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IYW features Elizabeth Silver for dedication to community volunteerism, family, faith

Editor's Note: The following was submitted by Vermillion Advantage, part of a series, I am, You are, We are Vermillion County! The series profiles residents throughout the county.

By Jodie Ingram

Elizabeth Silver is a lifelong Vermillion County resident and a proud Cornjerker. She was raised by two wonderful parents that taught her God, family and community should be the priorities in your life. Elizabeth and her husband, Michael, have been married for 12 years and have two children, Peyton and Parker.

Michael is also a lifelong member of the Hoopeston community and they are very proud to have come back to Hoopeston to raise their family. They are fortunate enough to have both of their parents and several siblings living in Hoopeston so they truly get the experience of raising their kids with a "village."

Silver lives by the mantra "leave it better than you found it." This applies to all areas of her life, from the simple everyday things like picking up after yourself in a public place, to very big events like joining a board and using your influence to positively impact someone's life. She is a firm believer if you are going to complain about something, then you better also do something about it. If you want your community to be better, you cannot wait around for someone else to do it.

She is a great example of being involved in the community and using her influence for good. She currently serves on the Hoopeston Area Board of Education, the Vermillion Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Hoopeston Youth Baseball. She is also involved in helping the Rotary of Hoopeston and United Fund of Grant Township put on various fundraising events. She assists the City of Hoopeston with the Light Up McFerren Park Christmas display and the Independence Day festivities through fundraising and event planning. She and her

Photo provided

Elizabeth Silver, her husband, Michael, and children Peyton and Parker.

husband are involved with the Danville Area Soccer Association as Hoopeston representatives.

It doesn't take long to realize that Silver loves where she lives. Although, after attending Olivet Nazarene University, she never considered moving back home. She truly believed she and her husband would end up living



in a larger city where she could work for a national not-for-profit organization and help large groups of people. God however, had other plans for them.

Upon graduation, Silver was given the opportunity to work for her hometown hospital and be directly involved with all community involvement and marketing. It was an opportunity she couldn't pass up and is glad that she didn't!

Silver explained that small towns often get bad raps, but she has met some of the kindest and most compassionate souls in Vermillion County. If there is a need, people respond, from providing meal trains to fixing homes, people show up for one another. People show up because we

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Obituaries

EVANS - Gerald Leon "Gerry" Evans, 82, of Hoopeston, passed away at 1:13 p.m. Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center, Hoopeston. He was born July 2, 1941, in Blair, NE, the son of James Franklin and Mary (McKercher) Evans. He married Karen Sue Wells on November 17, 1961, in Carter Lake, Iowa. She survives in Hoopeston.



GERRY EVANS

He is also survived by one daughter, Jamee (Todd) Thrush of Vancouver, WA; one son, Gerald "Rodney" (Maureen) Evans of Leroy; one son-in-law, Mark Norton of Rossville; two sisters, Carol (Ted) Wesceck of Council Bluff, IA and Mariann Stuart of Omaha, NE; two brothers, Jimmy (Vonnice) Evans of Omaha, NE and David (Judy) Evans of Crescent City, IA; four grandchildren, Masen (Megan) Norton, Drew Thrush, Camden Thrush, and Adam Norton; two great-grandchildren, Masie and Weston Norton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Stanza Norton; three sisters, Shirley Wallar, Janice Jackson and Leeanne Evans; one brother, Charlie Evans; and one brother-in-law, Pat Stuart.

Gerry worked for Ryder Truck Lines and later Holland Truck Line Teamsters Local 26 until his retirement. He enjoyed working outside in his yard and was an avid sports fan. In his earlier years, he enjoyed playing slow-pitch softball and industrial basketball. He also served as a Little League coach in Hoopeston for the Silver Bros.

team and other leagues in the area.

Cremation rites will be accorded, and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Gerry to the Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team (HART), 901 W. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Please visit www.anderson-funeral-home.com to view Gerry's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston is handling the arrangements.

Court Dispositions

October 11

Natasha R. Knight, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance at initial appearance, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing November 8.

Roberta E. Peterson, Hoopeston, appeared for general nuisance, fined \$180; she complied, fine paid in full, case closed.

Ruben J. Espinoza, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered, fined court costs only of \$80; status hearing November 8.

Kylie N. Lesko, Westville, battery case dismissed by hearing officer.

Jeremy R. Clingenpeel, Danville, pleaded guilty at initial appearance to disobeying police, fined \$230; status hearing December 13.

Gerardo Torres, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for two cases of unlawful acts constituting disorder, found guilty by default in both, fined \$230 in each; new status hearing November 8.

Donald E. Underwood Jr., Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for alcoholic containers prohibited in public places, found guilty by default, fine \$180; status hearing November 8.

Silver continued from other side

are a community and that is what we do. Not a lot of communities can say that!

Thank you, Elizabeth Silver, for showing up for your community. Thank you for being the change that continues to make Vermilion County a better place. Your volunteerism and hometown pride has not gone unnoticed, you are an appreciated and valued part of your community!

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board, 6 p.m. Thursday, high school library. The board will hear in Invenergy Wind Farm presentation at 6 p.m., then go into executive session. The public portion of the meeting will follow. Agenda items include personnel additions, expenditures and an agreement with Armstrong High School for a soccer co-op. Full agenda at www.hoopeston.k12.il.us.

Hoopeston City Council, along with Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Vermilion Advantage representatives will hold an informational meeting at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Hoopeston City Hall. No action will be taken.

Last Toys for Kids sign up

Toys for Kids final registration will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church.

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support group meets the third Thursday of each month at The Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be November 16. Please spread the word and join us for a

From the Blotter

Kristen C. Hewerdine, 46, of Rantoul, was arrested after police were called at 10:02 a.m. Tuesday to McDonalds, 824 S. Dixie Hwy., on a report of a woman in the drive-through using counterfeit money for a purchase.

After detaining all those in the vehicle and investigating, officers charged Hewerdine with possession and passing counterfeit money. She was taken to the police station for processing, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Victoria L. Serrano, 38, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for operating an uninsured vehicle after an accident at 3:49 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of West Orange.

Police said Serrano was westbound when she struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Justin D. Little, 37, of Hoopeston, which was stopped, facing westbound.

No injuries were reported.

Weather

Sunny today. High 65. Tonight, breezy, cloudy, chance of rain. Low 47. Tomorrow, rain likely, then mostly sunny. High 56, low 25.

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

meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

Classifieds

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Kitchen help needed at Fast Lanes. Some weekends. Apply in person at 719 W. Elm. No phone calls.

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

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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