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By
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I've got the Joy!

"I've got the joy, joy, joy, down in my heart." A song you may remember as a child. Could be one we all need to sing right now.

As the rain comes down on my flowers and my husband's watermelon plant, what a Joy! Knowing one day soon we will be enjoying the fruits of our labor.

What does joy mean to you? Can you find it in the garden? Has it moved next door? Or does your neighbor have all the joy in town?

Some days, perhaps this week, joy may have slipped away. We are so busy trying to figure out our life, we let it go! OKAY! What do I want from this day?

Well, a friend I haven't seen in over five years stopped by today. Such a delightful visit. We shared about how different our lives were compared to what we thought they would be right now.

Life really has a mind of its own. We want joy, pleasure, happiness. All the good stuff we can get! None of the hurt, discomfort, misfortune or harm. Life can turn us upside down and every which way possible.

What can we do to transform the atmosphere, enhance the environment and bring joy back into our life?

You know you have only one life! There is no second chance, no do-overs. Only the opportunity to find the right direction, step on the path of joy and walk in sweet pleasure to brighten the day.

"I've got the joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!" When our day seems too long, too lonely, too joyless, we need to start singing the "Joy Song!"

It's never too late for merrymaking, laughing at yourself or calling a friend. It is never too late to smile at a stranger and say hello. Maybe even share a piece of pie or brownies with a neighbor.

Joy comes from and with small pieces of our heart. A call, a letter, a smile, a giggle to someone you love, or someone you just met or know casually really makes their life better!

Guess what? Being joyful also makes your life better! I promise!



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From the Blotter

A **58-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 6:59 a.m. Friday that someone took items from her car in the 800 block of East McCracken. Police are investigating.

Blake Meehan, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 4:31 p.m. Saturday to the 200 block of West Maple for a possible fight. After an investigation, he was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Two Hoopeston woman were arrested after police were called at 2:49 p.m. Sunday to a disturbance

at Parkview Court.

Malea Chandler, 18, was arrested on preliminary charges of obstructing justice, two counts of aggravated battery to a peace officer and resisting arrest. She was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Lori Chandler, 20, was charged with resisting arrest and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Romiro Lopez, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called to a domestic disturbance at 5:37 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of Wilson.

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Briefly

Meetings
 Hoopeston Area School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, high school library

Reading Bingo
 Kids entering grades 6-12 are encouraged to stop by the upstairs desk at Hoopeston Public Library to pick up their Summer Reading Bingo card. Check out some great books and when finished, turn in your card for a chance to win a free book.

- Summer Reading Challenge ends September 8.
- Until further notice, the library is not accepting book donations at this time.

Historical Society to meet
 Hoopeston Historical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 20 at the Fast Lanes Bowling Alley meeting room. Nominations for officers will be taken at this first meeting for president, vice-president, second vice-

Police continued from other side

He was charged with assault on a complaint from a 32-year-old Hoopeston woman and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Frank Spina, 67, of Milford, was arrested at 5:10 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of South Second Ave. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 68. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 86, low 68.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

 **Fun for All**
 Miniature Golf

president, secretary, treasurer and one four-year Board of Director. All other directors and officers wishing to remain in their positions can request it at the meeting.

Historical Society dues of \$5 are now due and can be sent to Carol Hicks, Secretary/Treasurer, 326 W. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Card shower
 A card shower is being held for Shirley Green, who will turn 90 on July 20. Cards may be sent to her at Heritage Health, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Blood drive scheduled
 American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 24, at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange, Hoopeston. Donors should schedule an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor

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