

# Bertha's C o r n e r



By  
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## Accountability

A brand-new year, one I am looking forward to enjoying. A year to learn I am accountable for what I say and do! Ouch! That hurt me. Whatever does that mean? Many may not be sure what accountability is. Sounds simple; be prepared to answer for what you say or do.

Many moons ago, when I was a teen, my Mother taught me that everything I do or say to another or about another best be something I want said or done about me. From then on I've remembered I'm not only accountable, but responsible, too.

Have I jumped the tracks and said things I should not have? Yes. Have I been hurt by what someone said to me? Yes. Have I learned the hard way that it is always best to be accountable? Yes!

As you may already know about me, I love a brand-new year. It's starting from here and moving into an exciting, "I don't know what's going to happen," kinda year. By the 19<sup>th</sup> I like to have my goal list done and posted in several rooms. That really helps me.

Maybe you have tried goal-setting and it didn't work well. I know how that is, yet I didn't give up. Another case of responsibility for my actions. I laugh at myself often when asked,

"How are your goals doing?" Well, I have been known to scratch off one and add a new one, yet I keep going.

A brand-new year, every day is new. It will not be back again. We - you and I - had better do a great job of today.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent or teen-ager you are old enough to be accountable. It may be your job to teach others, someone you live with or just a friend, about taking responsibility for themselves. Today when talking with a friend in Washington state she was telling me about the not so good behavior of her grandchildren. She said, "I didn't tell their parents because I didn't want to upset them."

Well then, later in life they will learn the hard way, at a job, in a relationship, in school, maybe in jail. My family knows if I have something to say constructively, I will say it. They don't always like it and may not do anything differently. But at our house, it's our rules!

My sincere wish for all of you is that you do your best every day in this new year. No do-overs on life, so make this one good! Happy New Year!

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## County NRCS, SWCS open despite government shutdown

Despite the federal government shutdown, local agencies are open to help farmers meet the January 15 signup for the Market Facilitation Program.

The shutdown began at midnight December 22. Many farm agencies shut down immediately on emergency furlough. As of December 28, all Farm Service Agency locations went on furlough due to the lack of funding for the agency. This affects many farmers, especially since FSA started making the first round of MFP payments.

Although FSA is closed, the National Resource Conservation Service office still has funding and is open. The Danville NRCS field office and Vermilion County Soil & Water Conservation Service are open at 1905 U.S. Route 150, Danville.

MFP forms are at the office, which is able to accept completed forms from farmers who would like to turn them in. The office is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

According to AgDaily, NRCS staff will "accept the application, date stamp and hold until the FSA staff returns to the office."

MFP payments have been put on hold during the shutdown.

Producers who have not started the application process will be directed by NRCS to farmers.gov, where

they can fill out an application with the necessary login information. Applicants without level 2 eAuthorization will have to wait until government funding is restored and FSA offices open.

Ag Secretary Sonny Perdue will determine if the MFP deadline should be extended after appropriations are restored. Producers have until May 1 to certify their production based on their application.

Since NRCS is still open, all contract work should continue, as well. In addition, all partners (state, district, shared employees, etc.) in the NRCS office will be open for business as usual, as well.

## From the Blotter

**Amelia Young**, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 7:30 p.m. Friday to Dollar General, 415 S. Dixie Hwy., for a theft that had just occurred. She was charged with theft under \$300 and released with a court date.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 7:54 p.m. Friday in the 400 block of South Third St. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2002 Toyota utility vehicle owned by Leah Mendez, of Hoopeston, damaging the driver's side. No injuries were reported.

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**Sunday:** Lunch special Grilled Chicken Breast, choice of potato, corn

**Saturday evening 8-9-10 Pin Tournament**

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**COSMIC BOWLING 6-10 P.M. Friday**

## Briefly

### At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Mary Hartwell Catherwood** book club, 1:30-2 p.m. p.m. Monday. Selection is The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Writers Group**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday. A self-directed group of aspiring writers meets to discuss publishing, share ideas and offer constructive critiques.

**Homeschool Group**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday. For all area homeschool families. Bring the kids! Activities for all. Refreshments.

**Music in Motion**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday. For kids of all ages.

**Tiny Tots**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. Story, activity and socialization for toddlers and preschoolers and their parent or caregiver.

### Birthday Club registration

Hoopeston Jaycees are proud to continue the giving tradition by hosting the 2019 Birthday Club, which.

serves Hoopeston Area families with children aged, 0-10 by providing parents and guardians the opportunity to select new toys for a child's birthday.

Past participants must register again for the 2019 cycle. More info and registration is available online at [www.hoopestonjaycees.org](http://www.hoopestonjaycees.org).

## Court Dispositions

### November 1

**Deono Zamarripa**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, fined \$330, status hearing December 6.

**Sandra Woods**, Hoopeston, status check December 6.

**Mona Perez**, Hoopeston, status check December 6.

## Obituaries

**GRISWOLD** - Gary Allen Griswold, 73, of Clay-tonville, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Saturday at Cissna Park United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to family wishes.

**HATCHETT** - Jesse David Hatchett, 29, of Ros-ville, died January 2, 2019. A celebration of his life will be held from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Morning Star

Church, Rossville. Blurton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**PAGE** - Zelda B. (Ross) Page, 84, of Hoopeston, died at 5:48 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Sun-set Memorial Park, Danville. Memorials are suggest-ed to First Christian Church Disciples of Christ 502 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942.

## Lunch Menus

### Hoopeston Area grade schools

**MONDAY:** Chicken nuggets, broccoli/cheese, ap-plesauce, Wango Mango juice, milk

**TUESDAY:** Taco Max Snax, chips & salsa, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Country fried steak mashed potatoes, bread & butter, celery sticks, pears, milk

**THURSDAY:** Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash brown, baby carrots, mandarin orange, milk

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

### Hoopeston Area Middle School

**MONDAY:** Chicken strips broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk,

**TUESDAY:** Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Fettuccine Alfredo, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk

**THURSDAY:** Mini corndog, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk

**FRIDAY:** Pizza, salad bar, mixed fruit milk

### Hoopeston Area High School

**MONDAY:** Chicken strips or ham & cheese, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

**TUESDAY:** Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

**WEDNESDAY:** Fettuccine Alfredo or BBQ rib, Max Stick, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

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

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

## Weather

Breezy, showers today. High 56. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 37. Tomorrow, sunny. High 46, low 22.

## Police continued from other side

**Jessica Stipp**, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:49 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East McNeil. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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