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By  
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**Is it Yes, or is it No**

Have you had a problem or a situation that required a yes or no? I really dislike those kinds of questions. Why isn't there a maybe?

People say times and people are so different now than 25 years ago. I'm here to disagree, yes, we are the same! We the people are still people. Young or old, tall, short, funny or serious, lazy or hard workers. It makes no difference, you and I and all my readers are **just people!** - unless you have a tail and your words are a bark or a squeak. So, we the people are the ones in charge of our world and how people live and behave. I'm most certainly glad to be a people!

I bet you didn't know, and maybe do not believe, that you and I are in charge! I'm in charge of what? Well, let's take a walk in your life and mine this very week. Are you happy in this world of yours? Yes or No? Do you have family and friends who care about you? Yes or No? Do you have a house or a place to sleep? Yes or No? How about enough food? Yes or No? There is no end to the Yes and No questions and you each have a much different answer to each! But you are in charge.

Like I said, I really want a Maybe answer! Some days any answer would do for me, I don't care if it's a Yes or No! Should I really care? Yes, I think we should. No, it may not be a life or death answer, but what you say and how you say it is important, not only to me, but to you. Ask any question, not always expecting a Yes or No. I want more explaining, I want a real, truthful answer! No, you may not have the answer and need to think about it! Yes. It makes a very powerful difference in your life and mine. Why is that Yes or No so important? No one has your answer but you, to life's many questions. Yes, all answers can and will make a difference to the person receiving and hearing your answer. No way can you fully understand that what you say may mean to the person hearing it. Yes, it matters what we say and how we say it.

Yes or No: two powerful words! Next time you are asked a Yes or No question, STOP! Really think before you answer. YES, it will make a difference. NO, only you will know what kind of difference it has made.

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**Vermilion County groups to hold recycling collection May 13**

DANVILLE – Vermilion County Health Department will hold an electronics collection from 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13 in the north parking lot of Danville Area Community College, 2000 E. Main St., for all county residents.

Residents are encouraged to bring their broken, obsolete or unwanted televisions, monitors and other electronic items to the collection events so they can be recycled.

The event is jointly sponsored by Danville Area Community College, the Vermilion County Health Department, and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful. The event is free but donations to Keep Vermilion County Beautiful are greatly appreciated.

Residents will be limited to a maximum combination of seven televisions or computer monitors at the collection.

The focus of the event is to collect CRT or flat screen televisions, CRT or flat screen monitors, and related electronic items.

Items such as cable boxes, satellite dishes, computers, computer peripherals (keyboards and mice), printers, copiers, DVD players, fax machines, gaming consoles, laptops, PDAs, scanners, VCRs, wires, cameras, clocks, radios, vacuum cleaners and fans will be accepted.

The collection will not accept household batteries, paint, motor oil, microwaves or large appliances.

Cell phones will not be collected at the spring collection but will be collected at the fall collection in October.

See RECYCLING on other side

**Briefly**

**Meetings**

A public hearing will be held on the City of Hoopeston proposed 2023-24 budget at 6 p.m. Friday at city hall. The budget may be viewed at city hall, 301 W. Main and on the city website, [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com)

A special council meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m. Friday to approve the new budget. Zoom link to the meeting is available at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

**The Lorraine Theatre**  
**BINGO**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month  
324 E. Main, Hoopeston  
**April 27 Jackpot - \$350!**  
Doors/concessions open at 5 p.m.  
Play at 6:30 p.m.  
We now have pull tabs! Adult beverages available!  
Must be 18 to enter. No outside food/drinks. Must play to stay.

**Boutique Close Out Sale**  
Thurs. 4-6 p.m. Fri. 9-5, Sat. 8-12  
**Sugar Creek Boutique**  
100 E. Lyle Street Milford, IL  
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Clothing & Accessories, Kids Toys, Household Items  
& Decor, Holiday Decor, Shelves, Clothing Racks,  
Display Pieces, & More!

**Spring Breakfast**  
6-11 a.m. Saturday, April 29  
Biscuits & gravy, sausage, eggs to order,  
toast, coffee, juice & milk  
**\$8 per person - Under 5 free**  
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**SAMET** - Ralph Myron Samet, 83, of rural East Lynn, passed away at 3:06 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. He was born June 15, 1939, at the family home in the country outside of East Lynn, the son of Alvin and Katherine Marie (Oberlander) Samet. He married Sandra Jo Long on September 30, 1962, in Cheneyville. She survives in rural East Lynn.



**RALPH SAMET**

He is also survived by three sons, Greg (Tina) Samet of rural Hoopeston, Kenny (Betty) Samet of Hoopeston, and Dan (Dawn) Samet of rural East Lynn; two sisters, Karen (John) Laubscher of Cissna Park, and Peggy Busey of Paxton; one brother, Richard (Sue) Samet of Hoopeston; one brother-in-law, Jim Arnholt of Mattoon; six grandchildren, Jacy (Trevor) Rush, Erika (Jeremy) Weber, William (Michelle) Samet, Andrew Samet (Allison Voyles), Theresa (Lane) Huls, and Elizabeth Samet (Luis Lugo); four great-grandchildren, Oliver and Emerson Huls, Murphy Rush, and Charlie Weber; and several nieces and nephews.

**Recycling** continued from other side

It is illegal in Illinois for electronic products such as televisions, computers, monitors, DVD players, fax machines and MP3 players to be disposed of in landfills.

Please call (217) 431-2662, ext. 5 for more information about the event.

**Mini Vendor Fair & Open House**  
**The Raining Moon Salon**  
 315 W. Orange, Hoopeston  
**Saturday, April 29 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
*Small vendors waiting to meet YOU!*

**Obituaries**

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Racheline Arnholt, and one great-grandson, Theodore Huls.

Ralph was a life-long farmer and owned Samet's Hyhoe Service for more than 40 years. He served in the United States Marine Corps, where he was stationed at Paris Island. He previously attended the Cheneyville Christian Church. He was also a member of the Cissna Park American Legion Post #527 and served as a Butler Township Trustee. Ralph loved to stay busy and was always tinkering around the farm. He was very involved in his children's activities and could always be seen attending his sons' truck pulling events or motocross races. Later in his life, his passion for family evolved to his grandchildren, supporting them in all their activities.

A visitation will be held 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home, 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston. The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2023, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in East Lynn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka, IL 60970 or to the donor's choice.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Ralph's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

**BUTZOW** - Connie L. (Grohler) Butzow, 70, of Hoopeston, died at 9:43 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023, at Gardenview Manor, Danville. She was cremated and a memorial service held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 428 W. Orange, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to the VFW Auxiliary Post #4826. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**SEXTON** - Linda C (Wheeler) Sexton, 75, of Hoopeston, died at 10:40 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2023, at home. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Monday, May 1, 2023, at Anderson Funeral Home,

**Weather**

Frost early then sunny today High 57. Tonight, patchy frost. Low 34. Tomorrow, patchy frost then mostly sunny, chance of showers late. High 65, low 46.

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

Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

**Classifieds**

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