

# Bertha's Corner



By  
**BERTHA PARSONS**

## Angels Among Us

That's right! Here in our little town angels are running around loose! It's true. A week ago, when the snow was heavy in our driveway, an angel showed up in the darkness of night and cleared the way for us to get out of our garage. Then, one early afternoon, a phone call from an angel informed me she was dropping off home-made vegetable soup. Last week I was struggling to remember an event when a friend from Washington state called and talked about the anniversary party she had attended. That's the event!

You likely have many occasions where an angel has done or said something that makes your life better.

How many times have you made a list, wrote a letter, called a neighbor or stopped by someone's house you haven't seen for a while just to check on them and say "Hello"? Here we are, you and me, as well as hundreds of others, locked in, away from family and friends. It hurts not seeing and talking with those folks we love. So, what in the heck can we do?

How about a phone call; just pick it up and call a neighbor or two, maybe someone from church you've missed, just to be sure they are alright! If phone calls are not your thing I'd bet you can write a note and say "Hello." It takes about five minutes to write and longer to just think about doing it!

I know what you're thinking, "Bertha, you like to write and do a good job. I don't know how and it's hard to know what to say." Just say, "Hello, I'm thinking of you and how are you?" Before you know it, the conversation begins.

Make a list of angels in your life and then remember to tell them. Since there isn't a whole lot of anything we can do right now, writing a list should be easy.

We have time to call or write to our angels. Mama always said, "If you have something nice to say about someone, say it to them while they are alive and not over a casket." Boy! That gets you to thinking.

I have so many angels in my life I'll run out of paper trying to list them all. If you are reading this and smiling I bet you're one of my angels among us!

Thank You and have an angelic day!

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## Danville woman, man killed in two-vehicle accident Tuesday

Illinois State Police are investigating an accident that killed a Danville pair Tuesday afternoon.

According to a release from Illinois State Police, the accident occurred at 2:28 p.m. Tuesday. Joshua A. Newberry, 25, of Hoopeston, was northbound on Rt. 1 at 4000 North Rd., in a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado when he crossed the center line and struck, head-on, a southbound 2002 Jeep Liberty driven by Linda Crippin, 63, of Danville.

Crippin and a passenger, Jerry Crippin, 63, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Newberry was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Troopers cited him for improper lane usage and not wearing a seat belt.

According to reports, traffic, including semi trucks, was temporarily rerouted down Red Top Cemetery Rd., which was waterlogged from recent snow melt. Semis were later sent to the former drive-in to turn around.

Illinois State Police and the Vermilion County Coroner's office continue to investigate the accident.

Hoopeston Fire Department, Hoopeston Police Department and Arrow Ambulance, were initially called to the crash scene and notified Illinois State Police.

## Group nixes Pritzker effort to extend mandate during appeal

The 12-member Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) on Tuesday voted against extending Gov. J.B. Pritzker's emergency rules to enforce state mask, vaccine and testing mandates.

JCAR, a bipartisan committee whose members are named to the selected by General Assembly leadership, voted 9-0-2. Two members voted "present."

The ruling thwarts an attempt to override a Sangamon County court order issued February 4 that temporarily halted enforcement of school mask mandate, Covid-19 quarantine policies and vaccination and testing rules.

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**Briefly**  
**Food cupboard closed**  
Grant Township Food Cupboard will be closed Thursday due to expected inclement weather. It will reopen February 24.

**Breast cancer support meeting**  
Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting is February 17.

Please spread the word and join us for a meeting to offer support to past and present breast cancer survivors.

**Obituaries**  
**REUTTER** - Rick R. Reutter, 67, of Cissna Park, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 in Indiana. Visitation will be held from noon - 3 p.m. Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. A celebration of his life will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Cissna Park American Legion. Memorials are suggested to The Limb Lab Foundation, [www.limblab.com/benefactors](http://www.limblab.com/benefactors), 400 S. Broadway, Ste. 106, Rochester MN, 55904. Condolences may be left at [www.knappfuneralhomes.com](http://www.knappfuneralhomes.com).

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For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

**HAYB signups**  
Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball signups will be held for three consecutive weekends beginning Saturday. All will be held at 112 Wine & Coffee Shop, 112 E. Main.

Saturday signups will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday signups from 11:20 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dates are Feb. 19-20, 26-27 and March 5-6.

**Court Dispositions**  
**January 12**  
**Marty J. Fink**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for criminal damage to property; case sent to state for further enforcement.  
**Lisa M. Staley**, Watseka, failed to appear at status hearing for acts constituting disorder; status hearing February 9.  
**Patrick R. Nichols**, Hoopeston, failed to appear at sentencing for general nuisance, found guilty by default, given court costs of \$80; status hearing February 9.

### **Mandate continued from other side**

As Attorney General Kwame Raoul filed an appeal of the court order, the Illinois Department of Public Health tried to reissue an emergency rule to once again implement the mandates. The ruling keeps Pritzker and IDPH from reinstating a statewide mask mandate for K-12 public and private schools.

According to Illinois Policy Institute, Illinois is the last state in the Midwest to revoke emergency pandemic masking requirements and is the only state in the region with a statewide school mask mandate still in effect.

Pritzker announced last week that he will lift the indoor mask mandate for most residents on February 28, excluding schools, hospitals, retirement homes and public transit.

**Weather**  
WINTER STORM WATCH 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday. Wintry mix, breezy today. High 37. Tonight, snow likely. Low 6. Tomorrow, sunny. High 29, low 14.  
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