

**Bertha's**



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## For This One Day I Can Be Optimistic

Striking a happy medium between pessimism and the Pollyanna I can expect good things to happen to me and through me. Keep your mind on splendid and wonderful things you would like to do. Look for the opportunities to fulfill your desires. Make it a priority. Look in all directions for the doors of possibilities in the smallest of ways.

I used to think that I would see a sign in big blinking lights that read "opportunities, right this way!" Guess what. I never saw the sign, but I've stopped looking. Why?

Well, to many of my problems, I've found solutions. Being optimistic, I've overcome difficulties. I look for the best in others and in myself. Easy? No, however I feel much happier when I'm optimistic!

Does our life turn out better or are we just fooling ourselves? Nothing is foolproof these days. We can plan carefully, think that we make all the right moves and yet, we can get thrown a curveball! What happened? I planned so well that nothing can go wrong. Still, things do go wrong.

Sometimes it's circumstances, other people or myself that causes wrong to happen. I'd like to say "It is never my fault, has to be someone else." I can hear your laughter right now!

I am a positive person most of the time. I look for the best in every person. I have trouble with negative attitudes and we all have that at times. Yes, you can call me a Pollyanna if you like. I don't mind!

Opportunity is everywhere the optimist looks. The doors of achievement are wide open with possibilities. I love possibilities, they give me a chance with new ideas. They call my attention to do things I've been dreaming about. Possibilities say "you can picture it, you can achieve it!"

When asked, "Bertha, why do you like to write?" I love writing and giving the opportunity for everyone to find joy and happiness in their lives right now!

Promise yourself you will be too big for worry, too strong for fear and too happy to allow the presence of trouble!

Promise yourself to look at the sunny side of everything in your life. Start today!

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Leonard Hoops, a descendant of Hoopeston founder Thomas Hoopes, and his daughter, Avalon, take the stage at the McFerren Park Civic Center during sesquicentennial events Sunday. Also pictured are, from left, Ald. Robin Lawson, state Rep. Tom Bennett, Valarie Hinkle, Ellen Scharlach, Jeanette André, Debbie Benjamin and Kristy Kelnhofer.

## State recognizes sesquicentennial, Hoopes descendant visits

Hoopeston's sesquicentennial is drawing more than residents to celebratory events.

During the kickoff of Sesquicentennial Week Sunday, Illinois Rep. Tom Bennett read a proclamation issued by the state, marking the milestone and outlining Hoopeston's importance as an agricultural community.

A descendant of town founder Thomas Hoopes was also on hand to receive a ceremonial key to the city.


Leonard Hoops, of Indianapolis, said he is a cousin four times removed from Hoopes. Somewhere along the family line, the E was removed from Hoopes, said Hoops,

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## **Descendant** continued from other side

who traces his lineage to Joshua Hoopes in 1683.

Sesquicentennial organizers learned of Hoops from former Hoopeston resident Brad Dean, son of Don Dean, who provided contact information for Hoops.

Dean and Hoops are both in the tourism industry - Hoops in Indianapolis and Dean in Puerto Rico - and connected through work.

When Dean learned of the sesquicentennial, he contacted organizers, who, in turn, contacted Hoops.

Hoops said this was not his first visit to Hoopeston, saying he had been here a number of times. His family was here for the 2012 National Sweetcorn Festival, where his daughter, Avalon, won Cutest Baby in the 0-6 months category of the festival's Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest.

Avalon, her brother, Cannon, 15, and Hoops' wife, Dorene, accompanied him Sunday. After festivities in the McFerren Park Civic Center, the family took in a little fishing at the park lagoon.

Tuesday is Youth Day of Sesquicentennial Week. Activities today include Lorraine Theatre tours from 1-3 p.m., and, at the Legion Shelter at McFerren Park:

● 5-7 p.m. - Activities and games for youngsters ages three-10. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Food will be provided.

## **Weather**

Chance of thunderstorms, today, tonight. High 86, low 70. tomorrow, showers. High 82, low 67.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).

**Smoked BBQ**  
 This weekend at  
**Rossville Family Restaurant**  
**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
 Closing at 3 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.**



● 7-9 p.m. - Teen dance with DJ.

Wednesday is "Holy City Day" with a nod to Hoopeston's historic churches. Self-paced tours of community churches will be available from 1-3 p.m. At 6 p.m., a children's magic show will be held at the Lorraine.

Sesquicentennial mementoes are available for purchase at the event's Welcome Center, in the former Pink Poodle building, 1016 W. Orange.

T-shirts, souvenirs and information are available at the center, which will be open noon-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

## **Classifieds**

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