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By
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Who Are You?

Sure, you are Bertha, Susan, John, Matt, Martha, Clifford, or even Jim. We all have a name, but is that who we are? Could be, yet when one thinks of Bertha, "Big Bertha" comes to mind. John, I think of John Kennedy and Marie named after her mother.

Many of us have someone else's name, a relative, good friend, or someone close to your family. When someone asks who I am, I usually say, "Marty's wife," which is true, but is that who I am? Being an only child, not knowing my father's family, the only family I had was my Mother, her two sisters and four brothers. It never bothered me that I knew very little about where I came from or my ancestors down the line.

What is it that tells us who we are? Is it the state we were born in or the town that we grew up in? I'm sure both played a part in who I am. Maybe you don't know where you were born, in Timbuctoo? Does it really matter? In every state we learn different, we live different, we eat different. Does that make us who we are?

Most of us settle for being introduced as "Marty's wife," "The guy I married 35 years ago," "She lives next door," or "We met last week at the doctor's office." I guess that does tell a

little about who we are.

Why is it important to have a feeling of who we are? It makes us feel like a real guy or gal. We are somebody, not a nobody. When you say my name, my real name is not who I belong to or work with.

Life really does go by fast. Today you are 25, next 55 and you turn around to see your 75th birthday! How can that be? I'm way too young! They must be talking about someone else, not me! They don't know who I am!

Each of us wants to be recognized for who we are: a real person with character, strength and a real heart. A person working, playing and living the life we choose. Every day the things we do, the people around us, the way we act, all makes us who we are.

I know you may be saying, "This was not my choice." Well, where you are today and who you are today is the result of all the choices you have made. Like it or not!

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DACC, 14 other community colleges split \$103.5 million

Danville Area Community College is one of 15 community colleges receiving part of more than \$103.5 million to expand existing facilities and construct new buildings, among other projects.

The investments are made possible by Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

DACC will receive \$2.3 million to remodel 32,500 square feet of space at the Clock Tower Center, a building from the early 1900s, and for rehabilitation of the Ornamental Horticulture Building, including additions to the greenhouse.

In addition to the \$103.5 million in state funding, the 15 community colleges will receive an additional

\$34.5 million in local investments, bringing the total commitment to the projects to \$138 million.

"Community colleges are vital hubs that provide advanced and continuing education, career and technical training, distance learning and workforce development," Pritzker said. "The return on this investment of over \$100 million will be far greater, as these institutions provide close-to-home educational opportunities and the promise of a better future for Illinoisans throughout the state."

Others receiving funding under the program are: Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, \$422,700; College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, \$3.3 million; Harper College, Palatine, \$42 million; John A. Logan College, Carterville, \$3.8 million; Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, \$3.8 million; McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, \$15.8 million; Morton College, Cicero, \$4.9 million; Olney Central College, \$2.3 million; Rend Lake College, Ina, \$5.3 million; Shawnee Community College, Ullin, \$2 million; Southeastern Illinois College, Carmi, \$1.7 million; Spoon River College, Macomb, \$6.1 million; and Triton College, River Grove, \$1.7 million.

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Trey Anderson, 24, of Rossville, was arrested after police said they found the vehicle he was driving parked in the middle of East Orange near the railroad tracks, at 3:57 a.m. Sunday.

He was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and was released on notices to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

Linsey M. Warner, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 11:26 a.m. Sunday for a

Briefly

WMD winners

July winners in the Hoopeston Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$50, Gail Lithgow; \$30, Megan Anderson; and \$20, Allen Kinney.

Graduate reminder

2020 Hoopeston Area graduates: For those who haven't already done so, please pick up your graduation cap, tassel, and cords at the high school office during normal school office hours.

Online registration

Hoopeston Area schools are holding online registration through Wednesday. Information was mailed to parents the week of August 3. Parents who did not receive that information should call their child's school.

Bulk garbage day

Hoopeston bulk garbage day will be 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. This is for items too big to fit in the blue totes and is for Hoopeston residents only. Identification will be checked.

Hydrant flushing

- Rossville is flushing hydrants on Thursdays, weather permitting.
- Hoopeston is flushing hydrants on Fridays, weather permitting.

Flushing may cause rust in the system. Residents are reminded to use caution on days when flushing occurs.

Weather

Slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 83. Tonight, cloudy. Low 64. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 83, low 65.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

From the Blotter

disturbance at New Beginnings Church in the 200 block of East Main

Warner was located and taken to the police station, where she was charged with battery and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Holly Irvin, 39, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for restraint of dog by owner after police were called at 3:15 p.m. Sunday for a dog running loose at South

Fifth Ave. and West Elm. She was issued a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 7:04 p.m. Sunday to Centennial Manor, 426 E. Honeywell, for a smell of smoke and a stuck elevator.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Part time dishwasher and server positions. Must be available nights and weekends. Pick up application in person at Rossville Family Restaurant.

Full-Time RN, send resume to Director@AutumnFieldsHoopeston.com.

Part-time Maintenance, 12 hours per week. Inquire by calling Autumn Fields Adult Community - Hoopeston at 217-283-2222.

Preschool Assistant Teacher. Position is M-F mornings only during school year. Experience with early childhood development is helpful. Send resumes to First Presbyterian Church at P.O. Box 297 Hoopeston by August 14.

Part-time day custodian at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency, 206 S. First Ave. 8-10 hours a week, flexible schedule, \$10/hr. Applications available in the front lobby at the agency – no phone calls please!

Kitchen and delivery persons needed. Apply in person at Pizza King 111 E Main St., Hoopeston.

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