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Good Gossip, just what we need

Seems like wherever I go people ask, "What's new? Have you heard anything good happening?" It takes me back to when my Mother would say, "If you've got nothing good to say, say nothing at all."

Now your meaning of anything good and mine may vary a little. For me, being alive and able to write is good. Having wonderful adult children and grandsons who really like to talk to me is good. Finding a missing shirt, after looking in every possible place for 10 days. That's good gossip!

When we think of gossip, usually it is not true or a rumor. How many times do you say something someone shared with you? Perhaps it was "don't tell anyone I told you." or "I'm not sure this is all true." Somehow we, yes us, continue telling the story, forgetting it is gossip.

One would think as we grow up we would learn the difference in good gossip and rumors.

Yet our curiosity gets the best of us, our inquiring mind seems to ask for gossip. We pry for information about a new business, a friend or a neighbor. We just gotta know!

We all know gossipy people, we might even be one. We like to chit-chat and debate then spread the word to as many as we can, forgetting the consequences of false gossip. So the next time you are talking it over, be sure the facts are credible.

Good gossip is what we need. That new restaurants are coming and we are very happy with the ones that have been with us a long time. New business looking at our downtown and all around. Folks talking good about the positive changes in our town. My goodness, when we look for it and compare other towns we really have good gossip to share.

The next time you are having breakfast with a friend or coffee at your house think about what you say. Sure, each of us have news about family we want to share, plus good gossip about the sales specials at our local stores. Shop local first so we can keep the stores open.

Speak only good gossip whenever possible. Make time to be joyful in whatever you have. Smile even if it hurts and share the good gossip.

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December 1 honored Alvin teen Blake Kinnett in Illinois

December 1, 2018 is now be known as "Blake Kinnett Day" in the state of Illinois, in honor of a teenager from Alvin who was diagnosed with Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD).

"Blake Kinnett has been an inspiration to those around him through his courage and determination," said State Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington). "I'm proud to have this opportunity to honor him and his family."

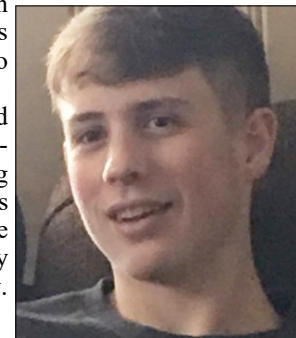
Kinnett has been a sports fan and athlete throughout most of his life, including winning two state baseball titles by the age of 12, and playing in Cooperstown, NY, with the Iliana Chiefs team despite having a broken arm at the time.

In February 2017, Kinnett was diagnosed with

ALD, which is a genetic disease that destroys the protective myelin sheath that surrounds the brain's neurons. There is no known cure for ALD.

Barickman sponsored legislation, Senate Resolution 2216, designating December 1, 2018, as Blake Kinnett Day. The resolution was adopted by the Illinois Senate on Nov. 28.

The community of Alvin has also named a basketball court in his honor, Kinnett's Court, where he enjoyed playing basketball. The community will also soon have a celebration in honor of his life and his impact on the people around him.



KINNETT

Hoopeston man sentenced to 10 years on meth-related charges

A Hoopeston man was sentenced Thursday to a total of 10 years in prison for methamphetamine-related charges.

Aaron J. Cannon, 27, pleaded guilty to delivery of methamphetamine, a class X felony, which stemmed from a search warrant executed by Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group on June 21 at Cannon's home on Chestnut St. He was sentenced to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Cannon was also sentenced to three years for possession of methamphetamine, a class 3 felony, which started as a traffic stop on June 4 in the 500 block of First Ave.

Cannon had one prior conviction for possession of methamphetamine in 2017, for which he received First Offender Probation.

Cannon stipulated to violating his probation and was resentenced to two years in IDOC, to be served concurrently with the other sentences.

He had no other prior criminal convictions.

Briefly

WMD winners

November winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are : \$50, Connie Huffman; \$30, Lance Raver; and \$20, Laura Warner.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library are:
Caring for Your Holiday Plants, 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6.

Builders' Club, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. For kids in grades K-5.

Tiny Tots story program, 10:30 a.m. Friday. For kids 0-4 and their caregivers.

Retirement open house for Carol Arnold, 3-7 p.m. Current and former patrons and friends are invited to stop by during the Open House to visit with Carol and wish her well in her retirement. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

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Wrestling

Hoopeston Area had two losses on either side of a win in a home quad wrestling meet with Unite, Rantoul/PBL and Dwight on November 24. Individual scores were:
Hoopeston 12 -Unity 59
 220- Oren Varela (U) decision over Anthony Colunga
 285- F. Steinbaugh (U) pin over Gage Kenner
 106-B. Manuel (U) pin over Jose Resendez
 113-FFT
 120-T. Hosley (U) pin over Ethan Larkin
 126-FFT
 132- B.Govel (U) pin over Mason Roberts
 138-K.Novak (U) FFT
 145- Ezra Elliot (H) pin over Decker
 152- Eastin (U) pin over Joshton Schwartz
 160- Cole Gaddis pin over N. Gonzalez
 170- Q. Shannon (U) pin over Jonathon Herron
 182- Gordon (U) FFT
 195- C.Scott (U) pin over Able Colunga

Hoopeston 51 Rantoul/PBL 18
 285-Gage Kenner (H) pin over C. Cornwell
 106-D. Kisantear (R) pin over Jose Resendez
 113-FFT
 120-Ethan Larkin (H) FFT
 126-FFT
 132- Mason Roberts (H) FFT
 138-A. Cornett (R) FFT
 145- Ezra Elliot (H) pin over K Terhune
 152-Joshton Schwartz (H) pin over Buford
 160-Cole.Gaddis (H) decision over Peter McCusker
 170-Jonathan Herron (H) pin over R. Martin
 182-C. Sarver (R) FFT
 195- Abel Colunga (H) FFT
 220-Anthony Colunga (H) pin over C.Denham

Hoopeston Area 36- Dwight 39
 106- Jose Resendez (H)- FFT
 113-Tamowski (D)- FFT
 120- Sarff (D) pin over Ethan Larkin

Wrestling

126- Emmons (D) FFT
 132-Mason Roberts (H) pin over Potter
 138-FFT
 145-Spirrelli (D) pin over Elijah Venencia
 152- J. Schwartz (H) FFT
 160- Emerson (D) pin over Cole Gaddis
 170- J. Herron (H) FFT
 182-Tackman (D) FFT
 195- Abel Colunga (H) pin over Edwards

Wrestling

220- Anthony Colunga (H) pin over Volats
 285- Hatfield (D) decision over Gage Kenner

HAHS girls take fifth at Abe Lincoln Tournament

Hoopeston Area bowling teams participated in the Abe Lincoln Tournament Saturday in Springfield, competing against some of the state’s top teams.
 On the girls’ side, 20 teams entered. After six games, the Lady Cornjerkers finished a very fine fifth place.
 The girls were led by Top 10 finishers, Jaylyn Linder, seventh and Kayla Goble ninth. Also placing were Emma Glotzbach, Alyssa Yaden and Madison Bruens.
 The boys team was led by Payton Berlin, Devan Thomas and Casey Bence, Brady Moore and Luis Lugo. The team finished 13th of 18 teams.
 The Lady Cornjerkers welcome everyone to come out to Fast Lanes at 4 p.m. Tuesday for their first home match of the year against a very strong Bloomington High School team.
 Hoopeston Area returns the favor Saturday when they go to Bloomington for the Bloomington High School Invitational, which will begin at 9 a.m. and feature 12 teams.

Obituaries

JONES - Richard E. “Dick” Jones, 79, of Hoopeston, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. A celebration of his life will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor’s choice.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today, tonight. High 33, low 24. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 34, low 28.

Classifieds

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