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Live

October, here we come with busy days getting ready for Fall! Thinking ahead to Halloween, followed by Thanksgiving, then Christmas! My favorite time of year!

"Life is a mystery to be lived, not a puzzle to be solved." Kaye O.

This gave me reason to pause and think about living. Seems like we always try to solve every single thing that comes into our life! Instead of just living each day to the fullest, getting the most from each hour every day. Sure, sounds simple, yet we complicate it with unnecessary worry about: "what-ifs" or "should I," and "what will someone think," or "why didn't I say No?"

My Mother used to say, "You alone must live your life, always forward, knowing you have only one chance." Her life was simple, God first, family second, friends third. Worry was something she let God handle. I marveled at her joy and peace with her simple life. She certainly lived it to the fullest and the best way she knew how.

Our days are identical suitcases, all the same size, but some of us can pack more into them than others. Some of us make a point of always looking at yesterday, while others are making their life the best they can today with every opportunity.

Last week I went full circle to live with many blessings. First a visit with my beautiful daughter, two of my talented grandsons and my two awesome sons. Plus, able to talk to four great friends. The reason I say "full circle" is that it's been a while since I've made the rounds, like many of us that get too busy with "stuff, work and play" that we miss out on important things.

I'm learning that to really live, we must remember the important people in our lives. Life is the happiest and most worthwhile when we choose to live each day the best we can.

Easy? It will not be!

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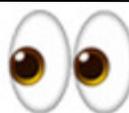
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Lorraine seeks actresses for production of 'Steel Magolias'

Eight women sought for all-female cast

Area women are being sought to bring "Steel Magnolias" to the historic Lorraine Theatre.

Auditions will be held for eight female roles at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the theatre, 324 E. Main.

The play is tentatively scheduled to be performed

the last weekend in January, 2020.

"Steel Magnolias" is the story of the bond shared between a group of women in a small southern community and how they cope with the death of one of their own.

The story is based on Robert Harling's real life experience of the death of his sister, Susan Harling Robinson, of complications of Type 1 diabetes.

Ashley Beauvois will direct the production, which is presented with permission by Dramatists Play Services, Inc.

For more information, Beauvois may be reached at ashley.beauvois@nutrien.com.

From the Blotter

Terry L. Williams, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:53 p.m. Sunday for a disturbance in the 800 block of East Seminary.

After an investigation, police said he was in possession of ammunition. He was charged with FOID required and released on bond.

A **57-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 8:37 a.m. Monday that someone took items from his home in the 400 block of East Seminary. Police are investigating the burglary.

Jessica Wilson, 36, of Attica, Ind., was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:34 p.m. Monday at Sixth Ave. and Chestnut.

She was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

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and your picture in a frame.**

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Briefly

Assessment complaint deadline

The last date for residents to file a complaint with the Board of Review, regarding their assessments is October 15. Forms are available in Grant/Butler Assessor Susie Drollinger's office, 525 S. Market St., Hoopeston. For more information, call the office at (217) 283-6868.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Drop off your decorated pumpkin today or tomorrow for the library's Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. Friday.

Stitchin' Time, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Crochet instruction provided. Other needle crafters welcome.

Wild and Wacky Games, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, for kids of all ages.

Creative Arts Project

Hoopeston United Methodist Church begins its Creative Arts Program (CAP) at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday with registration and meet and greet for participants. CAP is open to kids in grades K-8 and will meet from 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays except when there is early dismissal or no school.

Breast cancer support group

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. Our next meeting will be at October 17. Spread the word and join us for a meeting to

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Obituaries

DIXON - David Dixon, 70, of Wellington, died 3:08 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral

home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to John Greer PTO Playground for All Project, 609 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

KNIGHT - Ruth Elaine (Moreland) Knight, 90, of rural Indianola, died at 8:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. She was cremated. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial service Thursday at Indianola United Methodist Church, 1 N. High St. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Indianola. Memorials are suggested to the church or Woodlawn Cemetery Association, 120 Wild Rose Ave., Indianola IL 61850. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

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