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You Gotta Try It!

Here we are, into fall. I love it! Not cold, not too hot, just right! Fall gives me the opportunity to try new things.

A very dear friend who lives in Moses Lake, WA, is always sending me new recipes, or a new way to clean my patio or lots of other things to try. I don't know and I'm not asking where she gets the idea, but she always says "You gotta" try this." Yes, sometimes I do and everything is OK. Sometimes I just look at the recipe and say, "I ain't trying that, it's not for me!"

When Marty and I first married, both of our mothers gave us recipes we had to try. Believe me, I tried and tried and tried some more but some just never turned out edible. Maybe it was just me??

Besides recipes, one can try lots of other things, like how to clean a house in 90 minutes, how to walk the dog, how to bake a pie and hope it turns out super! How to wash clothes and not mix up the colors. Sure, I could go on and on about new things I gotta try.

However, one really important "try" is to be the best you that you can be! Sure sounds like something I better try. Who doesn't want to be the best?

No laughing allowed here, only positive ideas and "I can do it" thoughts!

I think my Mother was the most positive person I ever knew! No matter what was going on in her life, good, bad to downright difficult, she never complained! Money, there was none, bills, we had a few. Laughter, we did that at every opportunity! Love, we had lots and lots of that! Prayers, were a daily occurrence. She and The Lord had a thing going! There was nothing that she decided to tackle that was beyond her ability to succeed when she "just tried it!" Together with the Lord, they made her life, mine and hundreds of others she touched awesome!

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HAHS chorus seeks to win contest and sing with Foreigner on band's farewell tour

Hoopeston Area HS Chorus has submitted a video entering the choir in a competition to be able to sing with the 80s rock band, Foreigner, when they perform next month at the State Farm Center.

Foreigner is in the middle of The Historic Farewell Tour and is looking for a local central Illinois high school choir to sing with the band on their classic hit, "I Want to Know What Love Is," onstage with the band the night of Sunday, Oct. 22.

In addition to the experience of a lifetime for the winning choir members, Foreigner will donate \$500 to the choir for appearing. The school with the most votes wins.

Help the HAHS chorus win by following the link, www.news-gazette.com/whms/foreigner-high-school-choir-contest/html, to a page where voters will be asked to sign into Facebook to vote. Please share with your friends and family!

By early Wednesday, four schools have uploaded videos for the contest: Hoopeston Area, The High School of St. Thomas More, Unity High and Westville,

The Historic Farewell Tour started July 6 and has performances scheduled through November 9, 2024.

From the Blotter

A phone was found Tuesday in the 400 block of West Lincoln. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.



Contest winner

Stella, the donkey, seems to be asking, "Can I come in," in third finalist in the Summer Snaps Photo Contest, sponsored by Just the Facts. The picture was taken by Kathy Murphy in White Gate, County Clare, Ireland.

Sports

Soccer

Hoopeston Area defeated Judah Christian, 8-0 on September 11. Brayden Walder was the winning goalie on the night, stopping all three shots from Judah.

Talan Gredy-Nelson made the game 1-0. Owen Root made things 2-0 on a penalty kick and Root scored again from a great flick from Gredy-Nelson to make the score 3-0 at half.

Second half the score made things 4-0 on an own goal

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by Judah. Owen Crase made it 6-0 on two consecutive goals, with Root getting an assist on one of the goals.

Gavin Montez got his goal on a free kick to make it 7-0. Senior Mason Rush scored his first goal of the year with four minutes left in the game thanks to a great pass from Hoopeston Area defender Dylan Judy.

● Hoopeston Area defeated Iroquois West, 6-1, to put the Cornjerkers on a 10-game win streak.

Iroquois West jumped up early with a goal by Angel Andrade with the assist by Jorge Reyes. Owen Root scored his first of four goals on the night to tie the game with the assist from Talan Gredy-Nelson. Root put the Cornjekerker in the lead late in the first half from Dallas Sheppard to make the score 2-1 at half.

HA scored four goals starting with another goal by Root from Owen Crase. The next two Cornjekerker goals came from Gavin Montez with a great corner kick from Gredy-Nelson to make the score 5-1. Late in the game Root and Gredy-Nelson capped the game with great passing work.

Brayden Walder allowed one goal with four saves on the night.

● Hoopeston Area's winning streak was snapped when the Cornjerkers lost to Watseka, 4-2, on September 14.

First half was all Watseka to take a 3-0 lead after the first half. The Warriors opened up the second half making it 4-0.

Owen Root got the Cornjerkers on the board with a great assist from Talan Gredy-Nelson. With 10 minutes left, Mason Rush made the score 4-2 with the assist from Gredy-Nelson.

● The Cornjerkers lost to the Unity Rockets by the score 2-1 on September 18.

Hoopeston Area had plenty of opportunities to score early to start the game, but only mustered one goal by Owen Root with the assist going to Talan Nelson-Gredy to take a 1-0 lead. Unity tied it up at one on a goal from Nolan Remole. With less than two minutes left in the half, when Kolton Black scored after a foul was called to make the game 2-1.

Weather

Patchy fog today, then mostly sunny. High 75. Tonight, patchy fog. Low 56. Tomorrow, patchy fog, then sunny. High 79, low 56.

For real time Hoopeston weather information, go to justthefacts.net/weather/.

Volleyball

The Cornjerkers traveled to St. Joseph to face state-ranked foe St. Joseph-Ogden on September 11, in non-conference action. Hoopeston fell to the Spartans 12-25, 22-25 to drop to 5-6 on the season. Kaitlynn Lange and Brylie Cox each had three kills.

● On September 14, the Cornjerkers ended a three-match losing streak at home after a tough week on the road. Uni-High's Illineks visited Hoopeston and were defeated in two sets, 25-19, 26-24.

Leading the Cornjerkers were Charissa Johnson with five kills, Viv Walsh with five blocks, and Layla Birch and Emmalee Bruens with four aces each.

Golf

Hoopeston Area had its second tie of the season in action September 15 against Salt Fork at Harrison Park Golf Course, with both teams at 197.

Wyatt Eisenmann led the Cornjerkers with 43 and was meet medalist, followed by Felix Cantu 50, Cy Tuggle and Gavyn Miller at 52, Owen Field 57 and Caden Cline 59.

The ladies team took on Westville, defeating the Lady Tigers 220-237.

Taylor Page was meet medalist with 47, followed by Shay Layden and Mady Klaber with 57, Macy Rayls 59, Anna Anderson 63 and Julie Miguel 64.

● Felix Cantu had his personal best score and earned meet medalist honors when the men's team took on St. Anne, Heritage and Georgetown at Hubbard Trail Country Club on September 18.

Cantu's 39 led the Cornjerkers to first place with 186, followed by St. Anne 209 and Heritage 243. There was no team score for Georgetown.

Wyatt Eisenmann and Cy Tuggle each shot a 47, followed by Owen Field 53, Ethan Steiner and Caen Cline 54, Gavyn Miller 57 and Landen Youhas 67.

On the ladies' side, St. Anne took the win, handing the

Court Dispositions

August 9

Lisa D. Irvin, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, status hearing September 13.

Deanna L. Smithers, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered. She complied so was fined court costs only of \$80; status hearing September 13.

Lady Cornjerkers their first loss of the season. Taylor Page shot a 52, followed by Shay Layden 63, Mady Klaber 64, Anna Anderson 71, and Julie Miguel 74.

The loss put the ladies at 4-1 while the men's record moved to 20-11-2.

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