

Bertha's C o r n e r



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Friendship: What is it really?

Do you have a friend or two? Maybe 22. Recently I've been thinking about all the friendships I have had over many years. In fact I even started a list of my friends. It really is amazing when you see those names in black and white.

Just because I call you my friend, do we have a friendship? Do we really care about each other? Do we only say kind words about the other? Strange how friends may not always match friendship!

Nowadays many of you have 100s of Facebook friends. Perhaps Facebook has taken over our lives. For some, it's the life we would like to have, for others it's the real life. Each of us can make it whatever we want and that's Okay.

I like real live friends: ones I can hug, see their expressions as we talk, enjoy the sound of their voice and hear their laughter about me losing my coffee pot. Friendship is real life.

You know how some days are gray around the edges and absolutely nothing turns out right?

It is in those days that real true friends can make the sun shine on your gray day.

Talking with my husband about our friendships he reminded me that as years go along our friends change and we change. An amazing concept! As a young couple in the service our friends were mostly single guys. He really wasn't supposed to bring a wife or have a son, but he "did it his way," always bringing two or three friends to our two room, one bath home.

We had two more children once out of the service and a whole new set of friends - married, single, with more kids - a completely different set of friends. All wonderful. Some have moved on but we still have great friends. With some we have understanding, faithfulness, patience, helpful, loving friendships. I have to say it, "My husband is right."

Would we trade any past friendships? No. Will we have new friendships? We sure hope so. Most important, let's keep and nurture the real friendships we have right now.

Maybe, just maybe, we could be more understanding, listen more, talk less and tell them how important they are in our life, right this moment! Be a friend to have a real friendship.

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Our Savior Lutheran Church to host annual vintage bazaar

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford, will host its annual Our Seasons Vintage Bazaar on Saturday, Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall at 209 W Jones St. (from Rt. 1 turn West at the 4 way stop and follow the signs).

This unique bazaar will feature beautiful antique treasures as well as handmade gift items for babies through adults, home accessories, vintage jewelry, wreaths and holiday décor.

The morning will also include fresh baked rolls and breads, canned goods, candies, a variety of Mom's Kitchen goodies, wood carvings by Darrell 'Pod' Janssen and woodworking by Jerry Whaley of Whaley Woodcraft.

All items are reasonably priced, come see the unique and one-of-a-kind bargains! Something for everyone! See you there!



Photo contributed
Some of the items that will be available at Saturday's Our Seasons Vintage Bazaar at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford.

Computer Works becomes home-based, Sollars makes house calls

Talk about customer service!

Computer Works used to be a place where people could purchase a new desktop or take one in to be repaired.

Now, instead of customers taking their things to her, owner Teresa Sollars will come to them.

Effective September 1, Sollars closed her downtown storefront and is running Computer Works from her rural Rossville home.

Sollars said her former location, at 303B E. Main, is for sale, and is in disrepair and that the landlord turned off the heat. Last winter, the store was heated with electric heaters "which was very expensive and not adequate," she said. "I am unable to go through

another winter in that location."

The move helps Sollars control business costs by saving on store rent and office help. She still has merchandise on hand from the store and has retained all her distributors so customers who need new computer equipment can order from her.

Sollars doesn't think closing the storefront will hurt business. "I had some walk-in traffic but the majority of people called first," she said. "I have put all the contact information on the door so that I'm easily reached, and will still have access to the building until at least the first of the year, so can meet people there, if need be.

See COMPUTER on other side

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Three Barbara Standish DAR officers attend Illinois DAR Days conference in Springfield

Three members of Barbara Standish Chapter NSDAR attended the Illinois State DAR Days conference in Springfield this month.

Regent Ruth Neathery, Treasurer Nancy Thorn and Registrar Carol Hicks attended the day long event to gain new insight on how to improve the chapter and gain new members.

Illinois State NSDAR and its chapters have sent \$16,146.93 to Bacone Indian College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to furnish the college with a new steam table for the college kitchen, part of a three-phase project of the Illinois State Regent Gloria Flatham. It was also learned that there was no sprinkler system in the building. To help the college, the Illinois State

Iroquois County Republican Women honor first responders

Milford native, Colonel Michael Bruens, Inspector General for Indiana Army & Air National Guard honored Iroquois County Republic Women’s Club (ICRWC) by sharing recollections of 9/11 at the club’s recent seventh annual First Responders Celebration.

He reminded us that freedom is not free and everyone must try to do their best to show duty, honor and service in their own communities. Bruens commended all the hard work put in by Iroquois County first responders.

In appreciation for hosting the event, Milford Fire Chief, Frank Hines and Milford Fire Department was presented a flag with certificate that was flown in front of the White House.

Milford Fire Department coordinated all the fire trucks, lent a helping hand and provided refreshments

Computer continued from other side

Computer Works continues to office service and repair, and will do what’s best for customers. “Call 217-283-9552 and we will see what best fits for you,” she said. “Depending on the issue, I might be able to come to your home or office to repair, or if I need to keep it, we will decide on the best way for me to receive your machine.”

Tutoring sessions are also available on an hourly basis.

“As always, thanks to Hoopeston and the surrounding area for your support,” Sollars said. “I’m still in business thanks to you, and hope to be for many years to come.”

Organization added \$20,000 to Phase I to provide a sprinkler system for the college.

With Phase I completed, Phase II of the project is now progressing to purchase a refrigerated buffet table and install it at an estimated cost of \$36,146.93. Phase three, the last part of the project, will be to obtain a turbo air display commercial refrigerator for the college.

Learned the state conference will be held April 25-28 in Bloomington at the Bloomington Doubletree Hotel; the biennial proceeding reports are due May 13, 2019; and the Jr. Shop made \$254,973 for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund which is divided among different schools, charities and other DAR sponsored

after the event.

ICRWC Vice President, Kara Macz Bartucci, gave tribute to those members of Iroquois County First Responders who have fallen.

Brandon Legan and Mahlah the comfort dog also attended. Legan shared stories of how he and Mahlah have traveled around the country giving comfort to those facing tragic situations.

Bill Cheatum, Iroquois County coroner, was announced as the winner of the ICRWC quilt. Funds raised are used for the ICRWC Hats & Mittens Program and scholarship program.

Numerous door prizes were given to responders who attended. Prizes were donated by Macz Bartucci, and Mindy Kuntz Hagan.

Obituaries

STRAWSER - Marcella E. (Falconer) Strawser, 82 of Rossville, died at 11:07 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon celebration of her life Friday at Rossville Church of Christ. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Pleasant Meadows Nursing Home, Chrisman. Blurton Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 80. Tonight, storms likely. Low 54. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 68, low 47.

organizations and projects.

The American History Essay contest for students in the 5th-8th grades will focus on the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. The Christopher Columbus Essay contest will feature the three ships of Christopher Columbus for grades 9-12 and the disadvantage of the ships compared to present day ships.

From the Blotter

A wallet belonging to Ian Gaffney was found Sunday and turned in to police. The wallet was later claimed.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:03 p.m. Sunday at Fortees Apartments, 705 S. First Ave.

Police said Samantha J. King, 31, of Rossville, backed a 2002 Jeep from a parking space, failed to see a 2012 Chevrolet driven by Eduardo Cordova, 42, of Hoopeston, and struck it.

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