

# Bertha's C o r n e r



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## What's in a Name?

Mom, Grandma, Aunt, Godmother, neighbor, friend, all names for mothers. Many ladies may not have a child but have been like a mother to someone.

Some of us had grandmothers who practically raised us. My grandmother baked every day and I always helped since we lived with her. Aunt Catherine also loved me like a mother. Seems a lot of us are blessed with several Mothers.

What comes to mind when you think of your mother? A teacher, she was trying her best to show me how to behave, how to be kind and understanding of others. I am still working on that! Many mothers of yesteryear lived through the Great Depression. Hard times, no money, hard work, not much fun. They learned how-to make-do with what they had. Lots of today's mothers are not sure what it means to "make-do." Talk to your grandmothers about that.

Flowers remind me of Mother's white roses that say mothers have a pure heart. Red roses say, "Be careful, this Mama can be tough and put you right in your place. You know when she told you, don't do that again, she meant it." The beautiful gladiolas say, "I love you, my child, I always will."

Today's mothers have some of the same situations that my mother had, but more tools and people to help them. They have Facebook, Twitter and on-line sites on how to raise a child, change a diaper, and even which brand to buy. They have strollers of every shape and size. Shops just for baby clothes and throw away diapers! Can you believe it? Even designer diaper bags and a decorator for the baby's room. Even smart phones to tell you when to feed or change the baby. Mine usually let me know with a lot of fussing!

Mothers, young, old, or brand new, really do the best they can. There is really no instruction book on how to be a mother. I learned from trial and error, friends who were mothers, or those who read a book and now know it all!

Someday mothers will look at the child they raised and wonder, "Did I do it right?" For some mothers, it may take years, for some you can see right now what an awesome job you did!

Mothers would like you to think they are perfect and have all the answers. Here's the secret no one will tell you: Mothers hope and pray they did a good job and that there are those who are proud to call them "Mother"!



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## Tax bills mailed, treasurer grants pandemic-related extension

Vermilion County Treasurer Darren Duncan announced last week that property tax bills were to be mailed May 1, on schedule per state statute, but with an extension before penalty is applied.

"While we had hoped that there would be some relief granted by the state, none has been forthcoming," Duncan said. "Therefore, real estate tax bills have been printed and are being mailed."

Due dates are June 12 and September 4. Normally a penalty (finance charge) is applied when installment is due. This year, because of COVID-19, Duncan's office will not enforce the penalty on the first installment, giving taxpayers nearly three months longer to pay their property tax without extra cost or negative effect.

Duncan said he researched options available to provide property tax relief and the only option to offer assistance was to delay the penalty portion if taxes were paid late. "I wish that we did not have to mail this year's bills," he said. "We all know that many people are experiencing financial stresses. But, absent of a change in state law in funding our local taxing bodies, this is what is required of me by law. I hope that my decision to delay the penalty will be of some help to struggling taxpayers. I wish was more we could do."

The penalty waiver does not apply to banks and mortgage companies that have already collected property tax-

es and hold them in escrow. That tax money has already been paid by property owners and needs to be paid on time. "The many taxing bodies like our schools, fire districts, community college, townships, etc., still need to operate and provide their services to citizens," Duncan said. "That comes at a continued cost, often in terms of personnel. Escrowed tax money will be essential to keeping those local entities open and functioning."


Convenient ways to pay the tax bill include online at the Treasurer tab at [www.vercount.org](http://www.vercount.org); mailing payment to P.O. Box 730, Danville IL 61834; or by phone, 1 (877) 221-8591. Taxpayers may pay by credit card, debit card or e-check online, over the phone and in the treasurer's office.

Most Vermilion County banks accept real estate tax payments, including

First Midwest Bank	First Financial Bank
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First Farmers Bank	Rantoul (Rossville) Bank
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Orders will be ready for pick up on the daytime

### Extension continued from other side

tance, taxpayers are encouraged to avoid coming in person to the treasurer's office. There is a tax payment drop box on the sidewalk along North Vermilion St., in front of the Vermilion County Administrative Building, which is new this year. This option is to help avoid lines that normally would be encountered in the treasurer's office.

Taxpayers with questions may phone (217) 554-6080 or email [treasurer@vercounty.org](mailto:treasurer@vercounty.org).

Changes to any schedule or important information will be posted on the county treasurer's page.

Taxpayers are reminded to check tax bills to verify

selected. All sales are credit card only.

Pickup will be Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon; Monday 4-6 p.m. and Wednesday 4-6 p.m.

### Township offices closed

Grant Township offices are closed except by appointment. To make an appointment, call (217) 283-5221.

The scheduled Grant-Butler Multi Township Assessor's meeting has been canceled.

proper exemptions have been applied. Owner occupied and senior citizen exemptions are the most common ones received by taxpayers.

Questions regarding assessments or exemptions may be directed to the Supervisor of Assessments office at (217) 554-1940.

## Vermilion County sees three new COVID-19 cases

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole announced Monday that three new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Two people in their 30s and one in his 50s bring the county total to 22 confirmed cases.

Vermilion County's first coronavirus death was reported last week.

More than 700 residents have tested negative for the virus.

## Weather

Showers likely today, tonight. High 51, low 40. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 59, low 41.

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