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Joy For Little Things

Today I think we all want more joy and happiness in our lives! Today is no different than it was last week or last year! So let's look at JOY.

You think I must live in another place. Well, not really. I live in the same town, in the same century as many of you. It's possible last week may not have been so good for you and the year seems to not offer as much joy as you want!

What is joy, really? To me, it is hearing from a child of mine who is not here, a dear friend calling just to see how I'm doing! It could be a card or note in the mail that puts a smile on my face! Even a phone call from a neighbor that gives me joy! I like to think of joy as "Just Offer Yourself!" It is amazing what a call, a note, even a stop at someone's house can make real joy.

You bet, it is all the little things that give us great joy! So, sit down, and let's make a list of little things that make you happy and fills you with joy, OK?

First, it is being loved by children, family and friends. Second, it is hearing from family or friends checking in on us, sending a card to say hello, or calling to see that all is well with us. Third, is being thankful for all the joy we get from them! Take note, all the above are little things that certainly, positively give great joy!

When I started writing this article I thought, "what about the big things?" It all goes back to the little things and best things that bring us the most joy. They turn our life into big JOYFUL things!

Little smiles, kind words and hands of all sizes helping each other. So we all have little things that give us great joy. Take the time and make your own JOY list!

I have a feeling you are going to be amazed at these "little" things that fills your life with great and wonderful JOY!

Do you have topics you'd like me to write about? Email me at bp Parsons1963@gmail.com!

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From the Blotter

Trea D. Powers, 20, of Hoopeston, was taken into custody after an accident at 3:13 a.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of West Washington. He was arrested on preliminary charges of leaving the scene of a crash-vehicle damage, failure to report crash to police authority, driving while license suspended, operating when registration is suspended for noninsurance and improper lane usage-lane roadways.

Powers was processed at the police station and later taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Geoffrey Fisher, 48, of Sheldon, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 5:04 p.m. Wednesday at Rtes. 1 and 9. He

was cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration for no insurance, and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Blake M. Walker, 26, of Danville, was charged with speeding (80 mph in a 50 mph) after a traffic stop at 12:01 a.m. Thursday at Rtes. 1 and 9. He was issued a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court and was released from the scene.

Marcus J.A. Colunga, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 8:29 p.m. Friday at West Main and South Third Ave. He was charged with speeding (37 mph in a 25 mph) and driving while license suspended. After being processed at the police station, he was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Kayla D. Miller, 34, of Rossville, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 2:05 a.m. Friday in the 900 block of South Dixie Hwy. She was cited with operating when registration suspended for non-insurance and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Traffic Court.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 2:33 p.m. Wednesday to the 300 block of East Washington for an activated carbon monoxide detector. The detector was found to be faulty.

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Sat., May 4th

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Briefly

Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Rossville Municipal Building, special meeting to approve the budget amendment ordinance, salary ordinance and budget ordinance for the 2025 fiscal year.

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall., special meeting to approve the revised FY 23-24 appropriations ordinance and the FY 24-25 budget.

At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:
Littles @ the Library, 10:45 a.m. Tuesdays. Pre-school story, craft and playtime for children from birth to age 5 and their caregivers.

Coffee, Craft & Conversation 10 a.m.-noon Wednes-

Lunch Menus

Maple/John Greer

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, broccoli, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

WEDNESDAY: Taco, refried beans, chips salsa, salad, peaches, milk

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage links, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza Rolls, salad, mixed fruit, Veggy Juice, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Orange chicken w/rice, corn, veggies, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Tacos, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Quesadilla, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage, hash browns, veggies, mandarin orange, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Orange chicken w/rice or hot ham & cheese, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Tacos or BBQ rib/bun, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Quesadilla or calzone, refried beans, chips salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Biscuit & gravy, sausage or cheeseburger, hash browns, salad bar, mandarin orange, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken strips, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice.

days. Crochet, knit, sew and other needlecraft, along with those who do other portable handcrafts are invited to bring their projects and enjoy a morning of fun and conversation!

Builders Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages! Free building, challenges, buddy builds and more.

HPL is collecting eclipse viewers or glasses in good condition to send to Astronomers Without Borders, which recycles them to areas of the world. Glasses may be dropped off at the main desk.

HMA activities

Women's Morning Donut Group meets at 8:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the large room at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Come join us!

Card group meets Wednesday for euchre starting 12:30.

For more information on Multi Agency programs, call (217) 283-5544 or stop by 206 S. First Ave.

Moms' group

Moms, come meet other moms and their children at 10 a.m. the first Friday of each month at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The goal is to build friendships for moms and their children. For information, call/text Somer at (309) 242-5017.

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 some-one to help.

Dumping of electronics, appliances, paint, liquids, tires,

Correction

Waylon Page, Hoopeston Area Middle School bowler, was misidentified as Waylon Judy in an April 17 story about the bowlers going to the state finals.

Just the Facts regrets the error.

Weather

Showers today. High 71. Tonight, decreasing clouds. Low 52. Tomorrow, sunny. High 75, low 58.

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