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## You May Be That Light For Someone!

It seems to me we're all here for a reason. Some of us may be wandering around looking for our own way. How on earth can I be that light for someone?

Have you ever gotten a thank you from a friend or maybe even a stranger for helping to see or find something? It doesn't have to a bright blinding light, so obvious that everyone sees it. Maybe that light is a smile, a nice word, an understanding ear, a compliment.

Or maybe your light is out, blown away by unhappiness, stress or loneliness. When someone comes along and starts the flame again in your life, we need to be thankful.

You may be a parent or grandparent, you may have been that light that said, "I believe in you," or "I'm always here for you if you need me." A few words spoken by people who care can make a world of difference to someone.

Just in case you don't already know it, friends are very special people. They may believe in you when no one else, including yourself, does. They give us hope and encourage us in our endeavors. They are that light!

We count on our family for many things and expect them to support us and agree with our hopes and dreams. Not always the case, but they can be that light at times when we least expect it.

Each of us, you, me, the neighbors, do not stand alone in this wide, wonderful world. Can you be that light all alone for someone? You bet! Let that someone stand by you and together share those hopes and dreams for tomorrow!

As we grow up, we find that helping others by being that light we really help ourselves as well. How awesome is that? Someone is happier, more confident, less stressed and felt loved because you were that light.

If each of us care about others and ourselves and try each day to be that light for just one someone, what a better world we would have!

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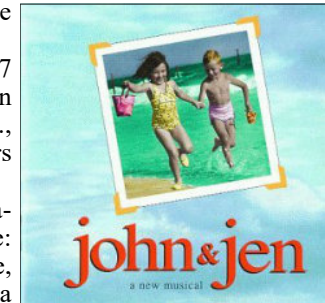
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## Lorraine Theatre to host DLO production of *John & Jen*

Danville Light Opera is coming to the Lorraine Theatre!

DLO will perform "John and Jen" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23 on the Lorraine stage, 324 E. Main St., Hoopeston. Ticket price is \$20. Doors open at 6 p.m.

This is the story of Jen and her relationships with the two Johns of her life: her younger brother and his namesake, the son who is trying to find his way in a confusing world. Jen and her younger brother, John, are growing up in a dysfunctional home



in the ever-changing world of mid-century America. As the country becomes divided over the war in Vietnam, so does the family, and battle lines are drawn between the once-close siblings. As an adult, Jen must deal with the realities of a fractured upbringing, divorce, and an increasingly strained relationship with her son.

"John and Jen" features Mallory Williams Middendorf as Jen and Charlie Johnson as John. The production is di-

**See DLO on other side**

## Briefly

### At the Library

Upcoming activities at Hoopeston Public Library are:

**Today is National Love Your Pet Day** and the last day to vote for your favorite pet photo. Donate any amount to your favorite photo. The pet that receives the largest number of votes (dollars) will win a \$20 pet supplies gift card.

All money collected will be donated to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team.

**Cooking the Books**, 12-12:30 p.m. Thursday. Choose a "Heart Healthy" recipe from the display. We'll copy it for you. Take it home, prepare and bring to the library to share with others. Bring serving utensils; drinks, table service provided.

For information on programs, call (217) 283-6711.

**Big Bang Thursday**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Weird and wacky science for kids in grades 3-5.

**Little's @ the Library** 10:30-11 a.m. Friday. For children ages 0-5 with parents, grandparents or day care providers, featuring stories, songs, crafts, learning and movement activities.

### Breast cancer support group to meet

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group will meet

at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9828.

### Notice

For those planning to attend Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, the meeting begins at 6 p.m.. The board goes into executive session until 7 p.m., when the open meeting starts. Public comment will be held during the open part of the meeting.

### Summer ball signups

Signups for summer ball, from T-ball to Pony League, will be held Wednesdays, Feb. 20 and 27, 5-8 p.m. and noon-3 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at Hoopeston City Hall.

### PEP Potluck

All are invited to Hoopeston First United Methodist Church for the free People Enjoying People Potluck Party. The potluck will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at the church, 403 E. Main.

Main dish, drinks and table service are provided. Those who want may bring a side dish or dessert to share!



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## Obituaries

**PALOMARES** - San Juanita (Zarate) Palomares, 53, of Rantoul, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 2:06 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. celebration of her life Saturday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. Memorials are suggested to the family.

**WALTON** - Debra (Leaver) Walton, 62, of Milford, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019 at home. She was cremated. Graveside service will be held at a later date at St.

Peter Lutheran Cemetery, Crescent City. Memorials are suggested to family wishes. Knapp-Miller Funeral Home, Paxton, is handling arrangements.

## Court Dispositions

### January 3

**Brittiney Walwer**, Hoopeston, status check February 7.

Gerardo Torres, Hoopeston, status check in two cases February 7.

**Jaymee Smith**, Hoopeston, status check February 7.

**Constance Wisdom**, Hoopeston, status check February 7.

**Brian Suiter**, Hoopeston, status check February 7.

**Christopher Gray**, Hoopeston, status check February 7.

## Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:05 a.m. Monday to Plaza Commons, 715 W. Elm, to investigate a strong odor of something burning inside or outside an apartment.

An elderly caller advised the odor was causing issues for her.



## Dancing machines

Tony Miller, Hoopeston Water Department employee, and Wade Gocking, Street and Alley Department superintendent, operate backhoes in tandem, a type of pas a deux, to remove asphalt to get to a water main leak Saturday morning at Penn and Euclid. As Gocking used a breaker to fracture the street surface, Miller used an excavator to remove debris. Meanwhile, water Supt. Steve Baker, along with Richard Cappellano and Gunner Watson, manned pumps to draw water from the crater before jumping into the frigid water to fix the leak. The men were on the scene for several hours making repairs.

## DLO continued from other side

rected by Paul Strain, with music direction by Chrissy Sparks. It is rated PG-13.

Tickets can be purchased on TheLorraineTheatre.com web site, DACC Hoopeston campus, Hoopeston City Hall, Treasured Roots, or by calling Betty Richards 217-304-5308.

## Weather

**WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY** until noon today. Rain, freezing rain likely today. High 38. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 27. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 38, low 22.

## Classifieds

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### HELP WANTED

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Part time CNAs 1st and 2nd shift. Must be able to work weekends and holidays. Apply in person at Autumn Fields Adult Community, 325 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Please, no phone inquiries.

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is looking for a full-time district custodian. If interested, please apply online or in person at the District Office. Online applications can be found on the school website, [www.hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://www.hoopeston.k12.il.us). Please call the district office at 217-283-6668 if you have any questions.

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