

# Bertha's C o r n e r



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## Happiness Isn't

With the brand New Year upon us, all I can think about is being happy!  
Happiness is something that your remember, it isn't something you experience. Stop and think about those words! My sweet, wonderful Mother would say, when I got into trouble, "Be happy and glad, or mad and sad, it's your choice." Simple words with a strong meaning.

If I were to ask you to give me five times you were happy, how long would it take you to answer? Being happy is different for each of us! I'm happy because I can pay my bills and I have great kids and wonderful friends.

Does it matter if I'm young or old, rich or poor, sick or well? I don't think so! I grew up with less. My Mother never used the word "poor", we just didn't have a lot. But for sure, we had lots of happiness. We shared baked goods with neighbors, they shared firewood for our cook stove. I remember the time we ran out of flour for baking. Our neighbor showed up with fresh baked bread and a pie. We were so happy seeing the fresh baked goods!

Do you remember a special Christmas? One of my happiest was two months before my Mother moved to heaven. We were wrapping gifts. She liked to sign each name and added

best wishes for them. We laughed and talked about Christmases past and our looking forward to this one and many others! Happiness was being made!

How true it is that the memories we add in our life are usually the happiest! It is time spent with someone you care about or love a lot. Some memories are funny and some we make up, yet they all add happiness to our life!

Happiness isn't something we can buy at Dollar General, (even though there are days I wish I could). It is wrapped up in remembering a time, a date, a reason to smile.

Which brings me to this moment, this day, this year! Some of us make a "goal list" or a "wish list" for this year. Yes, I happen to be one of those that make a list. No, happiness isn't on that list yet. But I'm looking forward to all the happiness I can possibly remember this year!

Happiness is not for the faint of heart! It is for those of us who love life and want to squeeze every bit of happiness we can remember out of it!

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DACC December 2021 nursing graduates include bottom from left, Jody Lambert, Georgetown, Holly Jones, Rankin, Marte Sarol, Champaign, Cheraline Frye, Savoy, Ashtin Atkinson, Oakwood, Mariah Davis, Danville; middle row, Kayla Burks, Westville, Rebecca Curtis, Champaign, Clinique Carmon, Champaign, Amanda Strawser, Covington, Ind., Allison Jarrett, Urbana, and top, Robert Elliott, Hume, Marissa Curry, Rantoul, Alexis Sims, Hoopeston, Beth Kuntz, Rankin, and Nate Moreman, Danville. Not pictured: Karina Friend, Champaign.

## DACC announces December area nursing recognition students

A nursing recognition ceremony took place December 16, 2021 in the Mary Miller Center Gymnasium at Danville Area Community College. Fifteen students graduated in this ceremony.

The Associate Degree Nurse (ADN) is an entry level practitioner and is competent to practice as a direct care-giver in a variety of health care settings. ADN graduates are employed in a health care delivery system that continues to grow and change. The nursing program has an overall goal of preparing graduates who practice safe,

entry level professional nursing with a desire for lifelong learning. ADN graduates may go on to pursue bachelors, master's and doctoral degrees in preparation for advanced levels of practice.

DACC's ADN/RN program implements a multi-exit approach in which the student may exit after the first level of nursing education with a Practical Nursing Certificate, qualified to take that exam or the student can continue and earn an Associate Degree in Nursing/

**See NURSING on other side**



## Sports

### Bowling

Hoopeston Area advanced two bowlers to Alton Sectionals. Cornjerkers Gavin Miller and Ethan Harding both advanced from the Danville regional Saturday.

The boys' team finished fifth, just missing qualifying.

### Boys basketball

The Cornjerkers were no match for the Broncos, losing 64-42 to Cerro Gordo-Bement.

Junior Preston VanDeVeer led Cornjerker scoring,

hitting five of seven three-pointers. Senior Nick Hofer put ten on the board and was two of six from three-point land.

Others contributing were Anthony Zamor and Owen Root with five each and Ben Brown with three.

For free throws, VanDeVeer and Zamora were 100 percent, at two of two and one of one, respectively.

On December 30, the Cornjerkers traveled to Fisher, where they beat the Bunnies, 52-35.

Brown and VanDeVeer led scoring with 18 points each, followed by Hofer with 12 and Zamora with four. Hofer hit three of four three-point attempts, while VanDeVeer was two of four and Brown one of one.

Brown was hot at the free throw line, hitting five of six.

## Court Dispositions

December 8

**Kevin A. Fink**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restrictions for burning trash; case sent to state for further enforcement.

**Marty J. Fink**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for criminal damage to property, found guilty by default, fined \$180 plus possible restitution; status hearing January 12.

### Nursing continued from other side

Registered Nursing. The purpose of the ladder associate degree nursing curriculum is to prepare qualified graduates to fulfill the current responsibilities of the Practical Nurse (Level I) and of the Registered Nurse (Level II).

The nursing program at DACC has a reputation for excellence and quality, including high pass rate on the national exams for licensure. In addition, students can work as nurses (LPNs) while completing an RN education, and classes can be completed at community college costs - a fraction of the expense of a university or private college. For these reasons and many others, our graduates are readily employed in hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, school, industries, and many other settings across the nation.

DACC has several affiliation agreements that allow the DACC graduates to continue their BSN and MSN education while receiving credit for their ADN degree.

Susan Koss, MSN, RN is the Director of Nursing Education at DACC. For more information on DACC's nursing program please call 217-443-8553 or email [nursing@dacc.edu](mailto:nursing@dacc.edu). <https://www.dacc.edu/depts/nursing>.

Hofer was 1 four from the line.

### Wrestling

Seniors Abel Colunga, Ethan Schwartz, Jalyn Cobb, and John Herron will compete in their last home meet of their high school career when the team wrestles Oakwood and Westville starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday!

## From the Blotter

**Hoopeston police, fire** and EMS responded to an accident at 1:06 a.m. Sunday at South Seventh Ave. and West Penn. An unknown driver of a 2009 Ford Escape, owned by George Watson of Hoopeston, hit a parked 2015 trailer owned by Jesus Zarate, of Hoopeston. Police said witnesses reported a man leaving the area afterwards.

An unidentified passenger was taken to the hospital for treatment. The accident remains under investigation.

**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 3:15 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of East Lincoln. Police reported that Claude A. Bridgman, 34, of Hoopeston, in a 2010 Ford F150, backed into the passenger side bumper of a parked 2007 Honda Accord, owned by Jason Funk, also of Hoopeston.

## Obituaries

**JOHNSON** - Judy Lynn (Farney) Johnson, 68, of Saybrook, died at 7:33 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at her daughter's home in Ogden. There will be no services. Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home of Saybrook is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com).

**REEDER** - Thomas G. Reeder, 73, of Claytonville, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, with military rites by Cissna Park American Legion. A celebration of his life will follow at Milford Christian Fellowship Hall. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

## Weather

Partly sunny today. High 42. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 28. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 30, low 6.

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Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

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