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By
BERTHA PARSONS

Whatta Day

Can you believe we just celebrated 75 years of Sweetcorn Festivals? Any celebration is exciting, at least I think so.

Whatta Day to share with friends coffee, soda, cake or pie and lots of good conversation. Being able to get up, get dressed, eat what and when I want to eat can certainly make Whatta Day.

Last week I spent several days weeding, moving plants and furniture around. Now being over 55, my body did not like the way I abused it and the weeds were not happy either. As I dragged myself into the house, the phone rang. It was a friend calling about my day. I could hardly hold the phone and could only say Whatta Day!

The day my first grandson turned 18, I e-mailed him love and wishes. He answered back with thanks and love. Whatta Day! The day a dear friend called to tell me she was cancer-free, we celebrated with root beer floats at her house. Whatta Day! Having a birthday with a big # but grateful to be alive can make a day even better. Getting a phone call from someone you haven't talked to in 50 years can make Whatta Day joyful and exciting.

Maybe it's spending time with a friend doing nothing. Maybe talking, sharing a meal, solving a problem, working through a struggle or success. It's being with someone who cares about you. I hope each of you have a friend like that.

The days of our lives make up our life. Each is filled with big and small events, and we must learn to embrace each of them. Don't tell me it's too hard. When reaching for the stars and you fall, get up and try again. Whatta Day is just around the corner.

I know some of you are waiting for Whatta Day. Stop it! Or you could miss one of the best days of your life. How can that be, you ask. For me I believe every day can be Whatta Day! Yes, you can make it that way. We can choose to find something in the day to be happy about such as washing clothes and being thankful we have some. Eating lunch with a friend, grateful for food and friends. Cleaning the house that we call home and being happy with what we have.

Whatta Day for being the best you can be, with gratitude, joy, happiness and faith!

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Briefly

Maple Madness

The 2018 Maple Madness fundraiser is underway! The school's only fundraiser, each \$10 ticket will be entered into daily drawings during October for cash prizes ranging from \$25-\$500. Winning tickets will be reentered for future drawings. Students will sell tickets until September 19. Anyone interested in participating but who does not know a Maple student may call the school, (217) 283-6665.

At the Library

Coming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Coffee and Coloring, 1-2 p.m. Monday. Supplies provided or bring your own. Coffee or a hot beverage available. For adults only.

Mary Hartwell Catherwood Book Club, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday. Selection is "Pretending to Dance" by Diane Chamberlain.

Meet the Author, 5:30 pm. Tuesday. Sara Layden will read selections from books she has written, "Trip Through Your Wires" and "The Story I Tell About Myself." Books will be available for sale and signing.

Tire collection rescheduled

The tire collection Saturday was canceled due to the rain. It has been rescheduled for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 in the McFerren Park Annex. The cost to dispose of semi tires will be increased to \$6 per tire. Car tires will remain \$2 each. Farm tires will not be accepted.

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From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:07 a.m. Thursday in the 500 block of East Young. Police said Carl Houser, 53, of Hoopeston, was eastbound in a 2004 Chrysler van when he struck a parked 2004 Chrysler van owned by Richard Coffey, also of Hoopeston.

Phil Bailey Jr., 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:07 p.m. Thursday to John Greer School, 609 W. Main, for a possible domestic situation.

On a complaint from a 34-year-old Hoopeston woman and an investigation, Bailey was charged with unlawful acts constituting disorderly conduct for inappropriate language. **See POLICE on other side**

The PIT STOP at EAST LANES

Monday: Meatloaf or Taco Salad (chicken or beef)
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LOST DOG

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Last seen Saturday, Sept. 1 by the Little Lorraine. If found, please call (217) 495-2099 OFFERING REWARD!

CRIS Healthy-Aging Center is looking for part-time **Meal Site Manager for Hoopeston.**

Ideal candidate will have restaurant experience. Will require obtaining an Illinois Food Service Sanitation license within 90 days. Manager will provide direction to volunteers in packing food for the "Meals on Wheels" deliveries and serving catered lunches to seniors. Hours are 10:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m., on Tuesday & Friday averaging 6 – 7 hours per week. Background check required. EOE

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Court Dispositions

July 5

Vince LaBaume, Hoopeston, case turned over to Illinois comptroller for further enforcement.

Carrie Robinson, Hoopeston, case turned over to Illinois comptroller for further enforcement.

Mary Vaughn, Hoopeston, case turned over to Illinois comptroller for further enforcement.

Carrisa Cahill, Hoopeston, two cases turned over to Illinois comptroller for further enforcement.

August 2

Tonya Edwards, Hoopeston, failed to appear for theft, found guilty by default, fined \$280; status hearing September 6.

Stephanie Delahr, Hoopeston, failed to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status check September 6.

Brittiney Walwer, Watseka, failed to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing September 6.

Skyler Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear for disorderly conduct, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status check September 6.

Amy Stephen, Hoopeston, failed to appear for general nuisance, found guilty by default, fined \$200; status check September 6.

Sharma Hopkins, Hoopeston, failed to appear for

Obituaries

ALLEN - Richard B. Allen, 85, of Milford, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 at home. Visitation was 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Park & Pool Foundation or Milford Ambulance.

Police continued from other side

guage and erratic driving while children were present. He was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A 76-year-old resident of the 900 block of Sprague reported at 11:28 a.m. Friday that unauthorized charges were on his credit card. Police are investigating.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken patty, salad bar, corn, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk

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WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax or pork BBQ/bun, chips & salsa salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corndogs or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Hotdog/bun, fries, cucumber slices, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY: Pizza rolls, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Taco, chips & salsa, baby carrots, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, baked beans cucumber slices, mixed fruit, milk

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 73. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 54. Tomorrow, sunny. High 77, low 56.

disobeying police, found guilty by default, fined \$180; status hearing September 6.

Brian Kinnaird, pleaded not guilty to restrictions for burning trash; trial September 6.

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