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**County to celebrate, appreciate law enforcement officers**

As a show of appreciation and support for Vermilion County law enforcement officers, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at Turtle Run Banquet Center in Danville.  
 Announcement of the event was made in a joint statement from Danville Mayor Scott Eisenhauer and Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Vermilion County



Photo contributed

**Keeping the wheels going**  
 Brandi Totheroh, right, branch manager of First Farmers Bank & Trust, Hoopston, presents a \$5,000 check to Yolanda Pemberton, executive director of Hoopston Multi Agency for the group's senior transportation program. The program offers rides to seniors and disabled people for trips to stores, doctor appointments and other needs.

Sheriff Pat Hartshorn, county board Chairman Michael Marron, Chief Public Defender Jacqueline Lacy, State's Attorney Randy Brinegar and Ed Butler, president NAACP.  
 Officers from every jurisdiction in the county are invited to attend the event, which is expected to be come an annual sign of appreciation. In time, the event will be held in the northern, central and southern parts of the county to make sure everyone is included.  
 According to the statement, the goal of the special day is to show support and respect for the job peace officers  
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## 240 years of freedom

By BERTHA PARSONS

Have you thought about your freedom lately? What if we didn't have our freedom may be a better question?

Let's start with the freedoms that I am not fond of:

1. The freedom to call others bad names.
2. Freedom to get mad with persons who disagree with us.
3. Freedom to steal from others just because we can.
4. Freedom to complain about everything or nothing that really matters.
5. Freedom to be a smart aleck and show-off.

Since most of us have not lived long enough to know what life was like without our freedom we are quick to take our independence for granted.

What does independence mean? It is freedom from the influence and control of another. What does freedom mean to you, personally? Think about it.

Freedom to talk to whomever, wherever we want. Freedom to eat and drink from food stands, restaurants, bars or your next door neighbors. Freedom to shop locally or take your \$\$ out of town. Freedom to attend the church of your choice, to fall asleep then fabricate that we heard the sermon. Free to attend sporting events and yell at the referee or our children. We have the freedom to buy or rent a home in any town on any street.

Yes, I am hopeful you are thinking about your freedoms by now. Imagine your life without freedom!

Let's think quietly now about NO freedom. Only being able to shop in Hoopeston, Rossville or Milford and never allowed in another town. What if there was only one church and you had to attend it. Maybe you wanted guests to come to your house for a birthday party but you were allowed to have only family members? You decided to go out to dinner but there are only two restaurants and you could not go out of town to eat?

I know some of you are thinking, "Bertha has lost it!" Maybe. Freedom! Think about it, take your time. Don't rush it; ponder the importance of Independence Day and your freedoms. Each of us, no matter our age, will have different feelings, but we should all feel proud and thankful that we live in the USA, with freedom for all!

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### Fiction

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Overwatch by Matthew Betley

Nightstruck by Jenna Black (young adult)

The Cold Between by Elizabeth Bonesteel (science fiction)

### Appreciate continued from other side

do. From the little things they do for people that never see a headline to the major arrests they make, the role these officers play in the life of the community is often taken for granted. Appreciation Day will ensure that what these good folks do is not overlooked or forgotten.

Be assured that whoever you are, wherever you are, the County appreciates your service and efforts.

### Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 64. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 80, low 60.

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