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I'm sure some of you have a pet, one you love like family, one you could not do without, makes your life a joy, most of the time. Dogs, cats, birds and others can make a dull day one of fun and excitement.

It's wonderful how a pet that can't talk can certainly understand when you need a friend, had a bad day at work, have a child home from school sick or are upset when you can't stretch your budget to pay everything.

The moment you walk into the room that pet runs up to you. Maybe you pet it or pick it up and all the bad stuff melts away.

We had a tiny, yappy dog that belonged to our daughter who couldn't take it to college. "Rambo" became our sentinel and protected us like an armed guard. If you wanted in the house, you had to get permission from Rambo.

By I wondered what was on her mind as she kept many from entering our house. Did she know something we didn't? Had she run around with their male dog and done things she can't talk about?

When it's time to eat and I'm busy or late coming from work. Is she sitting by the dish calling my name, telling me, "How would you like to miss dinner or have it two hours late?"

When a family member died, she shared our sadness. I'm sure she was telling us, "I'm here for you, don't worry." Now if you have a cat or two there is always something going on. Cats want everyone (usually) to like them. I'm not a cat lover but I have family members who are and have three cats. Most certainly the cats are really talking about me. They jump all over me and I see them smiling. I am sure they say, "Like us or else." The "or else" is what scares me! One greatness about our pets is how they become our family. The give true joy to our quality of life.

Would we be pleased to know what our pets are thinking? Do they think we are a bit crazy most of the time? Do they miss us when left alone in peace and quiet?

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State Farm Agent Mike Pemberton, left, recently gifted Hoopeston IGA employees with gift certificates to local restaurants for their dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also pictured are Lucas Switzer and Rodney Ramos, store manager and assistant manager, respectively.

IGA kept Hoopeston fed, now Mike Pemberton returns favor

For weeks, Hoopeston IGA employees have proven how essential they really are. From stocking shelves as quickly as possible so residents could get what they wanted to explaining to concerned customers why some supplies were in short supply, workers put themselves out there to meet the area's needs.

Their efforts to keep the community fed did not go unnoticed, and on July 17, all IGA employees received a token of appreciation that would help feed themselves.

Mike Pemberton, agent at the Hoopeston State Farm office matched a grant from the State Farm Good Neighbor Community Fund and donated \$20 gift certificates to five local restaurants.

"Our local IGA employees have done a tremendous See PEMBERTON on other side



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From the Blotter

An 82-year-old Hoopeston man was treated at Carle Hoopeston emergency room after the electric wheelchair he was driving was hit by a car.

Kenneth Parker Jr. was in his electric wheelchair at 10:10 a.m. Saturday at South Fourth Ave. and West Maple when, police said, he was hit by a 2019 Chevrolet sedan driven by Patricia A. Fraley, 82, of Hoopeston. She was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Darion L. Woods, 18, of Rantoul, was arrested on a complaint from a 69-year-old woman. Police were called to 800 block of South Third regarding a theft at the woman's home

Woods was located, charged with theft and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident Sunday in the 500 block of North Sixth Ave.

Police said Doug Lewis, 60, of Hoopeston, in a 2013 Ford F150, pulled northbound into the alleyway and hit a parked 2006 Nissan Ultima, owned by Phyllis Cox, also of Hoopeston.

Obituaries

VOGEL - Rita Maria (Diskin) Vogel, 90, of Rankin, died Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at accolade Healthcare of Paxton on Pells. Arrangements are pending. Condolences may be left at www.cox knapp.com.

Pemberton continued from other side

job keeping us well-supplied during the pandemic," Pemberton said. "We are thrilled to recognize them as essential workers and also give a boost to some local restaurants who have been adversely impacted by the economic downturn."

Each employee chose one restaurant, Pemberton said. He purchased the cards, then gave them to Rodney Ramos, assistant manager, to distribute.

Pemberton related that store Manager Lucas Switzer said this was the first time anyone recognized the employees' efforts.

"We're very appreciative," Switzer said of the gift.

Weather

Sunny today. High 83. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 64. Tomorrow mostly sunny. High 85, low 65.

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

Hoopeston Public Library offering take-home craft kits

Hoopeston Public Library is offering "Take Home" craft kits for adults and teens in grades 6-12. The first kit, to make popsicle stick coasters, is available now while supplies last. Kits must be picked up in person at the upstairs main desk. Limit one per person and no phone reservations accepted.

Kits are free and will contain most materials to complete each project. Participants may be required to provide basic supplies/materials such as scissors

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, high school library, to approve personnel items and discuss the district's reopening plan

and glue

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