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## Emma Rayls named 2023 DAR Good Citizen Award winner

The Barbara Standish Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution announces Emma Rayls the recipient of the DAR Good Citizens Award.

She is the daughter of Kari and Jared Rayls, Hoopeston. Rayls is president of her class, the student council and the National Honor Society.

Loving music, she is active in the music programs participating in marching band, show choir, plays and musicals. She also enjoys being cheer team captain.

Some of her work is with the Link Crew, where Rayls helps mentor underclassmen. Emma is also active in the Catholic Heart Work Camps through her church.



Photo provided

EMMA RAYLS

She plans on furthering her education by attending Indiana University and studying marketing. She will receive her award at the Hoopeston Area School's Award Night.

### Correction

The name of the Auxiliary Officer of the Year was incorrect in Monday's print edition. The winner was Nicholas Howell.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

## Tom Bennett to be sworn in this week as District 53 senator

Republican leaders in the state's 53rd legislative district met last week and selected former state Rep. Tom Bennett as the district's new senator.

Bennett replaces Jason Barickman, who announced his resignation last month. He was chosen from a field of five applicants.

Bennett, of Gibson City, has been the 106th District representative since 2015. He served the area well, regularly meeting with local constituents at town hall sessions at Hoopeston City Hall and was praised by community leaders who said he kept them abreast of legislative changes, available state funding for local projects and other concerns.

Hoopeston was part of Bennett's territory until lawmakers redrew the maps in 2021. It is now in the 51st District, with Republican Chris Bos as representative until Wednesday, when Democrat Nabeela Syed will be sworn in as the new representative.

Born in Palatine, Syed attended Berkley University in California and has served as a community organizer. The 23-year-old is the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Illinois General Assembly.



BENNETT

## Take & make adult craft at HPL

Because it's winter, and you never know what the weather might be, January's adult craft program at Hoopeston Public Library will be a take home project.

It's time to let the sun shine in by creating a stained-glass style suncatcher which can be hung in a window. The craft is FREE and all instructions and supplies are provided.

A limited number of craft kits are available now and can be picked up at the library's upstairs main desk.



## Sports

### Basketball

The Cornjerkers traveled to Oakwood for a Vermilion Valley Conference game on January 3, losing to the Comets, 77-58. The Cornjerkers battled back into one point with four minutes left in the third quarter. After an Oakwood timeout the Comets never looked back.

Anthony Zamora led the Cornjerkers with 15 points, followed by Owen Root with 12. Kendrick Sigerill finished with eight, Mason Rush seven, Wyatt Eisenman had three baskets. Trenton Montez and Preston VanDeVeer each had four points and Ethan Steiner had an offensive put back for his two points.

Zamora and Sigerill led the Cornjerkers with five rebounds each.

The JV team fell to the Comets, 45-20. The team shot 10 for 16 in the second half at the free-throw line. Brayden Walder made five of six at the line and finished as the team leader with seven, Cole Miller made four of eight at the charity line and finished his night with six. Zach Huchel had three, Dylan Judy two points, and Athan Linares rounded out the scor-

ing by going two for two at the free-throw line.

The Cornjerkers hosted Milford Friday and bested the Bearcats, 65-51.

Zamora and Sigerill each had a double/double game with Zamora scoring 24 points and 12 rebounds, while Sigerill scored 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Root finished with eight points, Preston VanDeVeer with seven, Ethan Steiner six, Wyatt Eisenmann four and Trenton Montez rounded out the scoring for the Cornjerkers with one point.

In the junior varsity game the Cornjerkers fell to Milford, 43-25. Hoopeston Area played a really good game despite the score. The team battled hard and never gave up.

Huchel led the team with nine points, Miller, Wyatt Eisenmann and Walder each had four points and Judy and Trenton Montez each had two points.

In a Saturday matchup, Hoopeston Area was defeated, 59-40, by Gibson City/Melvin-Sibley

The Cornjerkers were down six at half only to see GCMS outscore the Cornjerkers 33-20 in the second half.

Sigerill led the Cornjerkers with 10, followed by Zamora with nine. Root finished the night with seven, Mason Rush six, and Montez and Eisenman each had three points. Ethan Steiner rounded up the scoring by going 2 for 2 at the free-throw line.

### Briefly

#### Koffee & Konversation

Hoopeston Methodist Church will hold Koffee & Konversation at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Free coffee, sweets and conversation. All are welcome!

#### At the library

**Littles @ The Library** 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and play time for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

**Coffee, Craft & Conversation** 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are invited.

**Kids STEAM Lab**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, it's Snowflake Art.

#### HMA activities

**Women's Morning Donut Group** meets at 8:15 a.m. Wednesdays in the large room at Multi Agency.

**Card group meets** Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

#### 50th anniversary

Peter and Peggy Krimbel, formerly of Hoopeston, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on January 13 and would enjoy hearing from friends. Cards and well wishes may be sent to them at:

Peter and Peggy Krimbel  
16054 Mission Field Rd.  
Oakwood, IL 61858

#### Church to hold study on 'Spiritual Gifts'

Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene is beginning a weekly study on "Spiritual Gifts" led by Pastor Tom McCann at 6 pm, Wednesday, January 11.

#### Weather

Partly sunny today. High 44. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy, chance of rain late. High 48, low 36.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

The JV Cornjerkers lost 53-18. Huchel and Eisenman each scored seven points, and Montez and Judy each had two.

The Cornjerkers are 9-9 overall and 2-2 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

Everyone is welcome. A light supper will also be provided at no charge.

Sessions will be held every other Wednesday.

#### Birthday open house

An open House to celebrate Irene Mauls' 90th birthday will be held from 2-5 p.m. January 14 at Chestnut Street Church of Christ, 709 E. Chestnut, Hoopeston. Please come and help Irene celebrate her 90th birthday.

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

MILFORD CROSSROADS YOUTH CENTER is seeking a DIRECTOR., Flexible Hours. Working with youth in grades 2-10. Applications available at Milford Building & Loan, Milford Village Hall or on Facebook at Milford Crossroads Youth Center . Contact Rod at (815) 471-4634. Immediate start date.

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