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DAR chapter names Brea Bushong as 2016 Good Citizen

The Barbara Standish Chapter NSDAR has announced the recipient of the Good Citizens Award for 2016 is Brea Lynn Bushong.

The DAR Good Citizens program encourages and rewards the qualities of good citizenship among high school seniors: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Bushong serves as vice president of student council where she has worked for blood drives, Senior Citizens Sweetheart Dinner, Teacher Appreciation Dinner, Homecoming and fundraisers. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, mentoring grade school students, and serving on the Link Crew mentoring incoming freshman and new students. She has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams.



BUSHONG

While Bushong has a busy schedule she finds time to help her community by helping with the 5K runs, helping set Christmas lights in the park, volunteering to serve veterans, and working in the grade school and high school libraries. In the summer she helps a day care provider taking students to the public pool and working for our local country club.

She would like to work with younger children as an occupational therapist in the future. Her plans include attending Danville Area Community College and joining the occupational therapist program at Parkland.

Bushong is the daughter of Shawn and Stephanie Tuggle and

Jason Bushong.

Ruth Neathery, Good Citizen Committee chairwoman
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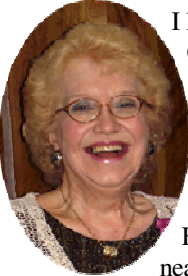
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What is Christmas?

By BERTHA PARSONS

I love everything about Christmas, Jesus' Birthday, family, friends, food, gifts, cards, letters, Elvis Christmas music, programs and parties.

Christmas seems to bring out the best in most of us. Just the thought of decorating the tree, baking cookies and coffee cakes plus getting a card or letter makes me giddy.

I love celebrating Christmas because for a few weeks I plan on only thinking "happy-go-lucky" thoughts. Sure, it may be cold and snow is coming, I still have the tree to get up and five different cookie recipes to make by Christmas, but I'm making it all fun.

Family, fun, food, memories keep running through my mind. Having all or some of your family near is a joy. Making each of my three grandson's favorite food and then throwing in some of what the grown-ups want is crazy. I'm hoping not to lose my mind, if I haven't already?

Memories are the most precious gift which keeps hope and love alive. As an only child my Mother wanted by Christmas to be the best. When I was nine and we had no money Mother and I cut a tree out of a cardboard box, colored ornaments on it and sang Christmas carols. Then she told me how much she loved me and was thankful for me and her family. It was one of my best Christmases.

After I married, our first Christmas together was in Lawton, Okla. with a tiny tree that looked like a branch with no leaves, one lonely strand of lights and a few cut out paper decorations, but it was a beautiful site to us far from home.

Now it's your turn to make Christmas one of the best. Don't wish it could be or plan on next year, do it now. Make someone happy, visit a shut in, ask a single person to lunch, share cookies with your neighbors, have a Birthday party for Jesus.

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Court Dispositions

November 5

Jamey Strawser Jr., Hoopeston, entered a plea to possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$280 or 34 hours public service; status hearing January 7, 2016.

Tonya Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear for metered service unless approved, found guilty by default;

From the Blotter

A 72-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 5:41 p.m. Tuesday that someone took tools from his garage in the 700 block of South Fifth St.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday at McDonald's. Police said Thomas Hardwick, of Hoopeston, in a 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer, was in the parking lot when he struck the menu board, damaging it.

Obituaries

BUHRMESTER - Marvin Buhrmester, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 1:55 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015, at Heritage health, Hoopeston. Arrangements are pending at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

McCALLA - Travis Alan McCalla, 33, of Hoopeston, died at 7:24 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, at home. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Auxiliary Police Dept. Explorers Post 51, 301 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Citizen continued from other side

said Bushong will receive her award later at the awards night of the school in the spring. Her essay will be forwarded to compete at the district level.

This program is sponsored by the Barbara Standish Chapter, the Illinois Organization and the National Daughters of the American Revolution.

Weather

Mostly sunny, breezy today. High 58. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 42. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 58, low 51.

sentencing December 3.

Daryl Fink, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, found guilty by default; sentencing December 3.

Juan Lugo, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs, fined \$180; status hearing January 7, 2016.

Jodi Tyszko, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to battery; trial December 3.



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Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for a Personal Aide at Hoopeston Area High School starting January 4, 2016. Application deadline is December 23, 2015.

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