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By
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Trouble

The trouble with trouble is that it often starts out as fun! If I were to ask you, have you ever been in trouble, what would you say? I know what I would say, yes sir I have. Now you may be thinking I was in trouble as a kid, then a teenager, but surely not as a grown-up! Do grown-ups like Mothers, Grandmas, Uncles, even Dads or Teachers get in trouble? Sure they do, every one of us knows Trouble.

I'm sure if asked, they would all have troubles to share with you. Maybe not "put you in jail trouble," or "too many days missed at work or lost your job trouble?" I hope not! I could go on and on listing all kinds of troubles.

I can hear my Mother's voice, "Bertha, you're going to get into trouble because of that." I bet you all have a trouble story to share, but I just don't have enough room for it all. Some trouble is serious and we wish we never got into it. Other troubles are sometimes silly and off the wall crazy and I cannot believe I really did that or how did that happen??"

It seems in our world today, there is more trouble than there was yesterday! Listen to the nightly news and it is scary. But when I look at old newspapers from five, 10 and 20 years ago there's plenty of trouble to share! Glad to know it did not just start with me this year....

How can we get into so much trouble, you and I? I guess it could be that there is more "stuff" to cause trouble or there is less fear of being punished, or we are just silly and fearless.

Trouble has always and forever will be around! You and I cannot get free from it! Have you every laughed yourself silly from something you did and got yourself in trouble? So far I have not gotten myself into "jail time" trouble but I have laughed at myself and others until I cried.

So, how about this: let's think more about "good stuff," ways to help others, stories of love and joy to share, a smile and a wave at your neighbors and gratefulness for our life! I think these are the ways to stay free of trouble.

Trouble you are not allowed here, pack your bags and move on. Let's keep on smiling and being happy and thankful for family and friends. We can do it together. Goodbye Trouble, I won't see you around!

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Briefly

Card shower

A card shower is being held for Eleanor Mann, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on June 3. Cards and notes of well wishes may be mailed to Eleanor Mann, 410 W. Elm St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

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, batteries, yard waste, construction/demolition material or

anything that fits in the provided blue totes is not allowed. Items from apartments with a dumpster will not be allowed and items from businesses and contractors will not be permitted.

VBS

First Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 3-7 at the church, 323 E. Seminary. For kids in grades K-6, it will be held from 9-11:45 a.m. The theme is WILDLIVE Showcasing Christ's Character.

For more information or a ride, call (217) 283-6820.

Addiction recovery group

Men's addiction recovery group meeting. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call/text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

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Fire Calls

Firefighters were called at 1:21 p.m. Thursday to Autumn Fields, 325 E. Orange, for a fire alarm. The

From the Blotter

Angelia A. Chamberlain, 44, of Hoopeston, was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court after police were called at 1:43 a.m. May 24 for a noise complaint in the 700 block of East Wyman. She was charged with breach of the peace constituting disorderly conduct.

Kimberly D. McMillen, 49, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 9 p.m. Tuesday at the police station. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville by a Vermilion County deputy.

Weather

Sunny today. High 78. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 57. Tomorrow, showers likely, chance of thunderstorms late. High 71, low 57. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of showers, partly cloudy late. High 80, low 62.

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

call was cancelled by staff and the alarm company before the department arrived on scene.

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:57 p.m. Tuesday to McDonald's for a report of a vehicle on fire. Units cleared without further incident.

Obituaries

CRAWFORD - Frank Crawford Jr., 73, of Hoopeston, died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024, at home. He was cremated. A celebration of his life will be held from noon - 6 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at Bismarck Men's Club, 112, E. Holloway St., Bismarck. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

WINTERS - Debra (Jones) Winters, 68, of Hoopeston, died at 8:52 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. She will be cremated and a memorial service held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Save the Lorraine Foundation, P.O. Box 247, Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

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