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You can be the difference

In our upside down world we ask, "How can I make a difference? What can one person really do to make a difference?"

So many daily occurrences can help a person. Each of us has certain talents and we may be just what that someone needs!

How could I be the difference? For me, I strive to do small differences, yet they certainly may be big to someone. I send Thinking of You notes or call a friend just to say "Hi" or give someone a ride to the store. I sometimes share homemade coffee cake.

Simply be yourself. Just think about the fact you are like no other and have been given a purpose unique to you.

I believe every person is born with talent. Maybe one talent, maybe five or six. The saddest part is when we don't even use our one talent. Try and jot down a few things you are good at. Call it a talent list. I'm hoping you're surprised at the list.

In this world where folks are looking for happiness or a friend that cares, just joy for the day, you can be the difference in your community, no matter who you are, where you live

or what you do.

Yesterday while shopping in our local grocery store (thank goodness it's here) a friend came up to me and gave me big hug. She will never know how I needed that hug and the difference she made in my day. Never take for granted how important you are and the talents, whatever they are, you have to share.

I'm sure you may think, "Sure Bertha, it's OK for you but I don't see me doing or making that kind of difference." Yes you can! Just take that first step out of your comfort zone and into the caring, difference zone. I'm counting on you!

We live in a nation of millions and millions of people. In a city of thousands of folks you and I are one of the thousands that make a difference! Can you believe it? You matter to others and to me. What you do to be the difference will matter to someone, right here in our little corner of the world. All you need is to do it.

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Anderson Funeral Home sponsors Vital Ice app for emergencies

A Hoopeston business is providing a service that will provide personal information in an emergency for those who can't.

Anderson Funeral Home is offering Vital Ice, a cell phone application on which the user can include vital medical information for the phone owner and dependents, if applicable.

Information that can be listed includes blood type, allergies, medications, medical history and ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact information, all of which is stored securely, according to the Vital Ice website.

By creating a custom lock screen with the information, emergency responders can access the important data, saving time and lives.

The app lists first aid treatment protocols for 16 common emergencies to provide assistance when emergency medical services are not present. It can also call 911 and sound an audible alarm from within the app, saving first responders time in locating the patient

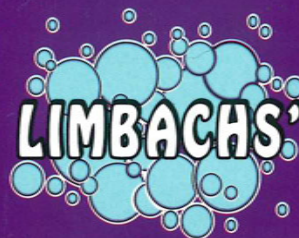
"We're pleased to be able to offer this service," said Ryan Anderson, owner of Anderson Funeral Home. "This will speak for those who can't and has the potential for saving lives.

The app can be downloaded at Google Play or iTunes.

After downloading, enter the code 6696 to start using Vital Ice.



A screen shot of the emergency information available on the Vital Ice app, sponsored by Anderson Funeral Home.



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Hoopeston bowler places 36th at state girls' bowling finals

Hoopeston Area sophomore Jaylyn Linder placed 36th in the state bowling meet in Rockford, held Friday and Saturday.

A total of 180 girls from across the state advanced to the finals Friday. After six games on very tough conditions, the field was cut in half with the top 30 individuals and 12 teams returning for six more games Saturday morning.

Games of 256, 202 and 185 for a 643 morning series, then 161, 192 and 236 in the afternoon placed

her in 36th place overall.

Linder finished the 12 game series with a 196.8 average.

Coach Doug Wagoner thanked everyone who supported the Hoopeston Area boys and girls teams this year. "We look for even better results next fall with most all bowlers returning," he said.

Court Dispositions

January 4

Kayla Petty, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Melinda Miller, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Roy Jones, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Theodore Cano, Hoopeston, two cases continued for further enforcement.

Maria Anquiano, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Belinda Solis, Hoopeston, two cases continued for further enforcement.

Bridget Davis, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Ashley Graves, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Coty Morgeson, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Alexis Halley, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Jeffrey Baker, Hoopeston, case continued for further enforcement.

Ambrosio Ybarra III, Rossville, case continued for further enforcement.

Obituaries

BLACKFORD - Dale Blackford, 93, of Potomac, died at 6:53 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 at Amber Glen Alzheimer's Special Care Center, Urbana. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Showers, breezy today. High 67. Tonight, showers. Low 36. Tomorrow, chance of rain/snow. High 40, low 29.

Briefly

Youth baseball signups

Hoopeston youth baseball signups for boys ages 5-15 will be held from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at John Greer. This includes leagues from t-ball to Pony League.

Free addictions/depression class

Free addiction/depression classes are held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings with Pastor Adam at First Baptist gym. Classes will run through the end of March. A supplemental textbook, "Mood Tides" by Ron Horton, can be ordered on Amazon. For questions, call (217) 772-1390.

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