

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Old things. Old times

I love old things, old books, old friends and old memories. Old things like my Mother's necklace and earring set she wore almost every Sunday. It maybe cost her about \$5. When wearing it she had a million dollar smile. Old hats that I still wear to church, some I wore as a young girl. A hat from a dear departed friend who made it for me. It makes me feel so very happy. Old books. A book can take you any place, can find you a recipe for life. It can bring you out of sadness or loneliness and into new adventures and happiness. Old houses can be a real treasure. If you have ever remodeled an older house you know what I'm talking about. A little cleaning, a new paint job, a throw rug and new drapes. We should all look so good!

I love old letters and cards. Have you kept a letter from someone who meant a lot to you but is no longer with you? Every word written means more now than it did the first time. I'm well aware of cell phones, twitter and e-mail letters. I like them fine and it has become a normal way to communicate. Yet when I get a hand written note or letter it touches my heart. Someone took the time to hand write or print to me. Yea!

I love all my friends, old, young or new. My old friends know too much about me so I have to keep them around as long as I can. My young friends think I'm old and crazy and treat me nice so I don't get mad. My new friends are trying to figure out who I am. Well, lots of luck! I'm still figuring that out!

I love old times. Like being married to the same sweet guy for fifty-five years. We will always have memories, looking at old pictures and laughing at the clothes or hair styles or seeing pictures of those precious babies, now all grown up.

Holding those old times, old memories, old books, old hats and old friends close to our hearts is what I call pure gold and gifts that can never be taken away.



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## IDR sets county property equalization multiplier at 1.0000

SPRINGFIELD—Vermilion County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Constance Beard, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as re-

quired by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would

See **MULTIPLIER** on other side



## Here you go

Kristi Hudson hands a balloon creation to seven-year-old Harlie Menschel at Sunday's Hoopeston Area Women's Club Carnival at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Harlie was accompanied to the carnival by her mom, Natosha.



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## Multiplier continued from other side

result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Vermilion County are at 33.28 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

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The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2017 taxes, payable in 2018. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in December 2017 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer

## From the Blotter

Kurtis J. Simson, 33, of Hoopeston was arrested after police were called at 2:30 p.m. Sunday to the 300 block of East Washington for a suspicious vehicle. Police allege Simpson ran from them and refused to cooperate. He was charged with disobeying a police officer and was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

## SA advocates to mark victim week

The public is invited as Vermilion County State's Attorney's office Victim Advocates mark National Crime Victims Rights Week, presenting information from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Wednesday in Lincoln Hall at DACC.

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 47. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 60, low 50.

will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

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The City of Hoopeston is taking applications to fill a FT/PT position in the Administration Department. Candidates should be proficient in Microsoft Office, the ability to work with the public required and experience in AP/ AR a plus. Applicants may apply in person at 301 W. Main Street.

Hubbard Trail Country Club is seeking a part-time cook and bartenders/wait-staff for the 2018 golf season. Call 748-6521 or apply in person.

Small Wonders Preschool is accepting applications for a Preschool Director. The school serves 3- and 4-year-old children in a half-day program, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The Preschool Director serves as lead teacher and is responsible for all lesson plans, scheduling, calendars, newsletters, programs, field trips and scheduling duties for the assistant teacher. Candidates must be preschool director-qualified by DCFS standards.

If you are qualified and love kids (!), please send resume by April 20 to First Presbyterian Church, Preschool Director Position, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston IL 60942. Email or call for further information, (217) 283-7396, [church@fpchoopeston.com](mailto:church@fpchoopeston.com).