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What a Week

By BERTHA PARSONS

Have you ever had an hour, a day, a week, where everything went its own way and you were caught somewhere in the middle? You know me well enough to know I always look on the bright side of things.

Monday was my get organized day and nothing came together. After several hours of trying to get organized I decided to toss organization out the window this week and just do whatever came along.

Tuesday was have a friend over day. She even brought breakfast. We solved many worldly problems and laughed at our crazy spring-like winter. What a week! Then came a phone call from a friend with more problems than either of us knew what to do with. This week became difficult. I may have said this before, we should just take it one day at a time. It's a whole lot easier on my family, my body and the rest of the world around me. We need to laugh at ourselves and know that this, too, will pass.

I decided asking friends over for lunch on Wednesday would be fun, which turned out to be a blast. Spur of the moment soup, conversation and laughter turned the week into awesome.

Thursday I decided to look for an important paper in my office which I could not find, my awesome week became a nightmare.

A new week. We are given another chance to make it a good week, to look for spring and children playing in the park. So be sure this is a week to remember. Know that we have the ability to make it a good week and have the real opportunity to be happy and make the lives of others happy. The problems I have this week will soon be the past and I will feel good as new.

Wonderful friends, readers and family, make this world of ours great and this week even better. Take time in a crazy week to tell those who matter that you care.. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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Community Fund brings back funding event 'fore' groups

After a lull, Grant Township United Community Fund is bringing back a popular fundraising event.

A Barstool Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, March 18. Tee off time is noon.

Watering holes participating in this year's event are Hoopeston VFW, Hoopeston American Legion, The Pump and Fast Lanes Bowling Alley.

Teams may register at any of the participating bars and will tee off from the bar where they signed up. There is a

15-team per bar limit, so late entry teams may be shifted to another watering hole.

Cost is \$60 for a four-person team, with 100 percent of donations benefiting local, community non-profit organizations served by Grant Township United Way. Included in those are youth, social service and women's organizations.

Winners will be announced at an after-party at 3 p.m. at Fast Lanes. Food will be

available.

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DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston

Advising and Counseling

Tuesday, March 7 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Call to schedule an appointment. Registration begins April 3

Yoga with Olga

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 9-April 4 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Class fee \$50 (bring your own yoga mat and yoga belt)

Tom Sweeney Lecture - My Neighbor Long Ago

Monday, March 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. Class Fee \$12

Food Service License

Wednesdays, March 22-April 26 from 6-9:30 p.m.
Class fee \$99 plus textbook and code book

Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, March 23-June 8 from 6-8 p.m.
Class fee \$150 plus textbook

Grant Writing I and II

Saturday, April 1 and April 8 from 9 a.m.-5 pm.
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Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene

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Saturday, March 12

5-7 p.m.

Soup/Chili/Potato Soup

Supper by donation

Auction will feature pies and other delicious desserts.

Proceeds benefit Work and Witness trip to Washington Park IL in July



Illinois ag department accepting specialty crop grant proposals; applications due April 28

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is now accepting proposals for federal specialty crop grants. The agency anticipates Illinois will receive roughly \$525,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to distribute to state projects; however, the exact dollar amount has yet to be determined. Funds will come from the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program in the Farm Bill. They are available for projects beginning in calendar year 2018, and are intended to expand the availability of fresh, locally-grown produce and strengthen the competitiveness of our specialty crop industry.

According to USDA, projects seeking funding should

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Winning teams will receive their \$60 entry fee back.

Also scheduled as part of the fundraiser are a 50/50 drawing and prizes for best costumes in three categories: Golf Attire, Goin' Green (St. Patrick's Day) and Most Entertaining Costume.

benefit underserved communities and veterans, aim to improve producer capacity with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, develop adaptation and mitigation strategies for farmers in drought-stricken regions, increase opportunities for new and beginning farmers, develop strong local and regional food systems, protect pollinator habitats and improve pollinator health.

Projects that benefit a particular commercial product or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual are ineligible. Farmers' markets, roadside stands and community-sponsored agriculture programs should consider submitting proposals to the USDA's Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service defines specialty crops as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture)."

Illinois is the nation's leading producer of pumpkins and horseradish, and ranks in the top ten in acreage of cantaloupes, green peas, lima beans and sweet corn. Illinois also is home to a flourishing grape and wine market. Sales of all specialty crops in Illinois, including nursery

and greenhouse sales, totaled almost \$470 million in 2012.

IDOA will accept grant proposals until April 28, 2017, at 4pm. Request for proposal packets and additional information about the program can be found online at the department's website at <https://www.agr.state.il.us/specialty-crop-grants/>. For more information call (217) 524-9129.

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Hubbard Trail Country Club: Part time, flexible hours: Waitresses, Bartenders, Dishwasher. Experience preferred, must be 21 to bartend or waitress. Call 217-748-6521 leave a message and someone will return your call.

Clubhouse Manager

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Send resume and qualifications to P.O. Box 305, Hoopeston, IL 60942 or e-mail to htccgolf@yahoo.com.

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The PIT STOP at
FAST LANES

Monday: Taco Salad (chicken or beef) or Tenderloin (grilled or breaded)

Tuesday: Chicken or Beef & Noodles or Speedway Burger

Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich or Pork Chops

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A fire call at 8:54 p.m. Monday resulted in a city charge for a Hoopeston man.

Hoopeston Fire Department was called to the 300 block of Front for a couch on fire. The fire was extinguished without incident. However, Juan Acosta, 63, was ticketed for restrictions for burning and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Obituaries

MATTHEWS - Charles Edward "Bud" Matthews, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 11:40 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. He was cremated. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny, breezy today. High 54. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 32. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 51, low 30.