be provided. For more information, call the library, (217) 283-6711.

The Gathering
 Rossville senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a get-together that will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by RCO.

Dodge ball tournament
 On Saturday, Feb. 4, Hoopeston Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring a dodge ball tournament at John Greer Grade School. Six- to seven-person teams may have members ages high school freshman through adult. The event will support Hoopeston Area FCA and

of Vermilion County. Give-aways and a 50/50 drawing will also be held. For more information, rules and registration, email hoopestonareafca@gmail.com or FCA Sponsor Samantha Pugh at [217-274-4064](tel:217-274-4064).

Donations accepted for auction
 Donations are being accepted for Saturday's Hoopeston FFA Alumni Association auction. To donate, or for more information, call Russ Leigh, (217) 283-9336.

Community Awards Banquet
 Sunday, Jan. 29 3 p.m.
 Lorraine Theatre
 Keynote Speakers: Rep. Tom Bennett and County Board Chairman Mike Marron
 Awards presented by Hoopeston Jaycees, Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce, The Chronicle and Save the Lorraine Foundation

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New Sightings - Please keep looking!
2-year-old Chocolate Lab "Maggie" Danner
 Monday seen south of Rossville Rd 3550 N on Henning Rd. At 6:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Maggie was spotted about a mile south of Rossville on Rt. 1 on 3400 N on west side. Maggie is afraid and will run if chased. If you see here, please call **anytime: (217) 474-1438 or (217) 474-8326** or contact Hoopeston Animal Rescue or Vermilion County Animal Control.



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The Power of Prayer

By BERTHA PARSONS

How many times has someone asked you to pray for them? How many have seen and know what prayer can do? Is God listening? Will He really answer my prayers? All really good questions any teacher would say.

My first experience with God answering prayer was when I was ten and my Mother and I were in a tornado. I was really afraid as we watched the house across the street from us blow away. My Mother said, "Let's pray that God keeps us safe." Well, here I am!

PRAYER is our most powerful tool to help others and ourselves, at NO COST. In this day and age we all look for ways to cut costs, that is why PRAYER is so valuable to all of us. (Psalm 6:9, God listens.)

How can I pray when I'm so busy? I work full time, I have three kids and no extra time. I live alone and God doesn't really have time for me. I'm bed-fast, what good am I? What do you mean, "the power of PRAYER?"

We hear our Pastor give beautiful prayers or maybe our parent prays with such conviction. I don't think I could pray like that. You can pray your own awesome prayer with your own feelings.

A PRAYER is a conversation with your Father and it can be done anyplace, any time. When you are loading the dishwasher, folding clothes, making supper. While driving to work, on the tractor planting crops, mowing the lawn or on your knees beside your bed. I find when I'm driving alone a talk (prayer) with God is one of my best times.

Our Father just loves hearing from us. (Read Psalm 99:6 God answers)

There is no good excuse for not using the POWER OF PRAYER. Today, tomorrow or later. (1John 3:21-22 assurance of God answering prayer)

What a fantastic assurance that PRAYER really works because God will always answer our prayers in the way that is best for us. Like so many decisions we make every day, whether you pray or not is up to you.



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Letters to the Editor

Phone dials police, officer responds to help

It is more than startling when the police come to visit me... I can only remember talking to them face to face twice in my lifetime.

I was trying to change the battery in one of my four land phones after dark Monday evening when I heard a knock on my back door. Of course, I could not think of anyone who would want to visit me, especially at that time of day.

Peeking out the door window, I looked the Hoopeston police officer over from head to toe. He was definitely a well dressed policeman. I started yelling, hoping he could read my lips, "What did I do?"

Several incidents raced through my mind: my post on Facebook, "I was born in the USA"; the TV news was blaring, and maybe neighbors got "fed up" also. Thoughts of being unfaithful to God crossed my

mind.

Officer Darin Tate said, "You called." He was finally invited inside.

Two telephones with the backs off, two batteries, a box with about 10 ink pens and two cushions were on the sofa. The box of pens went flying to the floor as I (nervously) asked the officer for help. He easily snapped the back onto the phone that I was trying desperately to reassemble.

He had to explain to me twice that I had called the police station while trying to replace the phone battery. It is still a mystery why there was no response to indicate that I had called them. I became a little less fearful of the Hoopeston Police and wish to say, "Thanks for your kindness."

Vera Crozier
Hoopeston

New Books at the Library

Fiction

Home on the Range by Ruth Logan Herne (inspirational)

Christmas in Paris by Anita Hughes

Where Two Hearts Meet by Liz Johnson (inspirational)

Mistletoe Daddy by Debra Kastner (inspirational/paperback)

The Pastor's Christmas Courtship by Glynn Kaye (inspirational/paperback)

A Baxter Family Christmas by Karen Kingsbury (large print)

Killing Blood by Robert McKee (western)

Fatal Frost by Nancy Mehl

The Chemist by Stephenie Meyer

Say You Want Me: You Don't Always Get What You Want by Corinne Michaels

A Temporary Courtship by Jenna Mindel (inspirational/paperback)

Replica. Lyra; Replica. Gemma by Lauren Oliver (young adult)

Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver (young adult)

Cross the Line by James Patterson

A Love Transformed by Tracie Peterson (inspirational)

The Trap by Melanie Raabe

Obituaries

POWELL - Cindy Powell, 60, of Hoopeston, died at 10:08 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Slight chance of showers, then cloudy, breezy today. High 48. Tonight, breezy, chance of rain/snow. Low 31. Tomorrow, chance of snow, then cloudy. High 34, low 25.

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