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**It's All About You**

By BERTHA PARSONS

That's right, you! Who are you really? What makes you tick? What makes you important? How do you feel about you?

Let's not ask family or friends or neighbors. I'm sure they all could say a lot about you and me. So let's look closer at you. A Mom, a Dad, a sister, a grandparent, a teenager, whatever your title, you are "one of a kind." That's right, there is no one like you! How awesome is that?

A few years back my Mother always told me I was the best thing that happened to her and that I was like no one else. She always said, "Always be you, not like someone you think you should be or the someone others want you to be."

That's a lot for a teenager (like I said, a few years back) to remember and understand. But those words let me be me. You see, as life goes on and it will, as we grow up, and we will, we learn that who we are today is made up of all the yesterdays and people, both good and bad, in our life.

You may think I have a huge ego and you're right. I think it's a matter of perspective. I believe we matter because we try to be the best person we can be. We don't always reach the heights that we shoot for but trying gives us joy and satisfaction.

You are one of a kind in the deck of life. You can be a King, Queen or a Joker, it's all in your hands. Yes, I know sometimes we are dealt a lousy hand and thinking about you may seem silly, unnecessary and like "what for?"

For me, I like to anticipate the best about everyone. That's you. Seems like when I look positively at you I only see the best, the kindness, the understanding, the love, even if it's hidden deep inside. I know you matter to others and most assuredly to me.

It's all about you. So take 20 minutes out of your crazy day and make a list of all your talents, the things you do for others and then a list of what you might or should do for you. If we do not take care of us, our world could fall apart.

It's you that keeps me smiling. You see how important you really are?

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**Police investigating early Monday death of 26-year-old man**

The Monday morning death of a Hoopeston man is being investigated by Hoopeston police.

Brock Pennington, 26, was pronounced dead at 3:20 a.m. Monday at his home in the 800 block of East Wyman after police received a call from Mrs. Pennington that her husband was nonresponsive, said Chief Mark Drollinger.

Police respond to all deaths not covered under hospice and investigate each until a cause of death is determined and whether there are criminal circumstances, he said.

An autopsy to determine cause of death was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Toxicology tests are also being done, but those results could take several weeks, Drollinger said.

Arrangements for Mr. Pennington are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

**From the Blotter**

A 29-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 1:30 p.m. Monday that someone took cash from her apartment at Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell.

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**Joining forces for a cause**

Hoopeston Area and Salt Fork softball teamed up to raise money for cancer awareness, raising \$1,000 through t-shirt sales. Of that, \$500 will be donated to breast cancer research in memory of Misti Runge, mother of Cornjerker player Laney Runge, and \$500 to Chance Kistler, Salt Fork student and cousin of Savannah Lane, another Cornjerker softball player. Michl Kearney and the Runge and Kisler families would like to thank both communities and the teams for their efforts.

**Briefly**

**Water report available**

The annual Drinking Water Quality Report is currently available at the Village of Rossville office. This report is intended to provide important information about the drinking water system.

**Obituaries**

**CORSSEN** - Detmar J. "Dick" Corssen, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 3:15 a.m. Friday, May 13, 2016, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated and a service held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association of Illinois, 3000 Kelly Lane, Springfield IL 62711. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements.

**Weather**

Mostly sunny today. High 65. Tonight, clear. Low 44. Tomorrow, sunny. High 68, low 49.

**Clean out those closets**

Hoopeston town-wide rummage sales will be held May 27-28. The fee to participate is \$5, with money to be donated to New Beginnings Church.

Anyone interested in being listed on the official map for the sale is asked to contact Breanna Staats at [breanna61509@gmail.com](mailto:breanna61509@gmail.com) or 917-636-9416 or 217-495-0083. Deadline is May 20.

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waiver for background check. PTI training required. Benefits available. EOE

**RUMMAGE SALES**

**WELLINGTON:** Maxwell Street Day, Saturday. The Methodist Church will serve biscuits & gravy breakfast at 7 a.m. Also lunch: soup, sandwiches, pie, with bake/rummage sale. Sales all over town!

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