

# Bertha's Corner



By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Smiles

Do you have one today? Smiles work wonders for you and others! How easy and low cost it is to smile at anyone and everyone you encounter as you go through your day! Today for some crazy reason I find myself smiling for no reason at all. When I got up I was so thankful I could get up by myself and pour my own cup of coffee.

A year ago I had hip replacement surgery and getting around inside or outside was not easy, but thanks to great doctors, therapists, friends and family I made it.

So I found out that smiling, even when I may have been hurting, really is healing medicine. Yes, smiles should be on your meds list.

Maybe you have been going through something tough or somebody has put your tail in a spin! Just because all the news tells us we are in an unusual time with things happening we don't understand.

What about smiling! I remember when, as a child, if I got in trouble my mamma just smiled and would say, "Be mad until you're glad" I sure started smiling. And boy, did things get better!

Now for me, if you ask my husband, he will tell you there are a lot of things Bertha doesn't understand! No, I didn't go to college but my three kids did and two of them are taking advanced classes. Sometimes they advise me, sometimes I listen. One thing I know for sure is that you and I have choices. Yep, a choice to be happy, a choice to be kind, a choice to make your life the best. The choice to smile at life as you go through it!

Strange how choices are all around us. Especially now; when life seems upside down and I get no answers, except for me smiling through hard times. Mad times, I'm broke times and where in the heck can I find an answer to life times?

For a high-school only graduate it's really simple. You want a good life. You alone can make it good and it all starts with a smile!

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## Chamber to hold tree contest as part of Magical Express

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Magical Express event from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

As in previous years, the Chamber is giving businesses and organizations the chance to promote their entity by decorating a Christmas tree that will be displayed during the event. There is no charge to display a tree.

Magical Express, along with the "Lights in the Park" draws hundreds of people.

Trees will be judged, with the Best of Show tree awarded a \$50 gift certificate.

Anyone interested in decorating a tree is asked to email [hoopestonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:hoopestonchambercommerce@gmail.com) or call Jessie

Atchie 217-495-2800 or Valarie Hinkle 217-274-2956. Please provide your business/organization name, contract person and contact phone number.

The civic center will be open for decorating from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 17, Thursday Nov. 18, and Friday Nov. 19. It will also be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday Nov. 20. Bring extension cord and duct tape to secure your cord to the floor to avoid tripping hazards.

Tear down of trees will be Saturday evening following the event and on Monday, Nov. 22.

Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce looks forward to organizations and businesses joining them for this special event.



## The last day

Shirley Harper stands behind the counter at Henning's Restaurant, her post since she and husband, Dan, purchased the business in 1990. Wednesday was the root beer stand's last day, after the couple sold the business to an unidentified buyer. Employees surround Harper behind the counter, with Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce members in front, including, from left, Beth Knecht, Valarie Hinkle, Brandi Totheroh and Sandy Lewis.



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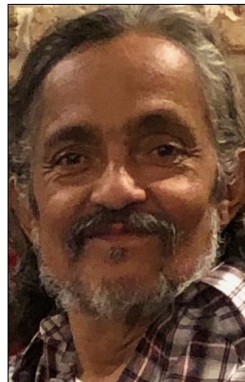
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## Obituaries

**ALANIZ** - Roel "Roy" Alaniz Jr., 56, of Boswell, IN, passed away at 4:45 a.m. Saturday Oct. 23, 2021, at his home. He was born December 27, 1964, in Toppenish, WA, the son of Roel and Noelia (Zarate) Alaniz Sr. He married Martha Contreras on February 24, 1983, in La Grulla, TX. She survives in Boswell.

He is also survived by his mother; one daughter, Jennifer Alaniz (Humberto Lopez) of Boswell; two sons, Roel (Samantha) Alaniz III of Oxford, IN and Armando Alaniz of Boswell; two sisters, Aida (Jose) Valadez of Mission, TX and Melissa (Christopher) Buckley of San Antonio, TX; three brothers, Miguel Alaniz of Dallas, TX, Juan Pablo (Maribel) Alaniz of Yakima, WA, and Ruben (Sandra) Alaniz of La Grulla, TX; 6 grandchildren, Jeremy Guerra, Ryleigh Rangel, Hannah Lopez, Shayne Alaniz, Logan Alaniz, and Kyran Alaniz; and many nieces



ROEL ALANIZ

and nephews.

He was preceded by his father, Roel Alaniz Sr.

Roel was a construction worker for Local 274 for 29 years until his retirement. He enjoyed woodcarving and wood burning, playing pool, riding his golf cart, and spending time with his family.

A visitation will be held 4 - 7 p.m. (CDT) Thursday Oct. 28, 2021, at Anderson Funeral Home 427 E. Main St. Hoopeston, IL. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. (CDT) Friday October 29, 2021, at the funeral home with Father Peter Vanderkolk officiating. Per his wishes, following the service he will be cremated, and burial will be held in Texas.

Please visit [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com) to view Roel's eternal tribute page and to send the family condolences.

Anderson Funeral Home in Hoopeston, is handling the arrangements.

**SCHUNKE** - Barbara Jean (Matson) Schunke, 74, of Milford, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Briefly

### Meetings

- Rossville Village Board, 5 p.m. Thursday, village office. Special meeting to discuss/approve applying for interim loan financing for lift station construction and authorize who will sign loan documents.
- Hoopeston Area School Board Finance/Personnel/Policy committee, 5 p.m., district office. Personnel issues will be discussed in executive session.

### The Gathering

Rossville Community Organization will hold The Gathering at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to the social senior citizen event.

## Weather

Showers today, tonight, tomorrow. High today 53, low 50. Tomorrow, high 58, low 49.

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## Classifieds

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