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Believe in Tomorrow

Fall is here and at times it feels like winter is on its way. The sun is shining, the day is calling for us to be happy! I love being happy any time, anywhere any day!

Believing in tomorrow is even better. There are folks who have nothing to believe in and some folks who just don't care what happens tomorrow. However, I'm a full-time believer in tomorrow! In fact, I can hardly wait to see what the day gives me! Yes, tomorrow, next week and next year gives me a lot to believe in! Let's start right now, you and me, OK?

My next week starts with a beautiful day sitting on our patio reading the Bible and asking for guidance during the day. He is always helpful, never has let me down, yet. I need all the help I can get!

I think I've told you before that I'm a list maker. I usually make a list for Monday through Friday. This week, I have 18 letters/cards to write to family and friends. Next week I'm cleaning and redecorating our bathroom and my office. I may take two days off to do nothing! I believe not only in tomorrows but also in rest. A break from the cleaning, sorting and stuff is necessary to believe that tomorrow will come and it will be great!

We should all have something or someone to believe in tomorrow. Just look around where you are this moment. Sure, you now see at least three things besides tomorrow to believe in! How exciting and wonderful it is to know that tomorrow is just waiting to make your day! All you have to do is be thankful and greet the day with, "Hello, here I am, let's get going today!"

I never take a single day for granted. Today could be the very best day of your life, or it could turn out to be the last day of your life! Don't say, "I'll call that friend tomorrow." I'll get that closet cleaned next week. No hurry on my messy garage, I'll get to it in November.

So today, let's make it wonderful, let's call a friend or a family member. Why? Just to make their tomorrow a special "I care about you" day!

Believing in tomorrow puts a smile on today. You and I, let's do it!

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Skate Jam 2023 to raise funds for skate park improvements

The Complex, Hoopeston's skate park in McFerren Park, will host Skate Jam 2023 from noon-5 p.m. Saturday.

The event will be a family affair, with bounce houses, kids games, DJ, vendors and more.

Skateboarding contests will be held, with registration starting at 10 a.m. Open skate will be held from 10 a.m.-noon, with contests beginning at noon. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

There is a \$10 participant fee and a \$5 spectator bracelet. All proceeds will go into the skate park for safety fencing, expansion, ramps, rails, lighting and other improvements/equipment, said April Jones.

In June, Jones addressed Hoopeston City Council, requesting the skating area be expanded by 10' east and 10' north, and put a fence around the area to keep small children from running to the skate park when it is in use.

"Everyone (is) welcome," she said. "We would like the support of our community as well. Even if you don't skate, we encourage you to come check out the talent in Skateboarding and support our local skate park right here in Hoopeston."

A skate jam that was scheduled for August 5 got rained out, but Saturday's event will go on, rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the jam will be moved inside, Jones said.

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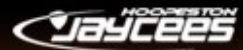


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 Costume Contest at 6:30 p.m.
 at Main & Market

Sports

Cross Country

Hoopeston Area harriers traveled to Cissna Park on September 28 and came home victorious.

Hoopeston Area's Keenon Anderson came in first with a time of 18:03.3, followed by teammate Eli Hasting at 18:39.9; Owen Garrett 18:43.9; and Athan Linares 19:59.2.

Keegan Reed of Cissna Park came in fifth at 22:33.2, with fellow Timberwolf Chase Petry rounding out results with 23:14.6.

For the ladies, Claire Dixon led the two-member Hoopeston contingent, with 24:04.4. Hunter Haggan came in at 24:11.8.

Soccer

Hoopeston Area faced off with Clifton Central and earned a 4-1 victory on October 2.

Talan Gredy-Nelson had an outstanding game with two goals and two assists. Owen Root was the win-

ning goalie on the night and scored two goals in the second half.

On October 3, the Cornjerkers hosted Bismarek-Henning/Rossville-Alvin, getting their fifth consecutive win, defeating the Blue Devils, 7-1.

In the first half, Talan Gredy-Nelson and Owen Root each scored two goals. Nelson was assisted by Harrison Woods and Bricyn Jones, while Root was assisted by Mason Rush, then Gredy-Nelson, who also assisted on Gavin Montez' goal. In the second half, Sean Hudson scored on an assist from Gredy-Nelson and Keygan Field got an unassisted goal.

BH/RA's Evan Cole put his team on the board with an unassisted goal.

The team's senior members were celebrated at the game, which also was the 13th Pink Night, with t-shirt sales going to fund cancer research.

Volleyball

Despite six kills from Kaitlynn Lange backed up

Obituaries

HAMM - Betty (Gossett) Hamm, 91, of Danville, died at 7:31 a.m. Monday, October 9, 2023, at home. She will be cremated and a private graveside service held. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

HUFFORD - Alice Jean Ervin Hufford, 90, of Rossville, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rossville Cemetery. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Death Notices

DENTON - Christopher Denton, 50, of Rossville, died Friday, October 13, 2023, at The Waters of Covington in Covington, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 68. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 51. Tomorrow, showers likely. High 65, low 46.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

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HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2nd Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at www.full-fill.com Applications available onsite. EOE

Hoopeston VFW is looking for a weekend bartender. Sat., 5 p.m. 1:30 a.m. and Sun., 5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Cook and kitchen help also needed Weds.-Fris., 3-8 p.m. Apply in person at 428 W. Orange.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a part time animal control officer. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, must be comfortable handling aggressive animals, must be willing to attend required training at city's expense and must be willing to be employed on an on-call basis. Candidates will be required to enforce State, County and City codes, ordinances and laws governing animal control, animal identification, recognition of illness, habits and behaviors of various animals and the techniques and equipment used in capturing, restraining, receiving, feeding, caring for, grooming and releasing domestic and wild animals. Job functions include, but not limited to: capture domestic and wild animals; may require chasing, climbing fences and crawling under houses, etc.; inspect animal facilities to ensure animals have adequate food and water and have sanitary and appropriate living conditions; issue citations, warnings and/or legal notices. Applications available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main or www.cityofhoopeston.com. For questions call (217) 283-5833.

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Briefly

Turn in those pumpkins

Wednesday is the final day to submit pumpkins for Hoopeston Public Library's pumpkin decorating contest. Pumpkins must be turned in by 6:30 p.m. to be part of the contest. Winners will be posted at noon Thursday.

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 and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

From the Blotter

Cole Alkire, 25, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 12:35 p.m. Monday for an incident that occurred at 11 p.m. October 12. Preliminary charges include possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent of delivery, illegal transportation of alcohol and possession of counterfeit currency.

He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment and determine his qualifications to be released or held.