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By
BERTHA PARSONS

Dance to Your Own Beat

These days we are being told what to do, how to do it and why we do it. Wear a mask, don't wear a mask, stay six feet apart, don't go out in a crowd. What on earth can we do?

Well, you can be generous with your time to help neighbors or a student getting ready to go to college. You can live in the now, it's the only time you have. You can be grateful for your life, for friends, family and hundreds of blessings and privileges you enjoy! You can be cheerful with a smile to brighten the day for others and yourself. You can be optimistic. Doors of opportunity open to optimists. You can spend time in prayer, whatever that means to you. Prayer is possible and a strong help for those who believe. You can be unselfish! Take the Golden Rule off the shelf, dust it off put it to work! You can make someone happy. Being kind and thoughtful. Helping others really helps you too. Believe me, I know!

You can be forgiving. Forgive and forget. It warms the heart and cools the sting. We are only brave when we know how to forgive. All you have to do is say, "I'm sorry, let's move on." It sure sounds easy. But do we really forgive or just use these words to make us look better? Forgiving may be the hardest thing we can ever do, yet the most rewarding. For me it's a win-win, forgiving someone who has hurt me, and mean it!

You can be generous! No matter how small the gift, if given with love and affection, it is really great! We may never know the impact a small gift to someone hurting can make to their day.

Yes! You can dance to your own beat! If you don't like what you're doing or where you're at in life just pick up the needle on the record player of life and move it to a new groove.

You have heard me say and write many times, today is the only day you really have, this moment, this minute, this day may be the only one you have! Why waste it on worry, unkindness and anger. Instead, walk tall, put on a smile, say a happy "hello" to your world as you go out into it today! Life is what we choose to make it! Let's make it a "Happy Dance" life! Put on your dancing shoes and let's get HAPPY!

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Company awards HAHS for success with career curriculum

While many aspects of education were uprooted with the COVID-19 pandemic, the team at Hoopeston Area High School (HAHS) is being recognized for their outstanding efforts to inspire students to set and achieve life goals.

Hoopeston Area High School is being awarded a Career Choices Gold Medal for their program promoting student success with the Career Choices series curriculum and My10yearPlan.com. The school's Career Choices program helps students, starting in their freshman year, to create online 10-year plans for their future education and career goals.

HAHS is among only 22 schools across the nation that have been awarded a Career Choices Medal for the 2020-21 school year.

The 2020-21 academic year brought many unprecedented challenges to the education sector, including the temporary shift to remote instruction and the increased need to attend to students' social-emotional health. HAHS addressed these challenges and more with a robust career- and college-focused program for students.

"This medal means that despite the detours and roadblocks the year presented, HAHS went above and beyond in their commitment to supporting student success and improving college and career readiness," said Brianne Navarrete, a representative for Academic Innovations, the

publisher of the Career Choices series curriculum.

Teachers and administrators behind this Hoopeston Area High School program worked diligently throughout this past year of challenges to keep students focused on the future and working toward achieving their goals. This award is our way of acknowledging those efforts and the positive impact these educators left on their students, school and community, said Laurel Orteza, another representative for Academic Innovations.

"It's a great accomplishment that requires solid leadership, top-notch teachers, and a lot of hard work from everyone involved, especially in the 2020-21 school year," Orteza said.

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Obituaries

DOWELL - Michael Jay Dowell, 41, of Hoopeston, died at 1:08 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at home. He was cremated and no service will be held. Memorials are suggested to American SIDS Institute, 528 Raven Way, Naples, FL 34110. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

ELLIOTT - Ronnie S. "Ron" Elliott, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 2:35 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, at Paris Community Hospital, Paris. He was cremated and a service will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

HULS - Gary E. Huls, 68, of Tilton, died at 8:20 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 in Oakwood. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at CrossRoads Christian Church, 3613 N. Vermilion, Danville. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery, Danville. Memorials are suggested to Hanging Rock Christian Camp, 6988 S. State Rd. 263, P.O. Box 218, West Lebanon IN 47991. Anderson Funeral Home,

Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

SNYDER - Mary Ellen Snyder, 78, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, passed away August 1, 2021, in Englewood.

Mary Ellen was born October 4, 1942, in Joliet, Ill., the daughter of Walter & Marian Weber.

She married John Snyder on June 28, 1975. He survives. Mary is also survived by a daughter, Raynae (Bill) Blair of Lafayette, Ind., three grandsons, RJ Blair and Hunter Blair, of Lafayette, and Brody Harper, of Bowling Green, Ken. She is also survived by two sisters, one brother and a favorite cousin, Vicky St. Myers.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rodney Theim. Mary Ellen served in the United States Air Force. She enjoyed dancing with the love of her life, golfing, painting, & playing games with friends.

Memorial graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021 at Floral Hill Cemetery, in Hoopeston, with military honors by Hoopeston American Legion Post 384. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. The family has entrusted the Blurton Funeral



MARY ELLEN
SNYDER

Home of Hoopeston. Condolences may be shared with the family on her everlasting memorial page at www.BlurtonFuneralHomes.com.

Family and friends are invited to attend a light luncheon at the Rankin Lions Club in Rankin after the service.

Bloomington Central Catholic wins 2021 Cornjerker Classic

Bloomington Central Catholic defeated Grant Park, 3-1, to take the top spot at Saturday's Cornjerker Classic soccer series.

BCC started its run for the title with a 2-1 win over Salt Fork in 9:45 a.m. action Saturday, with two goals by Jacob Jongky, assisted by Jaylen Bischoff.

In their second match, at 1:45 p.m., BCC smoked Clifton Central, 8-0, with four of the goals by Joseph Carter, assisted by Jongky.

Meanwhile, Grant Park defeated Iroquois West, 3-1, in their 8 a.m. meet. Grant Park moved on to defeat Monticello, 1-0. The game was tied at 0 after 60 minutes, with Grant Park winning on penalty kicks and setting up the championship card.

In the consolation game, Monticello defeated Salt Fork, 4-0, with two goals by Cohen Neighbors, assisted first by Levi Stephens and they by Rylan Good. Drew Schlabach got a score, assisted by Neighbors, followed by the final tally by Dylan Ginalick, assisted by Good.

Monticello started its march with a 1-0 win over St. Joe-Ogden at 9:45. Malachi Manuel scored the goal with an assist from Stephens.

Monticello was then defeated by Grant Park.

The Cornjerkers started their day with an 8 a.m. contest against Clifton Central, defeating the Comets handily, 3-1 on a Talen Gredy goal, assisted by Isaias Diaz in the first half. In the second half, Ben Brown added to the score on a penalty kick and Diaz had a rebound for the final hash mark.

In a noon showdown, the Cornjerkers lost a 4-2 match to Oakwood Salt Fork.

OSF had three unassisted goals in the first half, with Reef Pacot leading the way, followed by Grant Powell and Macen Phillips.

Hoopeston Area had its own unassisted score compliments of Kayden Wallace.

In the second half, Gredy scored on assist from Diaz, and OSF's Powell contributed another unassisted goal and the win.

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