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Snow, or No Snow

I know it's winter because the weatherman tells me so, it's cold when I go out, plus, it's February! I most certainly am a "snow girl." I love to watch it fall, I love making footprints on the sidewalk. I love remembering the fun I had growing up on the farm with grandparents and uncles showing me how to make a real live-looking snow person. Snow brings memories of growing up in a house of love. Life on my grandparents' farm was the best! It was an old two-story farmhouse and when the snow came down, it was great to walk into the warmth of that house, with my grandparents' arms waiting to warm me up with a big hug. Oh, what joy!

Growing up with grandparents and four uncles, plus my Mother, there was always something to do - working in the garden, baking, cleaning out the barn - yet time to play with my dolls in the machine shed, with a table and chairs made by my uncles for the dolls. Being an only child, I talked to my dolls like real people and my uncles would sometimes stop in to have a tea party with me and my dolls. If any of you knew my uncles, they were big, strong and tough and rough, however they always took time to pretend with me. Thankful for their teaching me how to live in a world with mostly men and to be honest and hard working. I miss them so much.

It seems like in the "good old days" we got a lot more snow than we do now. We lived two and a half miles from Route 9 and when it snowed, the bus did not pick me up. The snow was so high on the side roads, the bus could not get through. After one snowfall, there was a ball game, and of course, I had to go! My uncle got the tractor out and off we went. Part way. Then we were stuck with a half mile to go. My sweet uncle walked me the rest of the way to be on that bus! He was there waiting for me when I came back! I have never forgotten that day and my uncle's smile when he saw me. No snow was going to stop him from getting me to and from that game.

I'm waiting on some snow to bring more memories back so I can smile as I remember the love I grew up with and all the love I have now with friends and family and you.

Memories. Wonderful, aren't they?

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Need a late Valentine's gift? Doug Church has you covered!

Did you forget to get a Valentine's gift for the love of your life? Luckily, The Lorraine Theatre can keep you out of the doghouse this year.

Doug Church, the True Voice of Elvis, returns to the Lorraine Theatre for the fourth time with "Love Me Tender," a special Valentines Elvis show at 3 p.m. Saturday. This one man show brings all the hits that fans know and love.

Church began his career in the U.S. Air Force, brandishing a guitar and home-made costume, where he began winning talent contests held annually by the Air Force with his amazing rendition of the King of Rock and Roll. Shortly after leaving the service, he entered the Worldwide Elvis Impersonators contest at Bad Bob's

Vapor's Supper Club in Memphis Tenn., walking away with the First Place Crown as, "The World's Best Elvis Tribute Artist."

See ELVIS on other side

Zamora heads to state contest

With pins in the quarterfinals, semifinals and title match at the Olympia sectionals last weekend, Hoopston Area's Angel Zamora is heading to the state wrestling finals.

This is Zamora's second trip to state in as many years. Last year, as a sophomore, he wrestled in the 160 lb. class. This year, as a junior, he is wrestling at 175.

Finals will be held Thursday through Saturday at State Farm Center in Champaign.



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From the Blotter

Several vehicle key fobs have been turned in to Hoopeston Police over the last couple of months. If anyone is missing a fob, please come to the police station to identify and claim it.

A Toshiba laptop was found Saturday in the area of North Fourth St. and East Seminary. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Hendry D. Garcia, 22, of Danville, was ticketed after

a traffic stop at 3:13 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of South Dixie Hwy. He was charged with no valid driver's license, disobeying a traffic control device and operating uninsured vehicle and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 4:02 p.m. Monday at Dollar General, 111 W. Orange. Police said Ernest C. Plummer IV, 23, of Danville, in a 2023 International truck, backed up and struck the rear of a 2020 Hyundai Tucson, parked by Terri J. Inman, 62, of Hoopeston.

Jalisa R. McGhee, 34, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:46 p.m. Monday at South Sixth Ave. and West Lincoln. McGhee was taken into custody and processed at the police station. Charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle, she was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Elvis continued from other side

Church has awed his audiences for years. That is why he is known worldwide as "The LEGENDARY Voice" by not only his fans and other Elvis tribute artists, but also those who knew Elvis personally. This is why Doug Church is one of the Lorraine's most requested talents.

Tickets are \$20 online at www.thelorraine.com/tickets. Tickets will also be available at the theatre Saturday for \$22. Doors open at 2 p.m.

Weather

Becoming sunny today. High 50. Tonight, mostly cloudy, chance of rain. Low 38. Tomorrow, chance of rain then partly sunny. High 46, low 27.

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

Obituaries

ACTON - William Harvey "Bill" Acton, 94, of rural Henning, died at 9:08 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Middlefork United Methodist Church, 109 S. Vermilion St., Potomac. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery, Danville. Memorials are suggested to Vermilion County Farm Bureau Foundation, 1905-C U.S. Route 150, Danville, IL 61832, or Fair Hope Children's Ministry, 1225 E. Voorhees St., Danville, IL 61834. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

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The City of Hoopeston is seeking applicants for the position of dispatcher. Applications are available at City Hall, 301 W Main St. or on our website at www.cityofhoopeston.com/employment/. For questions, please contact the police department at 217-283-5196.

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