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Loving, Learning and Living

Let's celebrate! I'm pretty sure most of you have been to a birthday party, wedding or anniversary party. Every party I have been to has been filled with food, family, friends and fun! Yes, I've also learned a lot about us "people" at a party.

Somehow we change. Don't ask why or when, but it happens! I then remember our wedding and how happy our family and we were that day! It was very special!

Now, if you are single, you are thinking, "This corner is not for me." Please read the whole column first! When I sit down to write pure joy and love arrives on each Corner.

First comes love for the people (that's you) who read this Corner. In my mind, I see you smiling, laughing and loving the Corner! At times, I have folks stop me in a restaurant or on the street to tell me they liked my article! It is then I know I better keep writing.

Did you ever learn something helpful while reading one of my Corners? The words I write must make you happy and teach you something about life, learning all we can to have a great life. How we do that is my joyful job!

Can you have a wonderful life? I think so! Each of us look at life differently, however, we each want a wonderful life!

"How much will it cost me?," you may be thinking. Seems always our first question is about money! I have to say I know several people who have all the money anyone would need for a wonderful life, but they are not happy with their life!

So you ask, what can I do? I have no fairy dust to sprinkle on you or any other magic to make your living better. What I do have is good old fashioned common sense! I'm sure some of you have heard about that!

Now you're asking, "What does that have to do with Loving. Learning and Living?" Here are the facts. Love who vou are with. Love what you do and Love yourself!

Learn what you love about your life! Make up your mind to love you. Remember, there's only one you! So keep on Loving, Learning and Living. It's the only way to go!



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Dan 'the Animal Man' Breeding to bring last show to HPL

Area residents will have a last chance to see Dan "The Animal Man" Breeding and his cast of creatures at Hoopeston Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

A former Hoopeston resident, Breeding is the owner of Wild Animal Encounters, a traveling animal showcase, providing an up-close look at animals such as owls, giant tortoises, alligators and many other specimens of God's creation..

Now living in Raleigh, NC, Breeding has never forgotten his roots, returning over the years, animals in tow, to educate and amaze local residents.

In 2021, residents were able to give back to their native son in 2021, when Breeding hit a double whammy. First,

Cheeseburgers for Paradise

For every Cheeseburger purchased from 5 pm close on Tuesdays, we will donate \$5 to that night's featured Church. This week's recipient is

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Photo: wae2wild.com Dan Breeding and a little friend.

several shows were canceled because of COVID. Then, he was seriously injured in an accident, the cost of which strained his finances even further.

Social media allowed locals to keep on top of his recovery, kept up-todate by family members, and to help his finances through a gofundme account.

Breeding is now literally and figuratively - on his feet again and is coming home. "I'm looking forward to sharing and seeing you all," he posted on social media. "I'm in a slow retirement and this will

be my last presentation in IL."

Breeding graduated from Hoopeston East Lynn High School before attending Parkland College, then going on

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From the Blotter

Paul Dialing, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 1:17 p.m. Thursday for a report of someone trespassing in the 100 block of East Main. He was found and issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A 16-year-old Hoopeston boy was arrested after police were called at 7:14 p.m. Thursday for a battery in the 400 block of West Lincoln.

He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City

Joel A. Garcia-Hernandez, 30, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:16 p.m. Saturday at West Orange and South First Ave. He was arrested on preliminary charges of no valid driver's license, no insurance, speeding, operating uninsured vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol and was wanted on warrants from Vermilion and Douglas counties.

He was processed at the police station, then taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Obituaries

GLASS - Jean Means Glass, 87, formerly of Hoopeston, died June 19, 2024, in Paxton. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home. Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

KOHL-FERATI-Tressa Jean Kohl-Ferati, 43, of Crawfordsville, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at home. She will be cremated and a visitation held 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Condolences may be shared at anderson-funeral-home.com.

Animal man continued from other side

to Moorpark College Exotic Animal Training and Management, graduating in 1995. He has worked as a wildlife educator, animal behaviorist, motivational speaker - and sometimes magician - ever since.

Breeding's program will be held on the library's front lawn.

Weather

Sunny today. High 86. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 69. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms, thunderstorms likely late. High 93, low 70.

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

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Meetings

Hoopeston Water Committee, 10 a.m. Tuesday, city hall. Agenda items include discussion on the lagoons.

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 may

There is no cost. All are welcome.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Hoopeston First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange. It applies biblical principles to any hurt, habit or hang-up you're struggling with. All are welcome. Dinner and/or snacks at 6, lessons begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by small group discussion. Transportation available on request. Call (217) 283-6301.

HMA activities

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