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Not Backing Down

Have you ever been in an awkward situation? A time or place where no matter what was said or done would change the situation. I'd like to say we encounter many awkward situations in our life. It could be a downright ugly situation.

Not too long ago while I talked to a friend, I had to stand my ground. I knew no matter how this situation ended I was not backing down on what I believed. Was I right? I sure thought so. Was I wrong? Could be, but I'd never admit it!

Why oh why are we so set on our beliefs? As children, we learned early right from wrong. It could have been a swat with a ruler or standing in the corner for 30 minutes. Maybe writing, "I'm sorry" 100 times.

We should all hold tight to our beliefs. Today it seems like no one believes in anything or in everything. I know you wonder, "What do I believe in?" "What does our world believe in?"

I believe kindness and caring for one another is a must do! I believe each of us, you and I, are here for a purpose. You may not believe it but every step you take has been planned for you. I'll never back down from that!

I believe most of us back off from doing the best we can every day. It's true. Just think about the times you have said, "That's good enough." "I'll do it tomorrow," or "I know it should be three pages long but two will do."

Doing and being the best we can are almost the same. I'm not backing down on that! Do I believe in being a good person? Sure I do! Can any one of you reading my corner be a good person? You bet! How much does it cost? What store has it available? Do I need to take a class?

Boy, do I wish it were that easy. The simplest act is to treat others as you want to be treated. Easy! You want family, friends and others to care and be kind to you. So, you, in turn, should be the same way to all you encounter. Do not back down!

When thinking of you, my readers, I have only good thoughts! I believe you care enough to pick up or go on-line to read my corner. That's my story and I'm not backing down!

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County on warning for COVID cases, not on state warning list

Vermilion County remained under a state warning for the second week for a high number of new COVID-19 cases, but was removed from the state's warning list.

For the week of September 6-12, Vermilion County's new cases were 87 per 100,000, higher than the target of

less than 50 per 100,000. While still in warning territory, the number of cases dropped from the previous week's 96 new cases.

Last week, the county was on the state watch list for having failed two targets: the number of positive cases per 100,000 and the number of people seeking treatment in emergency departments for COVID 19-like illnesses. In the latter category, the county rate remained at 1.5%, the same as the previous week. The metric to meet state guidelines is stable or decreasing numbers week over week.

Meanwhile, a feared increase in cases following a dem-

olition derby held in Hoopeston on September 6 has not materialized. On September 8, the cumulative number of cases in the 60942 zip code was 31. Since then, the number has risen by two cases, to 33.

Totals for surrounding communities include Rossville, 10; Milford, 12; and Cissna Park, 17.

Vermilion County has 547 confirmed cases, with 91 currently active. Of those, five are hospitalized and 86 are on home isolation., said Doug Toole, Vermilion County Health Administrator.

Of the 547, 452 have been released/recovered. Four have died.

The county's number of negative tests is 24,822.

Those ages 20-29 have been the largest age category of positive cases, at 120, followed by 30-39 with 80 cases. Other age ranges and numbers of cases are 0-9, 32; 10-19, 60; 40-49, 58, 60-69, 54; 70-79, 44; and 80 and older, 24.

Mobile testing coming to Hoopeston

The state's mobile COVID-19 testing team will be in Vermilion County next week, including a day in Hoopeston.

A team is scheduled to be in Hoopeston from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Hoopeston Area High School parking lot, 615 E. Orange. Testing is open to adults and children, Illinois or Indiana residents, with or without symptoms. Insurance information will be collected for billing, but there is no cost for testing. Insurance is not required for testing.

Residents may drive-through or walk up to the testing area.

Results will be available in 4-7 days.

Other tests will be done Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School and Sunday, Oct. 4, at Vermilion County Health Department, 200 S. College.

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Sesquicentennial meeting
A Hoopeston Sesquicentennial Celebration planning meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept, 24 at Hoopeston Council Chambers. Businesses, organizations and community members are invited to attend.



Holding steady
Tim Walsh, Hoopeston Area building and grounds supervisor, holds a piece of playground equipment steady while Les Symmonds disassembles it Monday at Honeywell School, part of clearing the property at the former school. The equipment is being moved to John Greer.

Many volunteers will be needed to carry off the planned celebrations June 27-July 3, 2021.

From the Blotter

Randy S. Dillon, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called for someone trespassing at 2:51 p.m. to the 700 block of South First Ave.

He was charged with trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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Grave decorations

Spring/summer grave sprays and decorations need to be cleaned up and removed from Floral Hill Cemetery by Thursday, Oct. 1. Decorations not cleaned up by that date will be removed by cemetery employees.

Weather

Sunny today. High 79. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 53. Tomorrow, sunny. High 80, low 59.

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ment for transfers. Call Tracey at 765 490 9642. May text for contact.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

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