



By
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Rules for Today

Laugh, joyfully, enjoy all the funny, crazy things that happen today!
 If you had been at my house last week, crazy and funny only begins to describe it! While getting ready to go outside to work in my flowerbed, my garden shoes had walked away! My daughter got those shoes as perfect for working in the garden and today they have disappeared! I sat right down and laughed and laughed! Now, who in the world would want my happy face garden shoes?
 After walking around, looking in every corner, I wound up in the laundry room, where my shoes were peeking out from under a rug just waiting for me to clean them up! I was so happy to see them, I started singing as loud as I could! No one was around so I just sang my heart out! What a joy it was when I slipped them on my feet, the lost was found and I had a big smile on my face! Once on my feet, they got up and danced all around the room! I bet you didn't know that your feet have a mind of their own and can decide to dance. We danced all around and around. It was a day I'll not forget!
 Now for love, the most wonderful and important rule we should all remember! True, love is all we want, all we need and all that matters in life! I think that's a song, if not, it should be!
 Four little letters, L O V E, packed with power, joy and happiness. We all should have someone to love, plus someone who loves us. It could be your mother, your father, sister or brother, a neighbor or a friend. No matter who you are, how old you may be, or where you live, you need love! You can have a big beautiful house, drive a BMW. money in the bank and plenty in your pocket to spend, but with no one to share them with, it really isn't that joyous!
 The last, most important rule for today is give thanks constantly! We need to start with thanks for all we have and for all we don't have, like illness, loneliness, no place to call home and no food to fill our bellies! So, here I am, thankful for my family, for good health, for wonderful readers of my articles, thankful for you and me! You make me happy and keep me smiling! Me- I'm the one who needs to laugh often, sing loudly, dance around the room, love always and never stop giving thanks!

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HAHS students shine at annual awards recognition event

- Hoopeston Area High School held its annual Awards Night Tuesday evening, celebrating the accomplishments of its graduating class. Awards and the winners were:
- DAR: Emma Rayls
 - SAR: Gabriel Joneikis
 - Winona Sheridan Scholarship: Brielle Crose
 - Rita Dean Scholarship: Emma Rayls
 - Don Dean Scholarship: Grant Morgan
 - Amber Garrison Naughton Scholarship: Grant Morgan, Logan Watson, Tobi West
 - Carle Hoopeston Regional Medical Center Scholarship: Logan Watson
 - R. Tommy McMillan Scholarship: Brielle Crose
 - Women Making A Difference Scholarship: Lacie Breymeyer, Emma Rayls, Logan Watson
 - Business Women of Vermilion County: Tobi West
 - Jim Crouch Rotary Scholarship: Logan Watson, Tobi West
 - Ford-Iroquois 4-H Scholarship: Waylon Lee
 - Reynolds-Barwick Scholarship: Julian McKelvey, Waylon Lee
 - HEA Scholarship: Brielle Crose, Chloe Grills
 - Director's Award For Band: Alexa Burke
 - Patrick S. Gilmore Award: Alexa Bailey, Waylon Lee
 - John Philip Sousa Award: Tobi West
 - National Choral Award: Atlas Nelson, Ethan Harding
 - Sports Boosters Scholarship: Brielle Crose, Grant Morgan
 - Glenn Brasel Scholarship: Alexa Bailey
 - Athletes Playing Sports In College: Grant Morgan, baseball, Milkin University; Brielle Crose, volleyball, Lakeland College; Alexa Bailey, softball, Greenville University; Tobi West, volleyball, Keystone College
- Charlotte Ann Russell Scholarship: Riley Miller
 - Rosalie Fraley Bard Scholarship: Brielle Crose
 - Kirby Foods Scholarship: Otto Smith
 - Wilson F. Bessellieu Scholarship: Mackenzie Shields
 - Pedro and Melida Zarate Scholarship: Elizabeth Gaytan
 - Hoopeston Lions Club Scholarship: Riley Miller
 - Life Savings Grant Scholarship: Meghan Simpson
 - Tweedy Family FFA Scholarship: Mackenzie Shields
 - Hoopeston Area Women's Club Scholarship: Klair e
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Briefly

Class of '68 to meet

Hoopeston High School Class of 1968 will have an informal gathering from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at 112 Wine & Coffee Shoppe. All are welcome to stop by.

WMD winners

April winners in the Women Making a Difference raffle are: \$50, Cathy Mitchell, \$30, Jessica Quinn; and \$20, Mary Taylor.

The group next meeting will be at 6 p.m. May 23 at 112 Wine & Coffee Shoppe. Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP to Traci at (217) 274-3961.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **STEAM Lab for Kids**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday. This week, it's Tape Resist Art.

HPL and History In Your Own Backyard have collaborated to produce a video highlighting the story of Hoopeston. It is available to view for free at history-hoopeston.com.

Awards continued from other side

Pilcher, Lacie Brey Meyer

- **Denise Ried Scholarship:** Waylon Lee, Brielle Crose, Alexa Bailey, Emma Rayls, Tobi West, Logan Watson
- **John D. Markey Scholarship:** Brielle Crose
- **Kenneth Hughes Scholarship:** Brielle Crose
- **George William James Scholarship:** Logan Watson
- **Vermilion County Principals Association Scholarship:** Waylon Lee
- **Recognition of State Scholars:** Gabriel Joneikis, Waylon Lee, Klaire Pilcher, Mackenzie Shields, Meghan Simpson, Otto Smith
- **Illinois Principals Association Recognition:** Waylon Lee, Meghan Simpson
- **News-Gazette High School Confidential Participant:** Emma Rayls
- **VVC All-Academic Team:** Alexa Bailey, Lacie Brey Meyer, Brielle Crose, Gabriel Joneikis, Waylon Lee, Klaire Pilcher, Emma Rayls, Meghan Simpson, Valerie Simpson, Tobi West, Cameron Zorns
- **Class of 2023 Top 10 Recognition:** (alphabetical order) Alexa Bailey, Elizabeth Gaytan, Gabriel Joneikis, Waylon Lee, Klaire Pilcher, Emma Rayls, Mackenzie Shields, Meghan Simpson, Otto Smith, Tobi West
- **Salutatorian Recognition:** Elizabeth Gaytan
- **Valedictorian Recognition:** Waylon Lee, Klaire Pilcher, Emma Rayls, and Meghan Simpson

inyourownbackyard.com, and hooplib.org.

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

Play auditions

Aspiring actors are invited to audition for "Barefoot in

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire and Arrow Ambulance were called at 3:22 p.m. Tuesday to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., for a possible carbon monoxide leak. No injuries were reporting and nothing was found.

Obituaries

MELIN - Andrew C. Melin Jr., 82 of Monticello, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 4:17 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2023, at Indiana University Health White Memorial Hospital, Monticello, Ind. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Indiana Resource Center for Autism, 6368 E. US 24, Monticello, Indiana, c/o Melin Family Memorial. Condolences may be shared at www.miller-rosckafh.com.

STEPHENSON - Zebulon "Zeb" Stephenson 44, of Rossville, died Sunday, May 14, 2023, after a short battle with cancer. A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Bismarck-Henning/Rossville-Alvin football field, 17268 E. County Road 2750 N, Bismarck. Memorials are suggested to the Outlaws for Zeb fund. Proceeds will go to his children.

WILLIAMS - Kenneth Ray "Dude" Williams, 65, of Hoopeston, died at 12:14 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in Fishers, IN. He was cremated. A celebration of his life will be held at noon Saturday at First Baptist Church, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in East Lyn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.



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the Park," which will be presented at Country Theatre Workshop. Auditions will be held starting at 1 p.m. Sunday at CTW, 1200 E 770 N Rd., Cissna Park

The romantic comedy will be co-directed by Diana Judy and Thomas Sweeney.

Bulk garbage day

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day and must unload their own load or bring someone to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 76. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 55. Tomorrow, showers likely, chance of showers late. High 78, low 48.

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Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary Post 384 members will be selling poppies from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at Main and Market, Penn and Market and the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 9.

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