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## Watch your thoughts. Control your actions

By BERTHA PARSONS

You know how your mouth gets going before your mind is engaged? We all have something to say, of course we like to believe what we have to say is important. It doesn't matter that our mind is still trying to figure out our thoughts. What we think about every day becomes what we say and do; our thoughts are so powerful.

So when I say we should think positively as much as we can you can see the importance of what we are thinking. I'm a great believer in positive thoughts create positive actions. Many have struggles every day. In life I've learned that in every struggle or upset, something positive always comes out of it all. Do I see it right away? No, but in due time it becomes very real.

If your thoughts are negative, angry and worrisome, then your words, when they come out, will be negative. As we begin to be mindful of our thoughts we will begin to lead a more positive and peaceful life. Won't that be grand? Once I began to seriously think about the things that I'm thinking, I began to see a much-needed change in me.

Let me tell you, once you start being positive about almost everything, negativity will no longer fit your lifestyle. Amazingly you will start looking for positives in everything, good or bad in your life. Stop letting doubt and fear enter your mind. Refuse to let all the worry of the world be a part of your thoughts.

Watch your thoughts control your actions. May sound easy but believe me it's not. What's easy is to try and stay on the positive train so your actions speak louder than your thoughts.

Am I always able to do this? As much as I can, I try to think about what I am thinking about! If we get caught up in not so good thoughts, then we need to jump the tracks and get back on the positive train.

Life is what we make it and if watching our thoughts and controlling our actions will make my life better, I'm all for it.



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## HEA scholarship will let young students toot their own horns

A new scholarship started by Hoopeston Education Association will let young students toot their own horns...or bang their own drums.

The HEA developed a music scholarship for fifth and sixth grade students who may need assistance renting instruments or purchasing music books, stands or reeds, said HEA President Glenn Brewer at the October 14 Hoopeston Area School Board meeting.

The scholarship will cover \$120 of the expenses, he said.

The education association also has a \$600 scholarship for a senior planning a career in education, he said.

In other business, the board agreed to lease two propane-powered buses for five years at \$30,000 per year.

Three diesel-powered buses, each with less than 25,000

See HEA on other side



Photo contributed

### Using their brains

Area residents learn about their brains at a recent series on Brain Health, sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension. The final installment of the series will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Materials from previous sessions will be made available to participants.



**HOPESTON JAYCEES**  
Downtown Hoopeston  
**SPOOKTACULAR**  
Thursday, October 26 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Costume Contest at 7 p.m.  
at Main & Market

**First Christian Church**  
*Soup Supper*  
**Friday, Oct. 27 4-7 p.m.**  
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## Sports Roundup

### Sunday Night Mixed League

	October 15
Get Pumped Up	35-21
Final 4	32-24
Big Dogs	31-25
Tucking 10 Pins	31-25
4 Square Balls	29-27
Bowl Movements	28-28
Gutter Busters	27-29
Miss Kitties Kids	26-30
Last Minute	22-34
Pins & Gutters	19-37

**High Team Game:** Tucking Ten Pins 823, Big Dogs 792; **High Team Series:** Tucking Ten Pins 2214, 4 Square Balls 2176

**High Men's Game:** Kevin Tyler 275, Geoffery Berlin 254, BJ Morgeson 248; **High Men's Series:** Kevin Tyler 705, BJ Morgeson 70

**High Ladies' Game:** Patty Lowe 202, Samantha Strawser 195, Judy Rush 181; **High Ladies' Series:** Patty Lowe 561

**Men's 200+ Games:** Kevin Tyler 275, 224, 206; Doug Wagoner 217; Kyle Richards 204, 214, 213; Ethan Linder 209, 225; Jeremy Lane 232, 202; Ron Linder 235, 217; Toby McElhaney 206; Nick Gonzales 206; BJ Morgeson 219, 235, 248; Geoffery Berlin 254, 203; Todd Rush 220, 217; Brandon Mann 221

**Men's 600 Series:** Kevin Tyler 705, Kyle Richards 631, Ethan Linder 615, Jeremy Lane 605, Ron Linder 622, BJ Morgeson 702, Todd Rush 620, Geoffery Berlin 653

**Ladies' 175+ Games:** Patty Lowe 180, 202, 179;

### *HEA continued from other side*

miles, will be traded in for the new models, said Mark Eighner, district transportation director.

The buses will be leased through Central States Bus Sales, headquartered in Fenton, Mo.

In other business, the board:

- Approved revising the 2017-18 high school student handbook, allowing more flexibility for those who have issues dressing in PE, said Supt. Suzzette Hesser.
- Approved the 2017-18 D.A.R.E. program at a cost not to exceed \$3,328; changes to the school calendar; and the 2017 administration, teacher salary and benefits report.
- Learned a county tax sale is being explored by superintendents.

Jennifer Crawley 176; Samantha Strawser 195; Judy Rush 181

### Will Bruens Thursday Night Men's League

	October 19
C&D	46-17
Ferdinand Construction	42-21
Cooters Crew	41-22
Family Affair	35-28
We Don't Care	30-33
Phil's Snow Removal	18-31
North Eastern Officials	20-43
Ford Boys	19-44

**High Individual Game:** Darrin Eighner 257, Bob Hamilton 256, Chad Bruens 244; **High Individual Series:** Chad Bruens 682, Doug Wagoner 655, Bob Hamilton 646

**High Team Game:** Ferdinand 878, Family Affair 853, ; **Scratch Series:** Ferdinand Construction 2518, Family Affair 2407

**Games over 200:** Ethan Linder 222; Chad Thomas 220; Dave Gaddis 221, 222; Bob Hamilton 256, 205; Kevin Tyler 224; Anthony Cappellano 212, 203; Geoffery Berlin 209, 222; Keith Cappellano 213; Ronnie Cappellano 214; Dusty Fields 224, 236; Darrin Eighner 257; Doug Wagoner 216, 226, 213; Chad Bruens 201, 244, 237

### From the Blotter

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 11:17 a.m. Sunday at Washington and Third St. Police said Roger G. Hollen, 73, of Hoopeston, was southbound when he struck an Ameren utility pole.

A **20-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 4:04 p.m. Sunday that undisclosed items were stolen from the 700 block of East Wyman.

**Jamie N. Vinson**, 40, of Boswell, Ind., was arrested after a traffic stop at 11:48 p.m. Sunday at Rt. 1 and West Thompson. Found to be wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, she was also ticketed for disobeying a stop sign and defective or no brakes and was transferred to Iroquois County officials.

### Weather

Showers today. High 47. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 35. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 50, low 38.

**Series over 600:** Ethan Linder 600, Dave Gaddis 617, Geoffery Berlin 613, Bob Hamilton 646, Dusty Fields 607, Doug Wagoner 655, Chad Bruens 682.

### Youth League bowlers doing well

Congratulations to Devon Thomas in the Youth League, who bowled a 714 series with games of 215, 242 and 257.

Kayla Goble bowled 211, Chet Stock 200, Payton Berlin 211 and Mercy Linder 201, with a 587 series.

The team bowls at Fast Lanes and is coached by Doug Wagoner.

### Volleyball

The Lady Cornjerkers ended their regular season with a 9-25, 10-25 loss to Milford Thursday night.

Payton Small led serving, going five of 6 for the evening. Ali Watson had 3 blocks. Leading digs was Marisa Rush with 15, followed by Payton Rutherford with 8.

The Blue Slam were scheduled to take on Paxton-Buckley Loda in regional play Monday at Watseka.

### Briefly

#### Maple Madness winners

Recent winners in the Maple Madness drawing are: Oct. 20, Sue Wagoner, Hoopeston, \$25; Oct. 25, Brandon Tyler, Hoopeston, \$25, donated back; Oct. 22, Waylon Page, Rankin, \$25.

## Classifieds

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