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You are Somebody Special

Here we are nearing the end of 2023! Where did the year go? Help me- tell me what happened to 365 days! Did I get lost in July or October and somebody broke in and stole some of my days? I have not worked so hard that I lost some days! I better check my calendar to be sure what happened. It seems as we get older or more grown up, the time flies by before we know it.

Somebody very special must have wiggled into my life and turned it upside down and all around! How can I be somebody special? I'm just an ordinary gal doing an ordinary "I like it" job! Some days, I don't really know who I am or what I should be doing. Being Special doesn't cross my mind, so I had to take a few moments to think about being special! Each of us, you, me and the neighbors, are all very special. You think we are all people going along in this game of life and playing the best we know how. Part of that is true.

I want to be somebody special. How does that happen? Do we need to take special classes? Talk to friends, teachers and doctors. Perhaps we could do some or all of those things. For me, I want to make the world I live in brighter and happier and more wonderful every day! You can do that, too. I know you can because you are somebody special to somebody

else! Never doubt it for a minute. Maybe you are special to a lot of somebodies. I sure hope so! I hope I am, too.

Perhaps today was not the best day for you and thinking you're somebody special is not true today! I'm here to tell you that every day you are Somebody Special. I'm going to tell you what my mother told me almost every month. "You are somebody special, there is nobody in this world like you." There is no one as special as you!" Take a few moments to think about you. Let's start with your smile! It gives much joy to others! You laugh at anything - that makes someone happy! Your kindness to friends and family make you somebody special! So when you have a bad day, remember Bertha says you are "Somebody Special." We only get one chance at life and being somebody special will give others great joy! Remember what my Mother told me and what I am telling you, "You are Somebody Special!"

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Briefly

Legion auxiliary to collect for vets

Hoopeston American Legion Auxiliary Post 384 will have drive up collections from 2-4 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Hoopeston Fire Station Market St. door.

Needed items include men's boxer briefs (M-4XL), men's navy, gray or black sweatpants (M-5XL), Dinty Moore microwaveable 90 second meals, boxes of Little Debbie snack cakes, or money to purchase these items for

the groups Gifts for Veterans program this holiday season.

Safe banking for Seniors

Boxcar Books & Vinyl will host a Safe Banking for Seniors presentation at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 5. Nikki Tobenski and Ashley Wood of Iroquois Federal will discuss identifying and avoiding scams.

All are welcome to attend the program, at 210 E. Main, Hoopeston.



Resting up

Penelope, Olympic Hardware's 10+-year-old guard kitty, rests up in preparation for the food drive the store is holding for the Grant Township Food Cupboard. Items needed include corn muffin mix, ramen noodles, instant potatoes, boxed stuffing, instant Jello and disposable salt and pepper shakers. A box has been placed at the registers for donated items. Olympic Hardware is accepting food through December 5.

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Boys Basketball

Hoopeston Area handily defeated Fisher, 65-41, in boys basketball action at home on Tuesday.

From the Blotter

Trea Powers, 20, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 3:07 a.m. Tuesday at Rtes. 1 and 9. He was charged with speeding, 50 in a 35 mph zone, and released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

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Sports

Owen Root led Cornjerker scorers with 22 points, followed by Mason Rush with 11. He was 3 of 6 from the 3 point zone and 2 of 2 in free throws. Wyatt Eisenmann scored 10 and Kendrick Sigerill contributed nine.

Rounding out scoring were Trenton Montez with six,

Ethan Steiner five, and Cole Miller two.

Sigerill and Montez were tied in rebounds, with each at seven.

The team is 4-2 in nonconference games and 0-0 in the Vermilion Valley Conference.

In JV action, HA came out on top, 43-23. Zach Huchel had 10 points for the game.

Court Dispositions

November 8

Delia G. Carrasquillo, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for restraint of dogs by owner, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing December 13.

Ruben J. Espinoza, fine paid in full for general nuisance, case closed.

Weather

Mostly sunny today, then chance of rain. High 50. Tonight, rain likely. Low 39. Tomorrow, rain, chance of rain late. High 45, low 36.

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

Classifieds

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

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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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