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Kindness

What is kindness? Who has it? Where is it? How much does it cost? How can I get some of it? Isn't it funny how we think there must be a cost to everything? Do we really have to pay for kindness? There are other ways to pay. How do you use or do kindness?

As an example, while I was weeding my front flower bed, I fell, face down, on the hard dirt and couldn't get up. A lady came from the street to help me! She got a chair and, with my husband's help, they got me into it. After sitting for a while, she got me into my house and sat for awhile. I sure saw a lot of kindness right there! Matt, our son, called just to see how we were doing as he heard how hot it was here. He is in California and it has been extremely hot there and he was concerned. Kindness showed up again! A phone call from a friend let me know she was coming over with some sweet corn. Did someone tell her we were hungry for sweet corn? Kindness and corn. What more could you want?

Maybe a bad day at work, or your car would not start. Do we carry around hurts from days past? When all we have to do is a kind deed! Simple, piece of cake. Anyone can find a kind deed to do! Right?

If any of you knew my Mother, "Aunt Martha" you know she had kindness from her head to her toes! No matter the time, the place, the deed or the cost, she would find a way to help! She was happy cooking, baking and babysitting while teaching everyone about the love of Jesus. I never saw her sad. She believed God had a purpose for everyone. Kindness I learned from her and many others in this great county! To be kind, we have to be thankful for what we have and what we do not have. Appreciate the life we have, be grateful and forgiving. I think that may be the hardest to do!

A long, long time ago a friend gave me these keys to kindness. It opens the best doors ever! #1 Gratitude. Express it, be responsible for it! #2 Be thankful, be grateful and give thanks. When we are thankful and happy then kindness grows all around us.

I'll be happy, You be happy, let's all be happy with Kindness!

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HACUSD to have online only registration starting July 21

Hoopeston Area registration for the 2024-25 school will be strictly online. To register your student, visit the district's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us and click on the blue box that says "Returning Student Registration" and insert your SnapCode. All students who have ever been enrolled in the district and all kindergarten students who have preregistered are considered returning students.

The registration link will be active July 21 - August 5. Registration may be completed at any time during these dates. Please watch for more information by mail the week of July 15 as the SnapCode will be included in this mailing.

The following dates and times are available office hours

at each building if families need to pay fees by cash, submit a Book Waiver, or pick up/drop off forms. Parents/guardians with no internet access may also visit the school during these dates and times to use a district laptop to complete the registration process. Dates and times are:

- Thursday, August 1 8:30-11:00; 1:00-6:00
- Friday, August 2 8:30-12:00
- Monday, August 5 8:30-11:00; 12:30-3:30

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Book rental fees for the year are:
Early Childhood \$25
K-12.....\$50
MS/HS Extra-curricular Activity Fee..... \$10/activity
Additional high school fees are due at registration:
Driver Education: All ninth graders are required to take Driver's Education. All freshmen will owe \$50 for classroom/behind the wheel instruction.
Accounting I and II will owe \$35 for a workbook.
Health Physicals/Records: Illinois law requires all Early Childhood, kindergarten, and sixth and ninth grade

students have current physical examinations on the Illinois Department of Public Health Form no later than August 15, 2024.

Dental Exams: Illinois law states all children in kindergarten, second, sixth, and ninth grades have a dental exam performed by a dentist and provide verification to the school office by May 15, 2025. Exams dated between November 2023 - May 2025 will meet this guideline.

12th Grade Students/Records: All incoming seniors are required to have a Meningitis shot prior to the first day of school in August. This is mandatory. Please provide documentation of this vaccination to the High School

Briefly

Addiction recovery group

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

P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so.

There is no cost. All are welcome to come.

Weather

Sunny today. High 78. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 57. Tomorrow, sunny. High 80, low 60. Sunday, partly sunny. High 80, low 62.

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

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Camp Firelight
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Obituaries

COMPTON - Helen Mae (Judy) Compton, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 10:26 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2024, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Heritage Health Therapy and Senior living, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

Office.

Sports Physicals / Grades 5; 7-8; 10-12 Only: If planning to participate in sports, student athletes will be required to have a sports physical prior to the 2024-25 school year.

Supply lists are available on the district website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us.

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- Rigid #700 Power Pony Threading Head, ½-2" Dies, Tripod Vise, Hand Reamer & Cutter \$500
 - Skil Hammer Drill w/Bits \$200
 - Makita ½" Hammer Drill \$100
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HOOPESTON: 901 Lockhart. Sat., 8-2. Big Moving Sale! Bookshelves, china cabinet, household items, décor, women's small/medium, boys size 14-16.