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Prescription for Joy

How nice it would be for our doctor to give us a prescription for Joy! Sign me up right now! I can never have enough joy. Sometimes it's hard to find any joy at all.

Have you had a day when everything goes wrong? The washer overflowed and I can't get it to work again. I need to get to the store before it closes and the "check engine" light on the car comes on! When I get to the store, my purse is not with me, so no groceries which I needed! I drive home hoping a cop doesn't stop me just to talk or check my speed!

My day started with happiness, thinking of the nice friends who were coming for supper with us. Planning our meal and making an apple pie for our dessert, I was so joyful as the day went on. Then - you guessed it - our guests were not able to come due to the virus! Disappointment filled my heart as I sat at the table looking at my half prepared pie and smelling the roast cooking in the oven. I guess Marty and I will enjoy the food.

I love having friends and family come and share a meal with us. It was something my mother was very good at, anything she cooked was good and she loved cooking and baking. I get those traits from her..

It's a funny thing that small three letter word JOY! It's such a little word with so much power! It really is like when the doctor gives you a prescription for medicine to help fight the flu or cold or other illness. Usually in a day or two you are feeling better! Can joy be like the doctor's prescription and heal what aches? Yes and yes! Joy can and will give us happiness, success, feel-good feelings and great joy!

I'm pretty sure we've never thought of joy as a medicine to heal our body. As I prepared to write about joy, I am amazed that just thinking about being joyful has me excited and smiling. When you and I are happy and joyful we are successful in making others feel joy too. There is nothing like joy. It stands alone to hold you up when life knocks you down! Joy makes any day any time and year 100% better.

Now don't call me because you've had a bad day and Bertha's joy was nowhere to be found! It's there, do not give up.

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HA board approves comings, goings of employees, students

Several comings and goings were approved by Hoopeston Area School Board at its meeting Thursday.

In personnel, the board approved hiring Joanna Walder, fifth grade teacher, effective February 10; Ethan Smith, second grade teacher, effective August 17; Colin Carswell, middle school aide, effective February 2; Mark White, middle school ALC supervisor, effective February 11; Michael Koester as middle school track coach, effective February 17; and Cameron Coffey, district custodian,

effective February 16.

The board approved resignations of Kevin Heiser, middle school long term sub, effective February 14 and Kori Walder, fifth grade teacher, effective January 20.

In other goings, the board approved overnight trips for the wrestling team February 10-11 for sectionals in Clinton and February 16-18 for state meets in Champaign; HAMS student council April 22-23 to attend the

See **BOARD** on other side

Chamberlain scholarship to fund student to U of I

Tom and Beth Chamberlain have once again endowed a scholarship at Danville Area Community College

But unlike their first scholarship, which helps foot the bill for current DACC students, this second scholarship supports DACC grads who transfer to the University of Illinois.

The Tom and Beth Chamberlain Scholarship has been at DACC since 2017. Each year, two female students receive up to \$1,000 for tuition, books, or fees. To be eligible, they need to maintain a B or better grade average and major in a science program.

This new scholarship is named the Harold and Emily Jean Hull Scholarship in honor of Beth's parents. It will be awarded annually to a DACC graduate who transfers to any of the University of Illinois campuses to earn a bachelor's degree.

Beth and Tom met at the U of I in 1984 and graduated together in 1986 with bachelor's degrees—with Beth majoring in secondary education and Tom in agriculture economics. They subsequently earned master's degrees at Eastern Illinois University.

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Scholarship continued from other side

For the Harold and Emily Jean Hull Scholarship, a student transferring to the U of I will receive up to \$1,000 that may be used for tuition, books, or fees. With their latest donation, the couple has given more than \$30,000 for their scholarships.

Beth recently retired from a 34-year career as a science teacher, including the last 14 at Danville High. She believes that the Harold and Emily Jean Hull Scholarship is a fitting tribute to her parents, whose family mission was to serve others. She says, "Providing the opportunity for students to discover their potential, to be the first one in their family to go to college, or to have monetary assistance to avoid tremendous college debt is one way that I can fulfill life's mission of helping others."

Tom is the senior executive vice president and chief lending officer for Iroquois Federal Savings & Loan. He grew up on a dairy farm with a dozen brothers and sisters. He says, "Growing up in this situation meant there was only one way any of us would ever go to college. We had to pay for our own college education."

Tom was able to save money for college by working several different jobs in high school, but it wasn't enough. "Being able to stay in college required me to take out student loans, but I also received scholarship support from people and companies who remain near and dear to my heart even today. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without the scholarship assistance I received. So, this is now our turn to give back. We give to honor those who gave before, for those that need scholarships today and to those in the years to come."

Along with the Harold and Emily Jean Hull Scholarship, DACC has five other scholarship funds that DACC graduates receive when they continue for their bachelor's degree: the Mary Miller Memorial Scholarship (named in honor of DACC's founding president), the Coan Teacher Scholarship, the Andy and Lou Ann Young Scholarship, the Marilyn F. Campbell Scholarship-Illinois Audubon Society, and the Danville American Association of University Women Scholarship.

For more information about DACC scholarships, call 217-443-8893 or apply online at dacc.edu/foundation.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 41. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 35. Tomorrow, showers likely, then showers. High 53, low 50.

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Sports

Despite state loss, coach sees bright future

Hoopeston Area sophomore Angel Zamora's got past his first round competitor in last week's state wrestling championships, but his hopes for a medal were dashed in the quarter-finals.

Zamora, 40-10 prior to his trip to the State Farm Center, faced Coal City senior Jack Poyner (35-12) in the first round of Class 1A sessions, pinning Poyner in 2:57.

That set him up against Riverdale senior Collin Altenssey (52-1), who ended Zamora's hopes in 3:11.

Despite the loss, Cornjerker head wrestling coach Chris Kelnhofer said there's no shame in Zamora's game.

Zamora lost his second-round wrestle back 9-2,



From the Blotter

A leather jacket was found Sunday on the picnic table in the 300 block of East Main. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Board continued from other side

state convention of Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils.

- In financial matters, the board approved:
- Silver Bros.' bid of \$51,900 for the stadium bleacher pad.
 - A \$6,000 quote from Southern Bleacher Company to install 3 HVAC unites in the stadium press box.
 - Purchasing a monitoring system for the Maple boiler from ENTEC for \$14,950.
 - Purchasing an Extractor 40 lb. washer from Sheridan's Appliance Center for \$17,200.
 - A memorandum of understanding, effective December 1, 2022 of a special education stipend.

- In unrelated action, the board approved:
- Posting for two music teacher positons for the 2023-24 school year.
 - A request for proposals for a construction manager for the John Greer boiler project.

concluding his season with a record of 41-12, Kelnhofer said. The two losses at state were to the wrestlers who placed second and third this year, he added.

"He has unlimited potential and two more years of High school wrestling. Angel has shown a lot of improvement since last season and I don't expect him to slow down," Kelnhofer said.

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