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Life Long Friends

Do you have them? Or are your friends the ones on face-book, snap-chat or twitter, those we have not even met? What makes a Life Long Friend?

Is it someone that would do anything for you or who will laugh with you? Maybe go shopping or work in the yard if needed?

Does this Life Long Friend give you advice when asked or maybe when not asked? Are they with you in hard times, unhappy, hurting times as well as joyous, fun and exciting times?

Last week I called one of my Life Long Friends in Moses Lake Wash. I've known for 52 years. We have a phone visit once a month. She helps me with my problems and shares my joys. She prays for me. I can call her anytime day or night and she is there for me.

A classmate of mine who lives miles away calls me each month. We have lots of crazy memories from high school. She has to be one of my Life Long Friends because she knows too much about me!

Life means forever. Long means quite a while. Friends means someone I like and need in my life. In this day of electronics, it's hard to have a life long friend. They can cut you off or unfriend you without ever seeing you. Sometimes two friends can sit across from each other and cannot talk without a cell phone. If that works for you, fine. It does make having life long friends a lot harder.

I know I'm a little crazy but I like to talk. I like to see your face and hear your voice. That works best for me.




I'm sure you were counting on me writing about Mothers. My mother, Martha Lashley, was my best Life Long Friend. Always there to guide me along, she taught me so many things I still use today such as, "Always remember you are as good as anybody but no better than anyone." This has served me well my whole life.

Mothers are always there for us all their life. They do the best they can to make us the best we can be. That's a real Life Long Friend. Happy Mother's Day Moms!

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Actor known for historic portrayals to be at annual meeting

Nationally-known actor Terrence Lynch, who specializes in historical portrayals of history's most interesting and inspirational figures, is coming to Hoopeston.

Lynch will present a first person perspective on the people and events that made up the history and culture of Illinois from its early beginnings to the present as part of Hoopeston Historical Society's annual meeting.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, May 21 at Hoopeston American Legion Post #384, at 502 E. Main St.

Lynch's performance is sponsored by the historical society and Barbara Standish chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in a joint centennial

celebration of Illinois' 200th birthday.

Preceding the presentation, guests will dine on a meal consisting of pork chops, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, side salad and roll. Drinks will include lemonade, tea, coffee and water. Desserts will be cherry cheesecake, chocolate cake, raspberry Jello cake and cookies.

Tickets for the event are \$20 per person. Reservations must be made by May 14. Money may be taken to Carol Hicks' home, 326 W Orange, dropped off at the Little Lorraine Theatre during operating hours or dropped off with Tami Goin at Hoopeston Marathon.

Election of historical society officers, normally held at the annual meeting, is postponed until the June 18 meeting to allow for Lynch's performance. That meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Hoopeston Public Library.

Hoopeston Historical Society welcomes new members. Dues are \$5 per year or \$100 for a lifetime membership.



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Lady Cornjerker softball team defeats G-RF, record at 12-14

Hoopeston Softball Cornjerkers varsity was victorious over Georgetown-Ridge Farm, 6-2, in action May 4.

Hoopeston Softball Cornjerkers Varsity fired up the offense in the second inning. Ali Watson hit a solo homer.

Jaylyn Linder led the Lady Cornjerkers to victory on the pitcher's mound. She allowed four hits and two runs over seven innings, walking zero.

Whitney Harper took the loss for Georgetown-Ridge Farm. She went six innings, allowing six runs on 11 hits, striking out two and walking zero.

Hoopeston Softball Cornjerkers varsity launched three home runs on the day. Mercy Linder went yard in the seventh inning. Payton Small had a four bagger in the seventh inning. Watson went deep in the second inning.

The Cornerkers collected 12 hits on the day. Linder, Ariel Reeves, Watson, and Shelby Symmonds all had multiple hits for the team. Symmonds, Watson, Reeves,

and Linder each collected two hits to lead Hoopeston Softball Cornjerkers Varsity.

In other recent activity, the Ladies lost to Gibson City, 3-1 in the tenth inning on April 26, and dropped 10-4 to Westville on the following day.

The Lady Cornjerkers rebounded on April 30, besting Schlarman, 15-0.

On May 1, the ladies dropped a game against Bismarck-Henning, 13-10 and fell to Watseka, 10-9 in action Saturday and again to Salt Fork, 11-5, on Monday.

The Lady Cornjerker Softball varsity squad stands at 12-14 on the season. On Thursday, the girls will be at Attica, Ind., and host Milford Friday.

The JV girls will play in a junior varsity tournament on Saturday..

Next week, the Hoopeston Softball Cornjerkers will start regional play, facing Bismarck-Henning at Bismarck.

Briefly

The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a monthly get-together at Rossville Fire Station. The event starts at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

Drawing winners

Winner of the Women Making a Difference drawing for a \$100 IGA gift card is Madge Johnson. Winners of \$50 gift cards from Casey's are Mike Webb and Sharon Dixon.

At the library

Coming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Homeschool End of the Year Picnic, noon-1 p.m. Thursday.

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For children ages 0-4 accompanied by a caregiver.

Tree Climbers genealogy group, 10-11 a.m. Saturday. For beginner or experienced genealogists.

Obituaries

ALLEN - Nancy R. Allen, 79, of Milford, died Monday, May 7, 2018 at home. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. funeral Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Private burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to the ARC of Iroquois County.

YOUNG - Marvin W. Young, 90, of Cissna Park, died Monday, May 7, 2018 at Accolade Healthcare of Paxton. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Burial will follow in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Cissna Park Fire Department, the church or family wishes.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms. Low 57. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 84, low 65.

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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has openings for the following positions for the 2018-19 school year:

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