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A New Year - a new beginning

I love, love, a brand New Year. A new start to life. It's to find more joy, it's to be thankful for what we have, it's helping others, forgiving others and ourselves. It is a real and present opportunity to start a new beginning.

I love it! Making new goals for this New Year is such fun. Usually I have four or five goals I would like to accomplish. Maybe you have one or two or more. It only matters that you write them down some place where you can see them. Maybe put them in your kitchen or in your office, carry them in your wallet on a note card.

Every day is a new beginning in this New Year. This is not an order or demand, but something you would really like to happen in 2018. When I think of new it's something I've not seen or done before. It is exciting to start a new adventure. Don't tell me you have no goals, no ideas, nothing you would like to change, add or make better in your life or the life of someone else.

OK, take 20 minutes of your day and think about your life. Not mine. Not your spouse or friends. This is about YOU! How exciting is that?

Your new beginning. So much you can accomplish with setting a few goals. Don't tell me you're no good at setting goals or making changes in your life. Maybe this is the year you accomplish a goal or two for a positive change in your life.

Think about the importance of small deeds. A smile takes but a moment, yet the impact of it on someone lasts forever and a smile is free. Whatever your one or two goals may be, small or large, you will never know what will happen until you do it.

Make it your goal to make a goal list today, post it so you can look at it every day. You have accomplished one goal right away. You might even say, "Bertha was right, I feel good about the New Year". Celebrate today by following through with your goals and doing the best you can with it to the end.

A New Year, and new beginning for you and me. The best thing I can do for my tomorrow is to give life my best today. I can choose to go through this day with cheerfulness in my heart and enthusiasm in my walk.

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DACC-Hoopeston offers wide range of topics to area residents

Mark your calendars for the upcoming classes at the DACC Higher Learning Center – Hoopeston.

• **Food Service License classes** will begin on Wednesday evenings, January 17 through February 14 from 6-9:30 p.m., 4 evenings of instruction and one night of testing. Class fee is \$99 plus the cost of the textbook – ServSafe 6th Edition Coursebook.

The next Food Service License class will be offered March 21 through April 18, 2018.

• **Need to improve your computer skills? For Beginners Only Computer Class** is for the student who needs to get more comfortable with using the mouse, file management and creating documents.

For Beginners Only will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 24 - Feb. 14. The class fee is \$96 plus the cost of workbook. We must have six paid registrations by the January 18 registration deadline to hold the class.

• **Beekeeping with Toby Brown – Intro to the World of Bees** will be held Thursday, Jan. 25, from 6-8 p.m. The class fee is \$20. Registration deadline is January 19.

Learn the behavior of bees, the work they do and how their role with agriculture is important.

• Let us help prepare your student for the SAT or improve their scores. We will offer a four-week session on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sessions include pre-test and post-test results, two English sessions and two math sessions. Classes will be held February 3 - 24.

This session will prepare your student to take the SAT test offered at Danville Area Community College campus on March 10. The class fee is \$140 and includes books.

The DACC Higher Learning Center - Hoopeston also offers Career and Employment Services each month with Carla Boyd on the second Monday from 8a-11 a.m. Do you need help updating your resume? We offer interest and personality assessments to help choose the right career for you. Visit the Career Services Web Page at www.dacc.edu/career for additional information.

The DACC Higher Learning Center – Hoopeston is at 847 E. Orange St. For more information, please call 217-283-4170, stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or visit www.dacc.edu/hoopeston.

ISBDC seeks nominees for annual county business awards

DANVILLE—The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Danville Area Community College is seeking nominations to recognize the critical contributions of the Vermilion County area's entrepreneurs. To recognize accomplishments at all stages of business growth, awards will be given in four categories.

Small Business of the Year - A small business (in business two years or more) that has successfully passed the start-up phase and accomplished expansion goals.

Small Business Start-Up of the Year - A small business (in business less than two years) that has successfully created a business plan, obtained financing and opened their doors.

Entrepreneur of the Year - A small business owner who has distinguished him/herself by achieving a business goal or by overcoming adversity to continue their

business operation.

Legacy Business of the Year - A small business that has operated successfully for 10 years or more.

To nominate a business, email sbdc@dacc.edu with information about the nominee by 5 p.m. Friday, March 9.

If you prefer to mail in your nomination, forms are available at www.dacc.edu/sbdc.

Winners will be recognized at a breakfast on Thursday, May 3, at Danville Country Club. For more information contact the Illinois SBDC at DACC director, Carol Nichols, at 217-442-7232.

The Illinois SBDC at DACC is sponsored in part by the Small Business Administration, the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Danville Area Community College.

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Hoopeston FFA Alumni Scholarship & Education Auction

Saturday, January 27

Hoopeston American Legion

Silent Auction 4-6 p.m.

Live Auction 6 p.m.

Food 4:30 p.m. til we run out. Free will offering.

Come bid, buy & spend to benefit the FFA & kids

The PIT STOP at FAST LANES

- Monday:** Meatloaf, Taco Salad (chicken or beef) or Tenderloin (breaded or grilled)
- Tuesday:** Chicken or Beef & Noodles or Speedway Burger
- Wednesday:** Ribeye Sandwich or Pork Chops
- Thursday:** Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp
- Friday:** Cod, Rib eye Steak or Ribs
- Saturday:** Prime Rib, Rib eyes or Ribs

8-9-10 Doubles Tournament

Starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13

Save your date! Book your

2018 Birthday Party
with us!

Come play our Live Video Gaming Machines!

From the Blotter

Sheena Frederick, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:48 a.m. Monday to check on the welfare of a missing person. Frederick, found to be wanted on a Harris County, Tex., warrant, was

taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Timothy A. Burke, 50, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:37 a.m. at the police station. Wanted on two

Ford County warrants, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Obituaries

CROZIER - Elizabeth Crozier, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 9:31 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

SCHUSKE - Mary Lou (Schuen) Schuske, 67, of Hoopeston, died at 12:05 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 at home. She will be cremated. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team, 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

SMITH - Iona Ree Smith, 85, of Rossville, died at 3:07 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018 at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Arrangements are pending at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Areas of drizzle, dense fog. High 51. Tonight, showers, fog. Low 49. Tomorrow, showers, breezy, wintry mix late. High 56, low 25.

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Alyssa Yaden, member of the Hoopeston Area High School girls' bowling team, plays under the watchful eye of Coach Doug Wagoner and local supporters, at the first-ever girls match at Fast Lanes.

Hoopeston Area girls roll over BHS Raiders in home match

The Lady Cornjerker bowling team swept the Lady Raiders of Bloomington High School in the first-ever home match for Hoopeston Area's team on December 19.

With home advantage at Fast Lanes, the Jerkers won the first game 801-690, led by Jaylyn Linder

with 545, Kayla Goble 533, Emma Glotzbach 513, Mercy Linder 489 and Alyssa Yaden 457. Jaylyn Linder had a fine 203. Game two was all Jerkers with an 899-737 score and ended the contest 829-747.

Totals for the evening were Hoopeston Area 2529 and Bloomington 2174.