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## This is Your Year!

Have you made your To-Do list for the coming year? I'm still working on it, three things listed, but I usually have five or six. I'll see how the rest of the month goes.

Why is it important this year? What's different from last year? Well, I'm starting this year on an upbeat positive note! Yes, I'm going to make sure this is my greatest, and best year!

Now, don't start with all those crazy questions like, "Why your year?," "What will make it the best?," and "Who is asking?"

As you know, I strongly believe in a To-Do list starting each new year! It has worked for me for many years. I get all excited making the list and checking it twice every day. I have been known to remove an item and add a new one or two.

Why do I make a To-Do list anyway? What's the big deal? Is it like a grocery list or a payment list? "Yes and no" would be my answer.

A grocery list is things I need to run my household, so it's important! Plus, I do have monthly utility bills. I think we all do! However, the list for this year is all about me, or you! Now, don't shake your finger at me and say it sounds like a silly list. You and I are not silly, we want to get things done this year. Maybe not everything on the list, but a lot of

them could be done.

A list is important because it will carry me through my year. Each of us, you and me, have things we want or should do this year. I could almost place a bet on it, if I were a betting person!

In order to make this year your best, it will take careful planning and lots of positive thinking! Nothing worthwhile comes easy, as my Mother taught me. She was right. No matter how many shortcuts you make, thinking they will work, they never do! Hard work and determination will win out and things can get done and will get done.

So today, start your list. It will take only 20 or 30 minutes. Post it in several places in your home so you can see it every day. Then the work begins, and this could and should be your best and greatest year for sure! I'm counting on it.

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## From the Blotter

**Courtney St. Clair**, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:16 p.m. Sunday to Dollar General, 111 W. Orange, for a report of retail theft.

St. Clair was located and arrested after items stolen

from the store were found on her person, police said, adding methamphetamines and items from a previous burglary were also found.

See BLOTTER on other side



ZAMORA



PILCHER

## All-tournament team members

Anthony Zamora and Klaire Pilcher were named to the Vermilion County Girls and Boys All-Tournament Team after last week's tournament. Hoopeston Area Girls and Boys coaching staff congratulate the athletes on their achievement.



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## Briefly

### Meetings

- Rossville streets/alleys committee meeting, 4 p.m. Tuesday, village office. Agenda items include discussion on procedures for maintenance and ordinances regarding alleys.
- Rossville police/health/safety committee meeting, 5 p.m. Tuesday, village office. The committee will go into executive session to discuss appointment/employment of the police chief.
- Hoopeston police pension board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## Sports

### Basketball

Hoopeston Area finished fourth in last week's Vermilion County tournament after back-to-back losses.

On Thursday, the Cornjerkers fell, 57-36, to Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin. In the second quarter, foul issues and turnovers really hurt the Cornjerkers, who were down 25-11 at the half.

Anthony Zamora led scoring with 11, followed by Kendrick Sigerill with six, Mason Rush with five, and Ethan Steiner and Trenton Montez, each with four. Rounding out HA scoring, Preston VanDeVeer had three, Owen Root two, and Wyatt Eisenmann finished with one point at the free-throw line.

The Cornjerkers returned to the hardwood Saturday, to face the Oakwood Comets, losing the close 48-42 contest.

### Blotter continued from other side

She was charged with retail theft, possession of meth-amphetamines and theft (possession of stolen property) and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Iroquois County Sheriff's Police** reported a single-vehicle accident Saturday on County Rd. 820 N, at approximately 2475 E.

According to police reports, a vehicle driven by Shawn M. Marcum, 42, of Stockland, was eastbound on 820 N, when he lost control of the vehicle. He went into the north ditch, overcorrected, crossing the road, entering the south ditch, and overturned. There was more than \$1,500 damage to his vehicle.

Marcum was charged with DUI, DUI with BAC over .08, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he posted bond and was released.

Milford Fire/EMS also assisted with the scene.

Wednesday, city hall. Agenda items include new members. Full agenda and Zoom link at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

• Hoopeston civic improvement committee, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, city hall. Agenda items include discussion of downtown, land bank properties, home notices. Full agenda and Zoom link at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Sigerill had a double/double with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Zamora finished with nine points VanDeVeer contributed six, Root had five and Eisenmann and Steiner each had two.

BH/RA took the title match., defeating Salt Fork, 40-35. Georgetown-Ridge Farm took fifth, besting Westville, 37-36.

The Cornjerkers travel Tuesday to face Cissna Park.

## Obituaries

**ALLISON** - Daniel L. "Booner" Allison, 64, of Hoopeston, died at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com)

**CRAWFORD** - Charles R. "Bob" Crawford, 88, of Milford, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at home. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date at Sugar Creek Cemetery, Stockland. Memorials are suggested to Milford Fire and Ambulance Department. Condolences may be shared at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Weather

**WINTER STORM WATCH** from 9 p.m. Tuesday to 6 p.m. Wednesday. Today, mostly cloudy, chance of snow late. High 37, low 30. Tomorrow, heavy snow, then snow likely. High 33, low 26.

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

**Littles @ the Library**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime 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 inviting to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

**Kids STEAM Lab**, 3:30 Thursday. For grades 1-5. This week, engineer an igloo!

**HPL is welcoming seeds** from local gardeners for its Seed Library. Seeds should be clean, dry and clearly labeled with type, variety and any special growing instructions. Flower or vegetable seeds from last fall are being accepted.

For information on library programs, call (217) 283-6711 or stop by 110 N. Fourth St.

## Classifieds

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