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By **BERTHA PARSONS**

**Let's Go Shopping!**

I love to shop, any day, any time, any place! Let's get going! We got out in September, (my birthday month), it is "Let's Go Shopping" time for me! I'm an early bird shopper, and a local shopper.

Many years ago, my husband and I had a men's clothing store downtown. As owners and salespeople, he instructed me to buy everything that we could locally. Even today, I still practice that. There is no town that has everything you may need, but because I had to shop locally I found it was possible to find most of what I needed. I even found new stuff to try.

Simply put, "shop Hoopeston and Rossville First" Now you're going to ask me why? Foremost, because I want to keep every business alive and well in our hometown! I suggest you take a day and go downtown and into a store or two you have never been in before. I think you will be surprised at all you will find. Can any town have everything I need or want? NO! But, I know you'll be pleased with some of the things you will find!

When my son lived in Chicago, we visited before Christmas and he took us downtown to see the sights and shop. It was a marvelous time together but there was one item, a flannel sweatshirt, that I could not find - unless it was silk-like with a price tag over \$89! Well, you guessed it! I walked right by the sweatshirts and out of the store! Later I found almost the same sweatshirt, in Hoopeston, for \$35.95!

So I may suggest as the holiday season or any gift-buying event or other need to start right here, in one of the stores in Hoopeston first. There are different kinds of stores, there must be one or two that would work for you! Try "Let's go shopping local" first, and, if no luck, drive to shop in Rossville, or Milford. Maybe you could decide on something different you found at a store you had not visited before! Keep your dollars working in our hometown and keep our shops open and alive with new products and great shopkeepers, or "owners". May be a better way to say it!

Few stores have everything you want or need, but you may be surprised at what you do find locally! Let's GO SHOPPING in our hometown!

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**Fleetwood Gold to return to the Lorraine stage Saturday**

A tribute band for one of the most wildly successful groups of the mid-1970s and 80s will make its second appearance at The Lorraine Theatre this week.

Lorraine to a near-sold-out crowd on May 4, 2022, where the audience was on their feet and singing along.

**Taco dinner to raise funds for Lorraine**

Before enjoying Fleetwood Gold, grab some tacos at "Irasema's Taco Fundraiser for the Lorraine Theatre." Tacos, made by Irasema Saldana, will be available from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. Tacos will be \$3 each or two for \$5. You do not need to attend the show to attend the taco fundraiser.

Fleetwood Gold has become the most-followed Fleetwood Mac tribute in the Midwest. The Ohio-based show has performed to sold-out venues and played to more than 35,000

"Fleetwood Gold: the Fleetwood Mac Experience" will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, recreating the Fleetwood Mac sound from the early years through Stevie Nicks' solo career. The show made its first appearance at the

people last year.

See FLEETWOOD on other side

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**Fleetwood** continued from other side

The band is led by Chris Shutters, two-time national blues guitar champion and current lead singer of Blood, Sweat & Tears.

Shutters, in the role of Lyndsey Buckingham in Fleetwood Gold, was a former lead guitar and vocalist for the classic rock band, Mountain, known for their hit song "Mississippi Queen." He is joined by:

**Erika Prehm**, (Stevie Nicks) vocalist, guitarist and song writer, who fronts her own band., Erika Hughes & The Well Mannered.

**Sara Reat**, as Christine McVie, a classically-trained musician who handles vocals and keyboard.

**Mike Ebner** (John McVie), who was drawn to the "low end," as a child and began playing the electric bass at 13. He has performed and recorded with multiple artists.

**Chad Lester** fills the big shoes of drummer Mick Fleetwood. Lester has played drums for 36 years and has taught percussion, drum set and marching percussion at multiple private lesson studios and high schools.

Advancer tickets are \$36 online at [www.thelorraine.com](http://www.thelorraine.com). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$40. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**From the Blotter**

**Chloe Alkire**, 29, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 3:24 p.m. Saturday at West Orange and South Sixth Ave. She was cited for speeding, 43 mph in a 25 mph zone, and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Thad Finnell**, 30, of Hoopeston, was charged with speeding after a traffic stop at 3:49 a.m. Sunday on East Orange. Officer alleged he was traveling 48 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Finnell was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

**Tabitha Stephens**, 34, of Hoopeston, was stopped by police at 10:27 a.m. for a traffic violation. She was charged with operating an uninsured vehicle and was

**Weather**

**FREEZE WARNING:** 9 p.m. Monday-9 a.m. Tuesday. Chance of snow showers, breezy today. High 38. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 22. Tomorrow, sunny. High 41, low 28.

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